



*The Kedron Connection*

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*From Our Pastor*

"ONE THING?"

Luke 10:42 "One thing is needful....."

If you are like most of us at Thanksgiving, you make a list of people, places, and things to be thankful for. They will be uttered in prayerful thanks around the dinner table surrounded by family or friends, co-workers, teammates, or other social groups. You will be "counting your blessings." All good and well and a right thing to do.

I propose, as a slight variation of giving thanks for many received blessings, that in your private moments of prayer during this Thanksgiving Season you think upon giving thanks for one specific Being. Our God, Creator and Maker, Savior and Lord. Don't go over what the Giver has given you but rather just pause in devotion to the One who makes all things, all gifts possible. Quietly focus your silent moment on God and God alone. As if you had virtually nothing else at all....but God.

I know we can't just quietly stay in that place of "one thing needful" for we are called to enjoy, use, and share what gifts we have received. But.....God alone for one lone moment this Season. Find your prayer closet....wherever that might be and take a full 5 minutes.

Think upon "one thing needful"..... and be glad. The Mary of Luke 10:42 did.....

### **Men's Breakfast – All Invited**

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be December 6 in the Kedron fellowship hall. The men are inviting all of our congregation. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Men, thanks for the invitation.

### **No December Fellowship Supper**

We will not have a December First-Wednesday fellowship supper. Plan to join us for breakfast on December 6.

### **Charge Conference**

Our annual Charge Conference will be December 7. We will meet at Lock's Memorial UMC at 7:00 p.m. Anyone in our congregation may attend.

### **Choir Notes**

We will have choir practice each Saturday through December 20. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. We would be happy to have new people join us as we practice joyful Christmas music

### **.Bible Study**

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

### **Handwork Ministry**

The Handwork Ministry usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group has decided to take a break. They will begin meeting again in February.

### **Bucket Offerings**

In December, the offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be used to fund Christmas activities for our Kedron children.

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Plans for a Christmas Eve Service are being discussed. An announcement will be made.

### **December 21**

#### **Sunday Before Christmas Day**

Our Christmas program will be during worship service. The children will participate and the choir will sing Christmas music.

Following worship service, there will be a time of fellowship. We will share snacks.

Christmas cards for our church family will be distributed. There will be a basket for contributions for anyone who wants to contribute the amount that would have been spent on postage.

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month, and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for December is peanut butter. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

### **Outreach**

The Administrative Council voted to donate \$250.00 to the Sixty-First Avenue UMC Toy store and \$250.00 to The Department of Human Services for Christmas gifts for children in foster care in Rutherford County.

The adult Sunday school class will purchase angel tree food angels for four families.

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Charles Sprinkle	December 3
Kristy Fraley	December 6
Martha Fraley	December 8
Marc Fraley	December 11
Linda Pagello	December 11
Danny Fraley	December 14
Jane Watts	December 24

## Who Said This?

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

--NRSV

**Psalm 100 verses 4 and 5** was the quote in the November newsletter.

## Christmas Gift Suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

--Oren Arnold

## Pontius' Puddle



## December Calendar

Tuesday, December 2:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Saturday, December 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, All Invited

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 7:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Charge Conference at Lock's

Tuesday, December 9:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Saturday, December 13:

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 16:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Saturday, December 20:

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Program

Snacks, Christmas cards

Tuesday, December 23:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

10:30 a.m. January newsletter  
information due.

Email: [lf\\_fraley@prodigy.net](mailto:lf_fraley@prodigy.net)

or phone 459-2618

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Service

Details will be announced.

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 30:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

# Fill in the Blank

Fill in the blanks below with the words from the Word Find.

In those \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ went out from \_\_\_\_\_ that all the \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_. This was the first \_\_\_\_\_ and was taken while \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. All went to their own \_\_\_\_\_ to be registered. \_\_\_\_\_ also went from the town of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_, because he was \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of David. He went to be registered with \_\_\_\_\_, to whom he was \_\_\_\_\_ and who was \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_. While they were there, the \_\_\_\_\_ came for her to \_\_\_\_\_ her child. And she gave \_\_\_\_\_ to her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ him in a \_\_\_\_\_, because there was no \_\_\_\_\_ for them in the \_\_\_\_\_. - Luke 2:1-7

## Word Find

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| Augustus  | Judea        | Registered |
| Bands     | Laid         | Son        |
| Bethlehem | Manger       | Syria      |
| Birth     | Mary         | Time       |
| Child     | Nazareth     | Towns      |
| City      | Place        | World      |
| Cloth     | Quirinius    | Wrapped    |
| David     | Registration |            |
| Days      |              |            |
| Decree    |              |            |
| Deliver   |              |            |
| Descended |              |            |
| Emperor   |              |            |
| Engaged   |              |            |
| Expecting |              |            |
| Family    |              |            |
| Firstborn |              |            |
| Galilee   |              |            |
| Governor  |              |            |
| House     |              |            |
| Inn       |              |            |
| Joseph    |              |            |

