

*“Who plants a seed beneath the sod
And waits to see believes in God.”
Anonymous*

Bible School is This Week!

Dear Friends,

This morning kicked off the community bible school hosted this year by St James-Santee Episcopal Church. It was exciting to see all the children and to see our village congregations working together. This year, the theme is all about planting seeds, and the children are learning about planting different kinds of seeds and watching them grow.

I think that is what ministry is all about, planting seeds of faith and hope and love, making folks feel welcomed and then encouraging them to use their talents and time to make our community and the world a better place for ALL God’s children. Ministry is like a garden in the way that our efforts don’t produce instant results. Farmers and Ministers know that they can work hard and take all the necessary steps, but it’s by God’s grace that the seed produces.

It poured down rain this morning at the beginning of bible school but the rain didn’t seem to dash the spirits of the children or the leaders. In fact, Father Roy told the children the rain would help the seeds to grow. I don’t know about you, but I need to remember to be patient and “wait,” and to not let rain or any other setback discourage me from my calling to plant.... A LOT of seeds. The bible encourages this in II Corinthians 9:6: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

My prayer is that all of us in the village will take to heart the lessons our children are learning this week in bible school by planting some seeds of faith, hope and love. Have a great week!

Blessings,
Mike