

**Moving
GOD**



Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, July 15, 2018

“Moving God”

Grab this study, **gather** a few people,
and **grow** in faith

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12b-19

(read over the scripture together)

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Once again David assembled the select warriors of Israel, thirty thousand strong. David and all the troops who were with him set out for Baalah, which is Kiriath-jearim of

Judah, to bring God's chest up from there—the chest that is called by the name of the LORD of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged creatures. They loaded God's chest on a new cart and carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio,

Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart. Uzzah was beside God's chest while Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ Meanwhile,

David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the LORD's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

King David was told, “The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's family and everything he has because of God's chest being there.” So David went and brought God's chest up from Obed-edom's house to David's City with celebration. Whenever those bearing the chest advanced six

steps, David sacrificed an ox and a fatling calf. David, dressed in a linen priestly vest, danced with all his strength before the LORD. This is how David and the entire house of Israel brought up the LORD's chest with shouts and trumpet blasts. As the LORD's chest entered David's City, Saul's daughter Michal was watching from a window. She saw King David jumping and dancing before the LORD, and she lost all respect for him.

The LORD's chest was brought in and put in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered entirely burned offerings in the LORD's presence in addition to well-being sacrifices. When David finished offering the entirely burned offerings and the well-being sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces. He distributed food among all the people of Israel—to the whole crowd, male and female—each receiving a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then all the people went back to their homes.

OPENING PRAYER

We assemble here to grow in our love of God. We put aside thoughts of recreation and vacation to attune to God's call on us.

Let us seek God's presence in the ordinary and routine.

Let us listen for God's Word in this time of growth. Amen.

DISCUSSION (a few of the following)

Read over the story of the Ark, see side panel as well as Exodus 25:10-22. Compare the Ark in Scripture and in the movie “Raiders of the Lost Ark.”

Discuss Pastor Rich's message today about how we should not be moving God but God moving us. How do we allow God to move us?

1 out of 10 Americans rent off-site storage, and why are there upwards of 50,000 storage facilities, and 7.3 square feet of storage space per every man, woman and child? Do we have a storage problem? Is this a spiritual problem?

Discuss Pastor's Rich's conclusion to his message today ... David's first plan failed. But this was not the end of the story. We all fail at something. But a failure is not the end but the beginning of something new. With a failure, we have a chance to go back to square one and do something entirely different, or tweak and massage our first effort until we get it right. How do you deal with failure in your life?

David in our Scripture today had to learn it was not all about him. How do we learn it's not about us?

SERVE

Our Change for Change Offering for this and next Sunday is for our Youth and their summer mission outings. Various Thursdays in June and July our youth are going out into our community being the heart of the Brooklyns. Your change of special gift will support our youth in service. Funds will also help them to cover the cost of their mission trips to Duluth MN (Middle School) and Nashville (BUMY). If you're gathering would like to help in our Thursday projects call the church office to volunteer.

At BUMC we have a team of guys who *move stuff*. Consider your gathering join them in this ministry once or twice or more. Call the church office to volunteer to move stuff!

Mark your calendars for July 29th, our next afternoon of Service!

Could your Gathering volunteer to help serve through ...

Loaves and Fishes. Go to <http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer.html> and sign up to volunteer for a few meals this summer. Make sure you sign up for the BUMC site.

SUNNY—Monday, Wednesday, Friday volunteers needed 10:30am-1:30pm
Join us as a **Gather Group**, form a group at work, your family, your friends or neighbors.
Call the church office at 763-561-1684 and sign up for a few dates this summer.

As the **Heart of the Brooklyns** our church is busy and often needs a good cleaning. Call the church office and volunteer your group to adopt a room or just come and clean an area this week.

Grab some **"Homeless Kits"** from Church and hand a few out this week. You are free to add some cash or other items to the bags if you would like.

Join one of our "Making Sense of the Bible" Studies

Sundays 10am; Tuesdays 10am or 7pm; Fridays: 7pm

This week we will be discussing some of the Bible's most challenging texts.

How is Scripture "God-Breathed?"

A Way Forward Forums

Talking about the UMC and our relationship with the LBGTO community

July 31st at 10am or 7pm and August 2nd at 10am or 7pm



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 6:1-5,

MONDAY: 2 Samuel 6:12b-19

TUESDAY: Exodus 25:10-22

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 1:3-14

THURSDAY: Mark 6:14-29

FRIDAY: Psalm 24

SATURDAY: Ephesians 2:11-22

BLESSING: "Be willing to let God move you."