

## "Sunday School Picnic"

Devotion for June 2014

Hymn: VU: 501 Break now the bread of life

Scripture: John 6 9-11

Reflection:

We just had our spring Picnic. It used to be the Sunday School Picnic for most churches, then evolved into the congregational picnic and this year four downtown churches all celebrated, "The Church Picnic", together at a beautiful park setting on the river. The dictionary says a picnic is an informal meal and eaten outdoors, so I wondered what Jesus and the disciples called their very often gatherings to eat along the roads. They did a lot of walking so I am only assuming that often they would have to pick a shady spot along the dusty road and have lunch. Was that a picnic for them, and did the word even exist then? How about the five loaves and two fishes! Now that was a real picnic; a child sharing his lunch with five thousand people. After all, is that not what Jesus taught, share with others, breaking bread together, enjoying one another's friendship. Seems Jesus knew a thing or two about sharing a meal together. Perhaps we need more picnics.

Discussion: Does your church still have a SS picnic, and if not, is it still important for every congregation to hold one just to get together as a church family and celebrate the bonding that breaking bread together provides, especially in a warm and inviting outdoor setting?.

Hymn: VU 550 Bread is Broken

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for the lesson of the last supper, the loaves and fishes, and let us never forget the comradely, the sharing and friendship by breaking bread together in the beautiful outdoor settings you have provided for us. May every one, rich and poor, wherever they reside in your world, some day be able to enjoy a picnic. Amen