



The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Romans 12:6 "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us....."
Ecclesiastes 11:7 "Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun."

The above two scriptures seem to me a nice combination for Summer Reading....and prayerful thought. During Summer we hopefully have a bit more leisure time to do some self reflection about how God gifts each one of us. Perhaps you will get a cool glass of sweet tea and go outside at summer sunset and ponder your life before God. What good things has God entrusted me with? What can I offer to God in service to the Kingdom of God since the "Kingdom of God is in our midst."

Think about this....say a prayer.... and be up and doing (at some point). For many it will be doing the good that you already do in church, in community, for whoever is the neighbor. For others, it will be a season for searching: "Here I am Lord...send me!" "God be merciful unto me a sinner (for neglecting the gifts I have to offer to others).

Consider going to one of our numerous "sacred places" for a Summer prayer retreat to sit in both prayer and silence while seeking Gods guidance: Beersheba Springs Retreat. The Upper Room in Nashville. St Marys Retreat Center in Sewanee, TN. An Emmaus Walk experience. Lake Junaluska Retreat Center in NC.

The numerous State Parks in our beloved Tennessee.

The thing is....go! Pray! Seek! Even if just on your back porch or front steps. Sit a spell this Summer with your God~~

If you need any directions to any of the above listed locations, feel free to give me a call! I too will be going to some of the above with a Bible and some sweet iced tea in my hand!
God Bless you in your Summer Spiritual Search~!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 2. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Supper

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

Choir Notes

Let's practice on July 10 immediately after worship service. We can discuss other practices for the summer.

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 July 20 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

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.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

On June 25 the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Elder's Chapel UMC, 210 Front St., Smyrna. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal.

This group will meet at Kedron on August 22.

Bucket Offerings

In July offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Salvation Army for use in it's program to help children who need school supplies.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, July 17. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

Project Transformation

Kedron has contributed \$200.00 to Project Transformation, a Murfreesboro District summer learning program for children. On July 14, we will help provide dinner for the interns working with the children.

Happy Birthday to:

Arnold White	July 7
Samuel Robinson	July 9
Brighton Shockley	July 10
John Vance	July 24
Peggy Lee	July 26

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 items for July are canned fruit and juice. All non-perishable foods are accepted and greatly appreciated.

Psalm 28:8-9 spoken by David was the quotation in the June newsletter.

Who Said This?

"Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

--NRSV

(hint - book of Jude)

Bulletin bloopers!

Some church bulletin bloopers are legendary. Here are a few.

- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

— From *The Anglican Digest*



July Calendar

Saturday, July 2:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 3:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, July 5:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, July 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, July 10:

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 12:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, July 14:

5:00 p.m. Dinner provided for Project Transformation interns

Sunday, July 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 meets

Tuesday, July 19:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, July 20:

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

Sunday, July 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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Monday, July 25:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity Elder's Chapel UMC

Tuesday, July 26:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, July 31:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Think about These Things

Philippians 4:8 encourages us to think about certain things.

Circle traits mentioned in the Bible and find your way through the maze.

The maze contains the following elements:

- START**: A boy's face at the top left.
- truth**: Located near the top left.
- winning**: Located near the center left.
- justice**: Located near the center left.
- excellence**: Located near the center.
- praiseworthy**: Located near the bottom center.
- pleasing**: Located near the center right.
- selfishness**: Located near the center right.
- purity**: Located near the top right.
- germs**: Located near the bottom right.
- End**: A box at the bottom center.