

## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother....."

Mark 3:35

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother....."

Thinking about family is a tricky and involved thing. Living as "family" is even more difficult since it takes your whole life to come even close to getting a sense of what YOUR family life is really all about! And after you are gone its out of your control how survivors talk about you WITHIN the family! (Well, we don't have a lot of control over that while still alive!).

I've spent a few days in Virginia for what may well be the last time we get all 5 siblings together to do "up" the family stories in print and on a digital recording! I am the youngest at 65. The oldest is 89.

You can see why this might be the last time we get the stories straight or at least get each of us with our "take" on the family and family history.

It has taken energy, talking and listening, tears, and laughter including folks from Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, Florida, and California.

It was well worth it.

In the background, for me as a preacher, is some awareness that these scriptures in Exodus and Mark come alive as we discussed our deceased parents and our multiple leveled relationships with them as with each other. As the line goes, "it's complicated."

As you reflect on your families and then add your CHURCH family, I imagine you too can say....."It's complicated."

If you can be patient, trust God, and ask for help and support along the way, I believe you will finally say about your "family life:" It is worth it, both the good and the not so good!

So, as we enter the end of the school year, the start of summer and vacations, and the still ongoing "routine and unexpected" of family life, think and pray about the whole panorama of your "family" and give thanks to God for past, present, and future life together!! Saying thanks is not THAT complicated!

Pastor Barry

## **Fellowship Supper**

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be May 4. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Looking ahead, our June supper will be a fish fry. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 7. 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 May 18 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 May practice will be May 22.

## **Rutherford County Laity Fellowship**

In May the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Blackman UMC, 4380 Manson Pike, Murfreesboro. Announcement will be made about the date. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

The Rutherford Laity Fellowship will host a pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28. The breakfast will be at Fellowship UMC, 2511 Highway 99, Murfreesboro. Proceeds will help fund outreach projects of the group. Tickets may be purchased from a Laity member or at the door.

## **Happy Birthday to:**

Rev. Travis Perry	May 8
Lynne Lee	May 12
Lytle Hodge	May 14
Fay Fraley	May 19
Wayne Lee	May 20
Teresa Palmer	May 22
James Neville	May 26
Jeanne Neville	May 27
Linda Lee	May 30

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Charles & Sunya Sprinkle	May 29
Marc & Kristy Fraley	May 30

## **Bucket Offerings**

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

## **Noon Prayers**

Reminder - We are encouraged to be in prayer at noon. We are asked to pray for our United Methodist General Conference. This Conference is held once every four years and United Methodists from around the world attend. This year this Conference is May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon.

## **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 May is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and greatly appreciated.

## **Martin Methodist College**

At the April meeting, the Administrative Council voted to contribute \$500.00 annually to Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee. The contribution will be added to the school's scholarship fund.

**Daniel 2:20** spoken by Daniel was the quotation in the April newsletter.

## Who Said This?

... "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who hears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."

--NRSV

(hint – book of Acts )



Ascension

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## Pentecost symbols

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Acts 2:1-21 tells the story of something amazing happening to the disciples at the feast of Pentecost. They experienced God's Spirit arriving like a rushing wind, and it looked like tongues of fire resting on the disciples' heads.

Both wind and fire are sources of energy. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is God's energy within us, both as individual Christians and as the church. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the energy to do the things that Jesus wants us to do. At Pentecost, people sometimes wear red and many churches use red banners and other decorations to symbolize the flames of fire.

Another very common symbol for the Holy Spirit is the dove, because in other Bible passages – especially Jesus' baptism (see, for example, Matthew 3:16) God's Spirit appears as a dove.



## May Calendar

Sunday, May 1: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 3:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Thursday, May 5: National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 7:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 8: Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 10:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 10-20 UM General Conf. Portland, OR

Sunday, May 15: Day of Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 17:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 18:

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

Sunday, May 22: Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. June newsletter

information due.

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2:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 24:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 28: Laity Pancake Breakfast

7-10 a.m. Fellowship UMC

Sunday, May 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

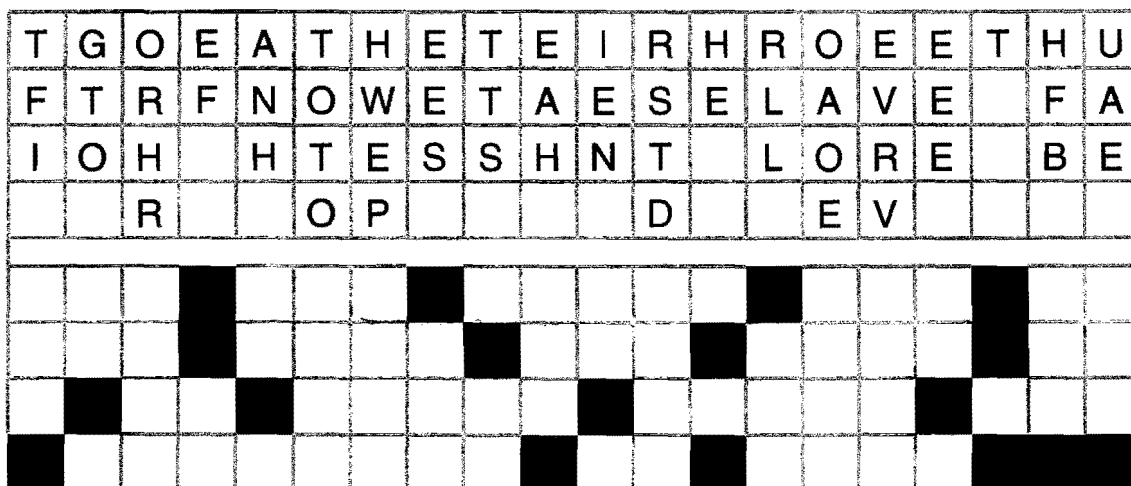
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

# LOVE

Find the hidden quote from 1 Corinthians by using the letters directly above each of the blank squares. Each letter is used once. A black square indicates the end of a word.



## Loving Ways

Read the first word in Group A. Then look for a word in Group B that is the exact opposite attitude.

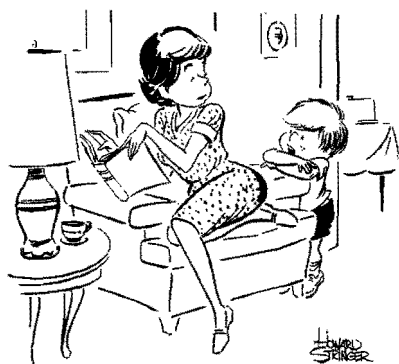
1. Draw a line to connect these two words.
2. Circle the word that describes the attitude that is most loving.
3. Cross out the word that is not loving. (The first one is done for you.)

### Group A

- ~~rude~~
- selfish
- humble
- bored
- kind
- forgiving
- deceitful
- lazy
- cheerful
- annoyed
- stubborn

### Group B

- mean
- patient
- honest
- resentful
- grumpy
- flexible
- generous
- respectful
- prideful
- helpful
- interested



"TH' DEVIL TOLD ME TO SNEAK A PIECE OF CAKE, BUT JESUS SAID TO ASK YOU BECAUSE HE'S SURE YOU'LL LET ME HAVE A PIECE."

