



The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Luke 6:21b
A cheerful heart is a good medicine. Proverbs 17:22a

John Vance told me a joke on Sunday. It was clean and made me laugh. And had a "religious" story line, which was fitting for Sunday and church! Get him to share it with you!

The Lord knows we need some laughter more often than not. Newspapers, TV, and social media are unrelenting in letting us all know of "trouble and affliction," from Texas to Iraq to middle Tennessee. Sadness and grief are never far away.

So, when you can....laugh. When something funny appears at your doorstep... Let it in! Not to cover over or dismiss genuine pain, but as a healing and as a preemptive way of being well.

So, I have a dream: before 2015 departs us, we will have an evening of laughter at Kedron. Everyone that wants to can do 2-3 minutes of standup humor at a Fellowship Meal or other Get Together. 2-3 minutes (or less) of jokes or funny story telling. In the tradition of Rev Grady Nutt or Jerry Clowers or Hee Haw or Johnny Carson!

I will be waiting for any aspiring Mark Twains to take the lead on this. Call me~~~
Blessings
Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be June 3. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for good fellowship and food.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be June 6 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come be with us.

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 meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet June 17 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

Choir Notes

We will continue to meet at 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. Let's discuss possible Sunday afternoon practice in June.

Dinner for Interns

There will be eight interns working with children this summer for our District Project Transformation. Kedron will provide dinner for the interns on June 24. They will eat at the Wesley Foundation Center in Murfreesboro. Wayne Lee, Kedron's Lay Leader, will have more information about the dinner.

Bucket Offerings

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

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on June 22 at Dunaways Chapel UMC, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Rev. Barry Culbertson Appointed

Linda Lee, Kedron's Pastor/Parish Relations Committee Chair, has received a letter stating that Pastor Barry has been appointed to the Lock's-Kedron Charge for the next conference year. We welcome you back, Pastor Barry.

Tennessee Annual Conference

Our Tennessee Annual Conference will be June 7-10 at Brentwood UMC. Anyone may attend any session. However, only official delegates may vote. Pastor Barry has a schedule of the sessions. Contact him if you want this information. Please be in prayer for this important event in the life of the United Methodist Church.

Happy Birthday to:

Larry Lee	June 6
Larry Fraley	June 8
Miranda Fraley Rhodes	June 12
Ernestine Clark	June 22
Tyler Patterson	June 25
Jayden Fraley	June 27
Delann Harris	June 29

Happy Anniversary to:

Ray & Peggy Lee	June 7
Wayne & Linda Lee	June 13
David & Lynne Lee	June 21

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 June is peanut butter. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Who Said This?

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."

--NRSV

(hint- The Psalms)

Exodus 19:8 spoken by the Israelites in the wilderness of Sinai was the quotation in the May newsletter.



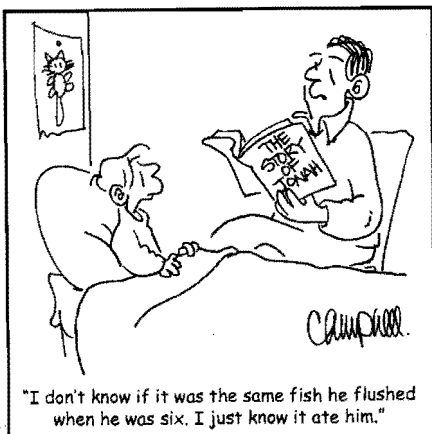
Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is celebrated in June in the vast number of the

world's countries. The idea for the day began in Spokane, Washington. While listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd thought how much she would like to honor her father. The month of June was chosen for the simple fact that that was the month of her father's birth.

June 19, 1910, was the first Father's Day. While Dodd primarily wanted to honor this selfless man who had raised her and five others after their mother died in childbirth, the popularity of the day soon spread. The date was firmly planted in many people's minds before President Richard Nixon established the permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Unlike Mother's Day - which began as a day for mothers to work for peace - this day has always been one simply for recognizing the good gifts of fathers. This of course is not always the case, as there are fathers who do not care for children. Yet for each of us, there are those men who have provided - and continue to provide - wisdom beyond measure, wise counsel, and will toss a ball at a moment's notice.



June Calendar

Tuesday, June 2:

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

Wednesday, June 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, June 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:30 p.m. TN Annual Conference begins

Tuesday, June 9:

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

Wednesday, June 10:

4:30 p.m. Last session of TN Annual Conference begins

Sunday, June 14:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, June 16:

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

Wednesday, June 17:

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

Sunday, June 21: Father's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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Monday, June 22:

6:30 p.m. Laity Club at Dunaways Chapel UMC

Tuesday, June 23:

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

Wednesday, June 24:

Kedron provides dinner at Wesley Foundation Center for Project Transformation interns

Sunday, June 28:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, June 30:

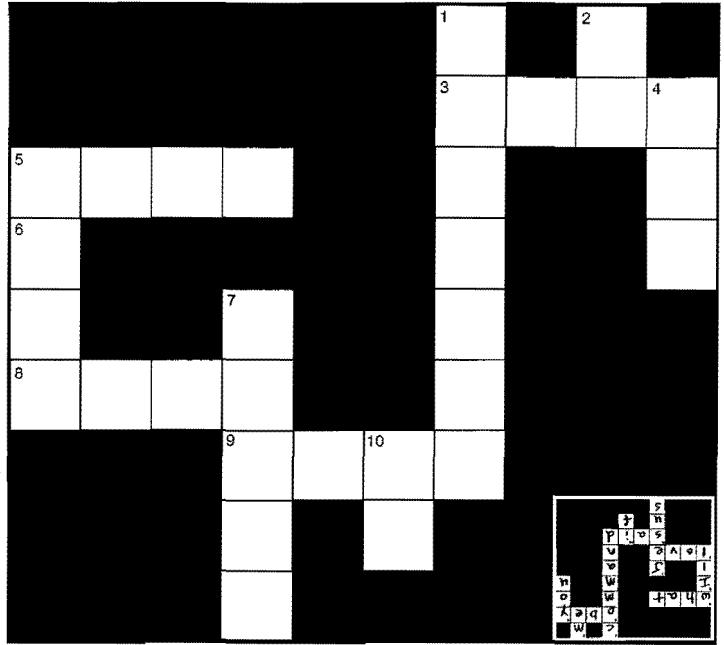
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Jesus' Words to Us

In the Bible, Jesus asks his followers to do certain things. Choose words from the Word List to fill spaces in the crossword puzzle. Then use the crossword numbers to arrange the words to reveal Jesus' words to us.

Word List

- I
- if
- me
- you
- said
- obey
- love
- will
- what
- Jesus
- command



Answer: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

(7) _____

(9) _____, " (10) _____ (4) _____

(8) _____ (2) _____, (4) _____

(5 down) _____ (3) _____ (5 across) _____ (6) _____ (1) _____."

A Very Important Word

This puzzle hides an important word. Jesus says it is the most important thing we can do. Shade in the Δ spaces to find the word.

Answer:
LOVE

