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MOULTRIE FUMC: We Love, We Grow, We Serve for Christ.

Summer and Preaching

I do not often preach sermon series. When I was in Seminary, we were taught to use the Lectionary with its emphasis on seasonal preaching which follows the Christian year and the Liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Kingdomtide. In this method, which seeks to be very Biblically focused, the Bible is divided into readings for each Sunday of the year and if a church chooses to use the Lectionary with all four readings for each Sunday, in a three-year time frame, 80% of the Bible will be read from the Pulpit.

This summer I will be using the Lectionary as a guide to my preaching a series of sermons on the life of King David. These sermons will come from I and II Samuel. I invite you to read through these two Old Testament books in preparation for worship on Sundays this summer.

King David was an interesting person. The books of Samuel do not white wash his reign over Israel. They paint him as a great man of faith but also as a man with some great character flaws who made some very human and costly mistakes. We will find ourselves in these stories which deal with the everyday lives of people who knew God, praised God, loved God and who were in need of God's divine grace. These sermons will explore the ideals of Biblical faithfulness and the practical realities of human failure.

Let us have a good time as we study the Old Testament books of Samuel this summer.

Rev. Stephen Grantham