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**7 WAYS TO TELL IF IT'S A GOD THING** CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER calling. That "standing alone" may be for a season, but at times it could be for years. (Consider the case of Noah.) With that in mind...

**Here are 7 possible ways to tell it may be a God thing:**

1. Everyone says it can't be done...
2. You feel you aren't qualified...
3. There aren't enough resources available...
4. It makes no rational sense...
5. People call it (or you) stupid...
6. It would give God all the glory...
7. It honors God and is true to His Word...

I'm not saying these things confirm what you are attempting is from God. What I am saying is that you should not dismiss the call you believe God has placed on your life because it doesn't make sense to others around you...or to yourself at times.

Are you in the midst of a God-calling? What is it? What are you going to do about it?

Let's talk.

Blessings on the journey,  
Pastor Ross

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# FRONTLINE

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## 7 WAYS TO TELL IF IT'S A GOD THING

Have you ever wondered if what you are feeling called to do is of God? Sometimes it's really hard to tell. I recently read a short article by Ron Edmondson on the subject. I have shared some of it below, because he offers some thought-provoking ways to answer the question. I hope it helps you as you seek to discern God's leading in your life.

*And without faith it is impossible to please God... Hebrews 11:6*

*We live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7*

*For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you. 2 Chronicles 20:12*

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 1 Corinthians 1:27*

God calls people to seemingly impossible tasks. It gives Him glory when we can't do something, but He can. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, but often what He calls us to do can seem foolish to attempt (at least to others... and sometimes to us) at the time. Imagine what the friends of Abraham, Moses, and Noah must have thought when God called them to what appeared to be impossible assignments. But God calls us to walk by faith into the unknown.

If you know God has called you to something, don't be dismayed if others can't quickly identify with your calling. In my experience, God is often raising up others with the same heartbeat, but you can't always see them at the time, so there may be periods when you have to stand alone on God's (continued)

# A LOOK AHEAD:

## KNOWING CHRIST

### BURLINGTON BOYS CHOIR

Boy choristers under the direction of Dr. Bill Allred will be our resident choir on **Sunday, May 26** at our **11 a.m.** worship service. The Burlington Boys' Choir was founded in 1959 in Burlington, North Carolina and serves as a performing choir and a training group for boys in the Burlington area.



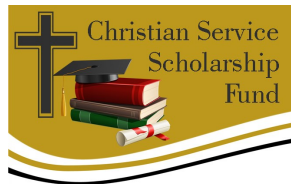
### CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

We will celebrate our Christian Service Scholarship Fund on Sunday, May 26. The scholarship fund was started in 2002 with the leadership of Bill Bradford. It began as a seed planted by Coy Clayton to assist Lane Glaze with divinity school expenses. Lane left his job to answer his call to ministry. Coy's plan was to ask 50 people to give \$10 a month to support Lane. From this we got the idea of the Halo Club. The Halo Club is an invitation to give \$10 a month or \$120 a year. Any amount of support is welcome. Front Street has provided more than \$139,000 of support for candidates seeking advanced degrees for fulltime Christian service.

Audrey Wilder, a former recipient of the scholarship, will deliver the message. Audrey Wilder is a full time "resident disciple maker," working with her husband, Jack, to raise their 5 and 2 year old sons, while also preparing for a new family member expected to arrive in October. Her newest calling from God is to focus on helping others discover and live into their identities in Christ. Along with walking with her family on their faith journey, Audrey walks with teenagers around the country as a regular writer of youth curriculum for the United Methodist Publishing House.



Audrey graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2008 with a Masters in Divinity and a certificate in Christian Education. When she magically finds herself with free time, she likes to watch shows featuring a "strong female lead" and read.



### SENIOR AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, June 9** for Senior and Confirmation Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service as we celebrate our high school graduates and confirmands.

### GRADUATES

Just a reminder, if you have a loved one who is a new college graduate, please provide us their name, the school they graduated from, and the degree they received. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) to complete an online graduate form, or call the church office by **Tuesday, May 28**. We will include the list of 2019 graduates in the June newsletter.



## GROWING IN CHRIST

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all kids Kindergarten - 5th grade! Beginning **Sunday, June 2**, join us during the Sunday School hour and learn how we are all UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Construction sites are exciting places, filled with interesting, heavy machinery and abuzz with noise and activity. When we follow Jesus, God begins a good work in us. We become the construction site where God is building something amazing!



## SHARING CHRIST

### BLESSING BAGS

Recently, Front Street youth assembled blessing bags. These bags contain a pair of socks, small hygiene items, a bottle of water, and snacks. Keep a couple of Blessing Bags in your car, and distribute them as you cross paths with someone in need. This is a great way of sharing God's love as well as teaching our children the act of giving in the face of a need instead of just driving by or walking away without responding. The Blessing Bags are in tubs in the Welcome Center.



## Prayers

- **Susan Black** recovering from knee replacement surgery



### JUNE 1 BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Beal  
Jennie Beedle  
John Crouch  
Allen Gant  
David Johnson  
Vivien Lal  
Paul Rasmussen  
Clay Thomas

Complete June birthday list to be included in the May 30 newsletter.

### ALAMANCE ELDERCARE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, June 20**

Millcreek Golf Club, Mebane  
Download a registration form at [AlamanceElderCare.com](http://AlamanceElderCare.com)



The church office will be closed **Monday, May 27**, in observance of Memorial Day.

### FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$  
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$

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