

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Ecclesiastes 2:24-3:1

"There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and provide for themselves with good things from their toil. Even this, I saw, is from the hand of God."

This is biblical wisdom imparted to us for even today. And do read the other verses to get the whole context! Be invested in life but recognize it ALL belongs to God!

So, what about investing in February 2017? Instead of taking just "one day at a time" let's look ahead to opportunities. There is just about some event or occasion for everyone "under the sun."

If you like football, we have the Super Bowl on the 5th. Party snacks included! For couples and loved ones, jump ahead to Valentines Day! If you are a movie fan, the Oscars show up at the end of the month. And a Sunday afternoon February (12th) can be spent at Tullahoma UMC in Shepherds School!

Here there will be hundreds of District church folks gathered to learn and serve. Workshops for assorted areas of our ministry together followed by a wonderful group effort of packing 20,000 meals for our areas food banks and beyond! You can also engage in mission by learning about helping to assemble modular homes for those in need at Red Bird Mission.

Wisdom is "investing in the life we are given" for not only ourselves but for others. February is that month of just 28 days (!) for that kind of "life investment." Enjoy and serve!

Blessings!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be February 1. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The First-Saturday men's breakfast will be February 4. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m.

Choir Notes

In February let's plan to have choir practice at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5 and Sunday, February 19. We would be happy to welcome new choir members.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet on February 15 [REDACTED]

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. The group has a fund to purchase Study Bibles to be given as gifts. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on February 27 at Trinity UMC in Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In February offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Good Shepherd Home in Murfreesboro. This home provides care for foster children.

Happy Birthday to:

Palmer Jennings	February 7
Coleman Stacey	February 7
Ray Lee	February 9
Dorothy Pressley	February 9
Keith Lee	February 15
Abby Palmer	February 23
Loren Vanderkooi	February 25
Jane Rainey	February 26
Caden Salem	February 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John & Mary Ellen Vance February 22

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for February is tuna. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Who Said This?

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

--NRSV

(hint - book of 1 Corinthians)

Matthew 2:10 written by Matthew was the quotation in the January newsletter.



Attempts to speak the truth

Sometimes our attempts to speak the truth turn out funny, like these sentences found on insurance claims:

1. "I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way."
2. "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."
3. "In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole."
4. "I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident."
5. "I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat I found that I had a fractured skull."
6. "The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him."
7. "I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cow."
8. "A truck backed through my windshield into my husband's face."
9. "The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

Such attempts at stating the truth are humorous because, obviously, they are the result of misplaced modifiers and faux pas, rather than deviousness, but nonetheless they point up the struggle we all have in communicating accurately and helpfully.

- Illustration Sourcebank Series III

February Calendar

Wednesday, February 1:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, February 4:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 5:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 7:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 12:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2-5 p.m. Shepherds School
Tulahoma First UMC

Tuesday, February 14:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 15:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at
Ernestine Clark's home

Sunday, February 19:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 21:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, February 26:

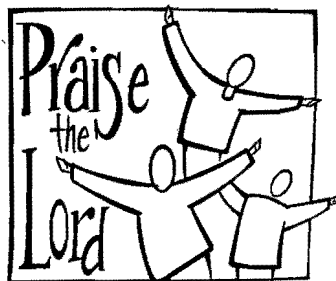
8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, February 28:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Psalm 127:20

Heart Word Find

Look up these Bible verses to find the kind of heart. Then find that word in the word find.

- Exodus 35:5 G _____
- Numbers 32:9 D _____
- Deuteronomy 28:47 G _____
- Deuteronomy 28:65 T _____
- 1 Samuel 25:36 M _____
- Nehemiah 2:2 S _____
- Psalms 12:2 D _____
- Psalms 34:18 B _____
- Psalms 101:5 A _____
- Proverbs 10:8 W _____
- Proverbs 17:22 C _____
- Proverbs 25:20 H _____
- Isaiah 35:4 F _____
- Jeremiah 17:9 D _____
- Jeremiah 17:9 P _____
- Ezekiel 18:31 N _____
- Matthew 5:8 P _____
- Luke 8:15 G _____
- Hebrews 3:12 E _____
- Hebrews 3:12 U _____

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Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.

