

## *The Kedron Connection*

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### *From Our Pastor*

Acts 1:6-8

"When they were together for the last time they asked, 'Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?' He told them, 'You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.' [The Message translation].

So.....after all the excitement and celebration of Resurrection Sunday two weeks ago, what we may be left with are QUESTIONS! Like Seniors who are about to graduate we know that there is something next, eg, work, college, military, travel, but we don't really know how DIFFERENT it all will be from what we have known! It is great in the moment but what about the NEXT moments?

The disciples were with Jesus after his Resurrection and after the whirl and stir of knowing the Master was not dead, they get back to asking The Teacher questions.

Jesus says that some things are left strictly to God's timing. Some things are not going to be answerable to our satisfaction. God is God and we are not!

What Jesus does say is that 1) we will get help on what's next through the Holy Spirit and 2) we will get to witness ("be at work for God") just about everywhere around the world. That includes your next door neighbor and local community of course! And with people you are yet to know! The early disciples sure enough did get busy! We can read about that in the New Testament.

We are disciples too! Greater things lie ahead for the mission of Kedron UMC. Go and make it so (with a little help from Our Friend!).

Easter Time Blessings!

Pastor Barry

### **Fellowship Supper**

Our May covered-dish fellowship supper will be Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The First-Saturday men's breakfast will be May 6. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

### **Choir Notes**

Let's practice Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

### **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 17 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.

### **Laity Club**

The Rutherford County Laity Club will meet on May 22 at Blackman UMC 4380 Manson Pike, Murfreesboro at 6:30 p.m.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday, May 27 7:00-10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship United Methodist Church  
2511 Highway 99, Murfreesboro  
Sponsor - Rutherford County Laity Club  
\$5.00 per person - \$3.00 under age 12  
Tickets can be purchased from a Laity Club member or at the door.  
Proceeds will help fund outreach ministries of the group.

### **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
Jeanne Neville	May 27
Linda Lee	May 30
Doug Rouse	May 31

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

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

### **Bucket Offerings**

In May our bucket offerings at Sunday Worship will be donated to the Heifer Project. This project purchases animals such as chickens, sheep, and cows to help people become more self-sustaining and improve their quality of life.

### **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the local 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 baby food. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The name of our local food bank has been changed to Nourish Food Bank.

**Matthew 28:6** spoken by an angel of the Lord was the quotation in the April newsletter.

### **Who Said This?**

"yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights."

--NRSV

(hint - book of Habakkuk)

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## Two Left Feet

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I arrived in Washington, D.C., for a major national convocation. I was providing partial leadership through a long weekend of lectures, small group meetings, and worship. I had eagerly anticipated the event for many months.

I received my room assignment, moved my luggage to the room, and began to unpack. Reaching into my shoe bag, I pulled out two black dress shoes. Something seemed amiss. Suddenly I realized what I had done. *I had packed two left shoes!* Same color, same style, but both for the left foot. The alternative was a pair of informal canvas walking shoes!

Humbled and embarrassed, I made the best of it. I gave my presentation, preached a morning service, and led reflection groups in canvas walking shoes. Fortunately, informal attire was the order of the day.

I felt pretty foolish. Yet I was accepted and received throughout – not even a hint of criticism or ridicule. The event proceeded smoothly.

How great to know a God who loves me, even when I appear with two left feet! How refreshing to know that I do not have to appear before my Maker in perfected dress and impeccable good order! I am received, affirmed, and welcomed because I am God's creation. I hold membership in a noble spiritual family. The klutzy clumsiness of my endeavors are never maligned. God asks me to strive for greater obedience *precisely because* I am greatly loved.

I will undoubtedly forget something else another travel time: a belt, a matching tie, even a suit. But I will always know that God is not embarrassed or put off by my human limitations. In fact, God probably loves me best when I stand utterly shoeless in the Holy Presence!

– *On a Wing and a Prayer*, Brian K. Bauknight.

## May Calendar

Tuesday, May 2:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Thursday, May 4:

National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 9:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 14:

Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 16:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 17:

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

Sunday, May 21:

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.

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Monday, May 22:

6:30 p.m. Laity Club, Blackman UMC

Tuesday, May 23:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 27:

7-10 a.m. Laity Club Pancake  
Breakfast, Fellowship UMC

Sunday, May 28:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

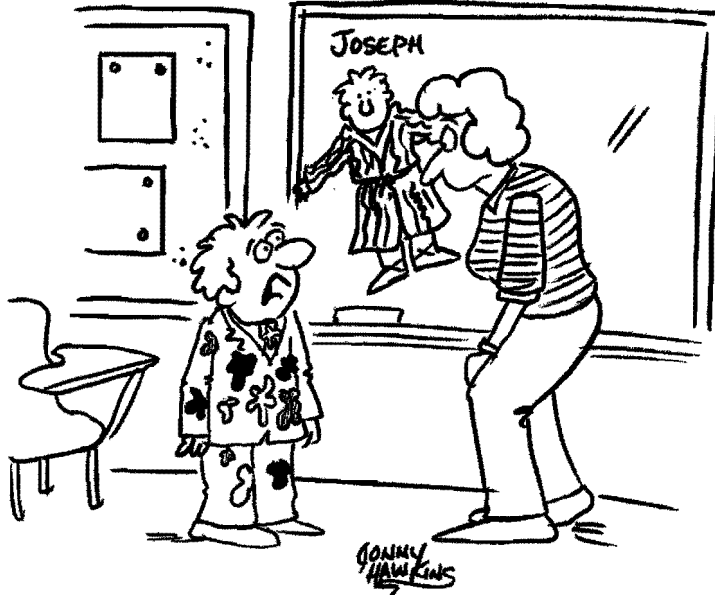
Monday, May 29:

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

The mother had been teaching her four-year-old the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. Finally, the child decided to go solo. She listened with pride as her little girl carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some email."



**"I ate fast food, and now  
I have a coat of many colors."**

## Mothers and Women in the Bible

- M** \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25)
- O** \_\_\_\_\_ Daughter-in-law of Naomi (Ruth 1:4-14)
- T** \_\_\_\_\_ Christian woman raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36-43)
- H** \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15)
- E** \_\_\_\_\_ Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-57)
- R** \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob's wife (Genesis 29:9-12)
- S** \_\_\_\_\_ One of the women at the tomb (Mark 16:1)