

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Luke 7:1-10

The passage in Luke involves a local officer in the Roman army. A centurion, a commanding officer over 100 soldiers. He is so fond of the local people of Capernaum he even helps build them a Synagogue! He either has the financial means or has his troops do "community service!" A good Gentile to say the least. And his faith in the itinerate Teacher and Healer Jesus is so remarkable that Jesus himself says "I have not found such great faith in all Israel," meaning the Jews! This officer is NOT a Jew!

It's interesting to note how Jesus never criticizes the military or soldiering in itself. Jesus may be opposed to violence and force that coerces or brings harm, but he is silent on matters of military service or lawful enforcement.

On Memorial Day we will honor those who died in service to our own country. We will honor those who died for many of the values we hold dear as Americans. We will pray that all Rest In Peace. We know that those who have died were of many different faiths and denominations within our own Christian Faith. Jew and Gentile, Christian and Other.

Service to a common good is clearly something most of us highly value and we can hardly imagine Jesus finding fault with those who served and died for others. Those who laid down their lives for another.

And if so, we simply cannot know or judge. Or rather we should not Judge.

It seems we can learn a lot from Memorial Day and how we should be slow to judge others never quite knowing when they may well serve us and our families and friends to the point of death.

I think there is a "Bible truth" about service here and we would do well to prayerfully explore such during a rancorous election season!

A salute to our honored dead and to all those who serve the "common good!"

Grace and Peace~

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Fish Fry June 1, 6:30 p.m.

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be June 1. This month we will have a fish fry. Please bring sides and desserts. Mike Allen is providing the fish and cooking. Jerry York and Randy Bradshaw will be helping him. Thank you to these three.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 4. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come and join us.

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 June 15 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna. New additions to the group are always welcome.

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.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. The June practice will be June 26.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

In June the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Dunaway's Chapel UMC, Dunaway's Chapel Road, Murfreesboro. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. on June 27.

Bucket Offerings

In June offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR provides help to many in different types of disasters.

Tennessee Annual Conference

June 12-15 at Brentwood UMC

Anyone may attend any session of the Conference. Pastor Barry has the schedule of sessions. Only official delegates can vote. Both clergy and laity vote. Danny Fraley is the delegate for the Lock's/Kedron Charge. Larry Fraley is a delegate-at-large for the Murfreesboro District.

Happy Birthday to:

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| Larry Lee | June 6 |
| Larry Fraley | June 8 |
| Miranda Fraley Rhodes | June 12 |
| Arnold Alexander | June 14 |
| Ernestine Clark | June 22 |
| Tyler Patterson | June 25 |
| Jayden Fraley | June 27 |
| Delann Harris | June 29 |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| Gary & Reba Jackson | June 6 |
| Ray & Peggy Lee | June 7 |
| Arnold & Linda Alexander | June 12 |
| Wayne & Linda Lee | June 13 |
| Robert & Deborah Kedell | June 20 |
| David & Lynne Lee | June 21 |
| Mike & Debbie Harris | June 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 June is baby food. All non-perishable foods are accepted and greatly appreciated.

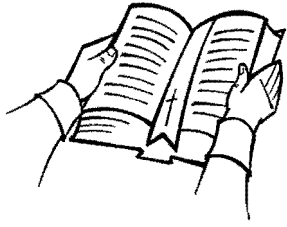
Acts 10:34-35 spoken by Peter was the quotation in the May newsletter.

Who Said This?

"The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd and carry them forever."

--NRSV

(hint – book of The Psalms)



Bibles, Bibles, Bibles

Arguably the book with the greatest influence on modern English is the

King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. Since its appearance in 1611 this book has set a standard for the use of numerous English words and phrases. For over three centuries it has been far and above the most popular and familiar version of the Bible. Even people who have never been to church can often recite portions of this renowned volume.

Contrary to an often-held opinion, it was not the first English translation. Some 900 years earlier, portions of scripture were translated into Old English, and later translations were also done in Middle English. The key thing about the *King James Version*, however, was its ready availability. It was the only English language Bible to be printed and made available to huge numbers of people.

Dozens of different translations followed over the next several hundred years. The next major step in translation was the *American Standard Version* in 1901 and then the *Revised Standard Version* in 1952. Both of these were editions of the *KJV* that had been updated for modern English. They also took advantage of the discovery of hundreds of ancient manuscripts that simply were not available to the *KJV*'s translation team.

In more recent years numerous translations have appeared such as the *Good News Bible*, *New Revised Standard Version*, and *Today's New International Version*, as well as the popular paraphrase *The Message* by Eugene Peterson.

There are lots of ways to read, experience, and celebrate God's word. Try one soon!

June Calendar

Wednesday, June 1:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
Fish Fry

Saturday, June 4:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 5:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, June 7:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, June 12:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
June 12-15 TN Annual Conf.
Brentwood UMC

Tuesday, June 14:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, June 15:

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

Sunday, June 19:

Father's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, June 21:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, June 26:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. July newsletter
information due.

Email:lf_fraley@prodigy.net
or phone 615-459-2618

2:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Monday, June 27:

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

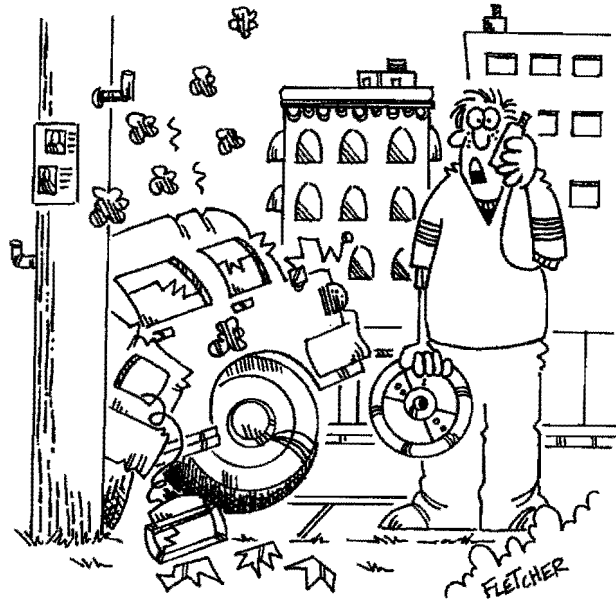
Tuesday, June 28:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

Helen Keller



HELLO PASTOR, THIS IS BILLY JAMESON.
IF YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED ON A SERMON TOPIC
FOR THIS SUNDAY, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST
"THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGIVENESS IN THE PARENTING PROCESS."

Father's Day

Fathers in the Bible Match the clues with the name.

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| 1. David was the youngest of his many sons (Ruth 4:17) | 1. David |
| 2. He built an ark with his three sons (Gen 6:10) | 2. Abraham |
| 3. He ruled for 40 years and was the father of King Solomon (2 Sam 5:4) | 3. Jacob |
| 4. The 1st King of Isreal, Jonathan's father (2 Sam. 9:6) | 4. Elkanah |
| 5. He was asked to sacrificer his son Isaac (Gen 22:1-2) | 5. Boaz |
| 6. Father of Seth, Cain and Abel (Gen 4:25) | 6. Jesse |
| 7. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21) | 7. Noah |
| 8. His sons were wicked (1 Sam 2:12) | 8. Isaac |
| 9. He gave the birthright of Essau to youngest son, Jacob (Gen 27:30) | 9. God |
| 10. Father of Samuel (1 Sam 1:19-20) | 10. Eli |
| 11. Our Lord's Father (Eph 1:3) | 11. Joseph |
| 12. He had 12 sons (Gen 35:22) | 12. Adam |
| 13. His wife Mary, Jesus' mother (Mat 1:20-21) | 13. Saul |