

A Few Short Words... by Pastor Phillip Short

Last month I wrote an article on “alignment.” We asked ourselves: “What would it look like if all of our Sunday School classes were aligned with the what the choir was singing about and the pastor was preaching about on Sunday morning? What if they were on an identical, age-appropriate theme?”

The Stuart First United Methodist Church is now in alignment! We are all “on the same page.” A child from our church can go home on Sunday morning, sit down at the dinner table any day or evening of the week, and discuss with his or her parents what they are doing in Sunday School. And the parents will be able to relate because they will have been with the exact same theme. The most senior people in the church can now converse with the youngest person in the church, and all ages in between, and discuss the theme upon which the rest of the church is focused.

This sets up the older generation to influence the younger generations. And this was God’s vision for the church. Psalm 78 says: “We will not hide from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the Law in Israel, which He commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they in turn would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands” (vv. 5-7).

I think that it pleases God that we are a church that is aligned and that is now set up for one generation to teach the next. I think that we are a place that is now intentional about influencing people for Christ. I think it pleases God that we are in sync with one-another. Invite your friends to be part of what God is doing here!