



The Horizon

Singles Ministry Newsletter

First Baptist Church ♦ Dr. Stan Sanford, Minister to Singles ♦ May - June 2010
You are complete in Him—Colossians 2:10 (NKJV)

Horizontal Thinking

When God created us in his image, he gave us characteristics similar to his own. Most of these simply reflect God's nature, but one quality is God's exact attribute: his value. God has absolute, ultimate value, and he has given all human being that value. He proved that in Jesus: *God so loved (valued) the world* (every human being, you, personally) *that he gave his only Son...* (John 3:16a).

This has to be one of the most astounding thoughts to enter the human mind: *I have God's value!* In order to live our lives as God has designed, we must allow this reality to permeate our entire being. Living in the power of this truth, nothing can shake us. We escape the imprisoning chains of societies' value systems: possessions, portfolios, money, social standing, family, class, race, achievements, education, etc. The greatest human failure has to be the basing of one's value on anything other than God. What does the old adage say: *The love of money is the root of all evil?* *The love of money* applies to valuing anything above God to establish one's sense of worth.

As I have observed and worked with people for the last fifty plus years, I find the major cause of human mental and spiritual pain (which, by the way, relates to a lot of physical pain) lies in the lack of assurance of one's value. People hurt when they lose something on which they have depended to give them value, which could not have given them value in the first place.

I have encountered many people who have the functional idea that a person must be married or at least be romantically involved to have real value, as though another person could give him or her value. No person can give another person value! Conversely, no one can take another's value away!

Only God gives you value. Let him assure you of that reality right now!

—Stan



Singles Calendar



- May 2 - Church wide picnic, Landmark Park, 4:30
- May 14 - Movie Night, meet at the Family Life Center, 6:00
- June 11 - Moe's Downtown, 6:30
- July 9 - Picnic at Eastgate Park, bring side and dessert
- August 13 - Scavenger Hunt, meet at the Family Life Center, 6:30
- Sept. 3-6 - Singles Conference, Ridgcrest, NC
- Sept. 24-25 - Beach Retreat



Save These Dates



Opportunities to Minister

Vacation Bible School
June 7-11, 9:00-12:00

Bagging School Supplies
August 1, 3:00-5:30

Special Ed Sunday School
Every Sunday, 10:00

**Join us for
Singles Bible Study**
9:00 every Sunday Morning
Choices: Epistle of James
Exploring James
Using *Choices* Tools
Teacher: Stan Sanford



Beach Retreat

Sept. 24-25

Friday AM—Saturday PM

Cost \$50

**Shalimar Beach Retreat
Panama City**

*Let Stan know if you are planning
To attend—596-1746*



**Labor Day Weekend
In the Mountains**

September 3-6

The reality about living boldly in an uncertain world requires an experience of resurgence where we are called to return to loving God and loving people. For those seeking God, the “return” speaks to what God created us to be. For believers, resurgence calls us to “return” from all the distractions that have taken us away from loving God and loving people.

**Singles Labor Day Experience
Ridgecrest North Carolina**

Cost: \$250 (Double Occupancy)

If you are interested, contact Stan, 596-1746



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