May 31, 2015 **<u>"Do You Know Who You Are?"</u>** (Romans 8: 14-17)

Maya Angelou: "When I found that...I was a child of God, when I understood that, when I comprehended that...when I internalized that, I became courageous. I dared to do anything that was good."

If you truly come to ______ that you are a child of God, it will _____ your life!

George Washington Carver was the scientist who worked miracles with the lowly _____.

"You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should..."

- Max Ehrmann -

You need to know that you are not simply the child of an impersonal ______. You are the child of a ______ God who watched over you from the day you were born.

Kurt Vonnegut – "God made mud...God got lonesome...So God said to some of the mud, 'Sit up!' See all I've made,' said God, 'the hills, the sea, the sky, the stars.'

"And I was some of that mud that got to sit up and look around...Lucky me, lucky mud...I, mud, sat up and saw what a nice job God had done..."

What does it mean to be a child of God? It means, first of all, that God will ______ watch over you!

Love defines God's very _____.

As children of God we are _____ of God, beneficiaries of all His power and resources and joint heirs with _____!

The biggest problem in many people's lives today is that they don't know who they are. Their true _________ is a mystery to them.

If you don't know who you are, you are apt to take on a ______ identity.

All too often you become ______ by that identity. The day you understand that you are a child of God is the day you will learn what true ______ is all about!

We need to replace lies with God's _____ about us – we are _____ of the Most High God!

We are loved with an everlasting love that gives us ______ and _____ and a sense of ______ in life.

As we leave here today, I hope that we will do so with a new determination and ______ because of the One who has ______ us as His own children!

Romans 8:14-17 – "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you receive does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children..."