

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Greetings in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
Grace and Peace to you all in this summer of 2014.

As we begin a new covenant together as pastor and congregation, I invite you to consider the personal call upon all of us as we hear what the prophet Micah asks:

AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? – Micah 6:8b

Table conversation often gives birth to interesting expressions and firm convictions. One evening we were visiting with a retired school teacher, in the hills of SW Virginia. She was a longtime family friend as well.

We were discussing the depressed economy of our native state when she remarked with great passion, “Everyone is entitled to a good pair of shoes and a mattress!”

This reflected her years of teaching in a rural area where many students did not have a good pair of shoes and perhaps only had a couch or cot to sleep on. Each day when she saw students with worn out shoes or a listless manner, it was a reminder that this is NOT the way things should be.

When persons of faith see such troubling situations, we hear anew the answer offered by the prophet regarding God’s will for us in doing the will of God.

HAVE MERCY AND DO JUSTICE.

The response should involve some form of action both from the individual and from the collective efforts of the community. Such responses in faith lead to walking in the way of the Lord. Watch for those whose “shoes are worn” and whose “sleep” is not sound.

Let us pray: “God, help me to walk humbly with you, lest in seeking justice and mercy, I only discover my own will and desires!”

Sunday, June 29 - 9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Barry L. Culbertson

We look forward to welcoming our new pastor. Come and join us for Sunday morning worship led by Pastor Barry.

Fifth Sunday Singing

Our fifth Sunday singing will be June 29. We will be at Kedron as Lock's Memorial hosted the previous fifth Sunday. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will sing songs requested by the group. After we sing, we will share snacks and have a time of fellowship. Pastor Barry is planning to be with us.

Fellowship Supper

There will be no First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper in July. Our next fellowship supper will be Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be on July 5 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet. The next meeting will be July 16 at the home of Carol Dorn, 3313 Morton Ln, Smyrna at 10 a.m.

Choir Notes

We will continue to meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and briefly after worship services for practice. We may discuss other practice times.

Bible Study

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

Rutherford County Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet July 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Elder's Chapel UMC in Smyrna. Please remember to bring hygiene items for the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna.

Administrative Council

The quarterly Administrative Council meeting will be Sunday, July 20. We will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In July, the offerings placed in the buckets at the morning worship service will be donated to the Salvation Army. The donations will be designated to be used for the program to help children prepare to return to school.

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 items for July are canned fruit and juice. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Happy Birthday to:

Jennifer Frey	July 4
Arnold White	July 7
Samuel Robinson	July 9
Brighton Shockley	July 10
John Vance	July 24
Peggy Lee	July 26
Ashleigh Johnson	July 30

Who said this?

"The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him...."

—NRSV (hint, Exodus)

1 John 4:13 written by John was the quotation in the June newsletter.



Word Puzzle

In the spaces below, letters are represented by codes. Using the key at right, fill in the spaces to figure out what these letters are. (Hint: each letter is represented by two codes, the intersection of the row and the column.) The first letter is done for you.

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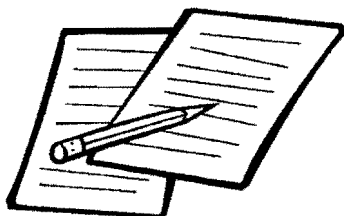
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I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me. Answer

Make a List

Make a list of things that are hard for you that Jesus could help you do. (Example: Share my toys with my little brother.)



July Calendar

Tuesday, July 1:

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

Saturday, July 5:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 6:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 8:

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

Sunday, July 13:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 15:

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

Wednesday, July 16:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at Carol Dorn's home

Sunday, July 20:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, July 22:

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

Friday, July 25:

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Sunday, July 27:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Monday, July 28:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity at Elder's Chapel in Smyrna

Tuesday, July 29:

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