

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Titus 3:12-15

To Titus: "...be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there."

In this short letter to Titus, a leader in the troubled church on the island Crete in the Mediterranean Sea, Paul gives sound instruction and guidance on leadership for a Cretan church that needed all the help it could receive from the Apostle and his close associates.

Paul tells Titus three primary things to focus on in Crete:

- 1) develop a team of leaders
- 2) train Christians in changed lives
- 3) call all Christ followers to not merely words but to action.

Not bad advice. And I imagine Paul, trying to stay warm in Nicopolis a Greek city in Northwest Greece, would be eager to see Titus in a few months and get an update.

Well, most of us are staying put for Winter hereabouts I imagine, but eager to see what springs forth from our church life as Spring arrives! We may "hibernate" a bit, but while we do we can encourage one another as Paul encouraged Titus in Crete.

Pray about the Joys and Concerns at Kedron over the next few weeks and each one or each household please send me ONE hope you have for our mission together. It might be program and mission, it might be building and property dreams. It might be _____. I accept post cards, letters, email, phone calls, or conversation over coffee and snacks.

It IS winter but I am not going to "Nicopolis" (or Miami) so contact me locally! I will share with our next Administrative Council meeting(s) if you wish and we will see what might be on the horizon at Kedron!

God bless and stay warm! (If it ever gets cold again!)

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 2. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come and join us.

Thanks to the group for inviting all of our congregation to your December breakfast.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be January 6. Please bring soup or chili, something to accompany these and/or dessert. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, January 17. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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. Several have been given including presentations to our children and youth. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry is not meeting in January or February. An announcement will be made about the March meeting.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet Monday, January 25. The meeting will be at Fellowship Church in Murfreesboro at 6:30 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In January offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank.

Epiphany Sunday Gifts

January 3 is Epiphany Sunday. This day commemorates the Magi bringing gifts to the young Jesus. At Kedron we will bring baby gifts and monetary donations for Miriam's Promise. This agency supported by the United Methodist Church offers adoption services and help with crisis pregnancies.

Food Bank

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

Happy Birthday to:

Katelyn Patterson	January 11
Shannon Stacey	January 11
Myron Palmer	January 15
Lynn Lee	January 22
Shana Stacey	January 24

Who Said This?

"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

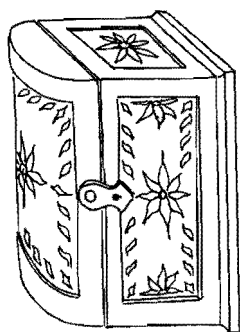
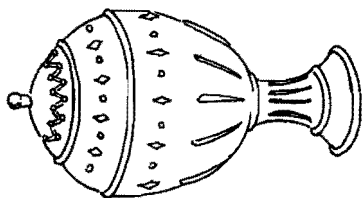
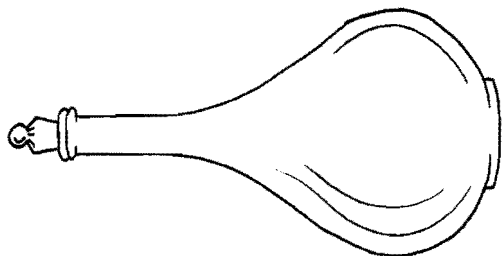
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(hint – book of Matthew)

Matthew 1:21 was the quotation in the December newsletter.



The wise men brought these three gifts to Jesus. Read Matthew 2:11 and print the name of each gift below. Then color the gifts.



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January Calendar

Saturday, January 2:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 3:

Epiphany Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 5:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, January 10:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, January 12:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 17:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

January 18-25 Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

Tuesday, January 19:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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Monday, January 25:

6:30p.m. Laity at Fellowship Church
in Murfreesboro

Tuesday, January 26:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 31:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Happy New Year

Kedron UMC 2016 Administrative Council

Chairperson: Larry Fraley
Vice-Chairperson: Mary Lee Vanderkooi
Recording Secretary: Fay Fraley
Lay Leader: Wayne Lee
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Danny Fraley
Trustee Chairperson: to be elected
Finance Chairperson: Wayne Lee
District Steward: Danny Fraley
Pastor-Parish Relations Chairperson: Linda Lee
Charge Pastor-Parish Relations Chairperson: Linda Lee
Treasurer: Naomi Lee
Assistant Treasurer: Mary Lee Vanderkooi
Financial Secretary: Sue Harris/Lynne Lee
Membership Secretary: Naomi Lee
Nurture and Membership: Ernestine Clark/Lytle Hodge
Outreach Ministries: John Vance
Witness/Evangelism: Dot Pressley
Church School Superintendent: Jim Pressley
Church Historian: Miranda Rhodes
Newsletter: Fay Fraley
Website: John Vance
Worship Chairperson: Sue Harris
Usher Coordinator: Danny Fraley
Acolyte Coordinator: Ernestine Clark
Greeter Coordinator: Danny Fraley
Communion Steward: Sue Harris
Members at Large: Evelyn Lee, Larry Lee,
Sunya Sprinkle
Pastor: Rev. Barry Culbertson

Kedron UMC 2016 Committees

Committee on Lay Leadership:
Term expires 12-31-2016
Lynne Lee
Shana Stacey
Term expires 12-31-2017
Wayne Lee
Mary Lee Vanderkooi
Term expires 12-31-18
Fay Fraley
Lynn Lee
Pastor (Staff) Relations:
Term expires 12-31-2016
David Lee
Linda Lee
Term expires 12-31-2017
Miranda Rhodes
John Vance
Term expires 12-31-18
Teresa Palmer
Tom Root
Trustees:
Term expires 12-31-16
Travis Perry
Tom Root
Term expires 12-31-2017
John Lee
John Vance
Term expires 12-31-18
Arnold White
Shannon Stacey
Finance:
Term expires 12-31-2016
Sue Harris
John Lee
Term expires 12-31-2017
Dot Pressley
Mary Ellen Vance
Term expires 12-31-18
Lytle Hodge
Wayne Lee