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From Our Pastor

“A cheerful heart does good like medicine.....” Proverbs 17:22 TLB

With Spring comes relief from Winter. More sun, less overcast: less cold temperatures, more warmth.

For the Church in Easter Season, it goes about its life together rejoicing and glad that Sin and Death do not have the last word. Sure, they put up a mean fight still, but the Church knows the hope and power of Resurrection faith. Victory is certain! Sure Good Friday was rough....but Sunday's coming.

May, this year 2019, has the fullness of Eastertide as we move toward Pentecost on June 9. As we enjoy the weather, flowers, gardens, and sights and sounds of May, opportunities are plentiful for celebrations that “do the heart good like medicine.” Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and numerous Graduations, ending of school schedules, and jump starting on vacations are on the joy calendar!

Yes, the Church “weeps with those who weep” but it also “laughs with those who laugh.” Christians are those who know Christ and are aware He suffered for us....but He also blessed us with His presence at weddings and numerous times of Fellowship and the breaking of bread!

Make the most of May in a very, very Christian way!
Enjoy much this May as you follow the Way!

Pastor Barry

Happy Birthday - Fellowship Supper

Our May Covered-dish Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday, May 1. We will celebrate Lytle Hodge's 98th birthday. He will be 98 on May 14. We will not need desserts as we will have birthday cake and ice cream. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. We hope you can join us.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 4. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be a time of good fellowship and good food.

Thailand

We will have Thailand missionaries with us at the worship service on May 5. They will speak to us about their work in Thailand.

Youth

The Faith Formation study group for our youth continues. Time and location of the next gathering will be announced.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

Project Transformation

It was decided at the April Administrative Council meeting to aid the Project Transformation again this summer. This summer reading program has been very successful in helping the children attending.

Creek?

Pastor Barry has been contacted by the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department asking to use our property and access to the creek again this summer. The participants will be learning by creek investigation.

Thank You

Thanks to all you who helped with and participated in our Lent and Easter activities. Delann Dunbar again wrote and directed a very meaningful and creative program for the 9:30 a.m. Easter service.

Bucket Offerings

In May our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Smyrna Meals on Wheels program. Many meals are provided by this program each week.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested items for May are tuna and salmon. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on May 20 at Blackman UMC. Note that this is the third Monday rather than the fourth Monday. This will be a change for May only. The church address is 4380 Manson Pike, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Who said this?

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done
gloriously; let this be known in all the earth."

NRSV (hint – Book of Isaiah)

Matthew 28:5-6 spoken by an angel of the Lord was the April newsletter quotation.

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:

Marc & Kristy Fraley May 30

EASTERTIDE

Mother's Day



ALDRSGATE

Memorial Day



ASCENSION

May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
Lytle Hodge's 98th
Birthday Celebration

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 4:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 5:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 7:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 12:

Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, May 14:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 19

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Annual Conf. Delegates
Meet Murf. 1st UMC

Monday, May 20:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity at
Blackman UMC

Tuesday, May 21:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, May 24:

Aldersgate Day

Sunday, May 26 :

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. June newsletter
information due. Email:

Monday, May 27:

Memorial Day

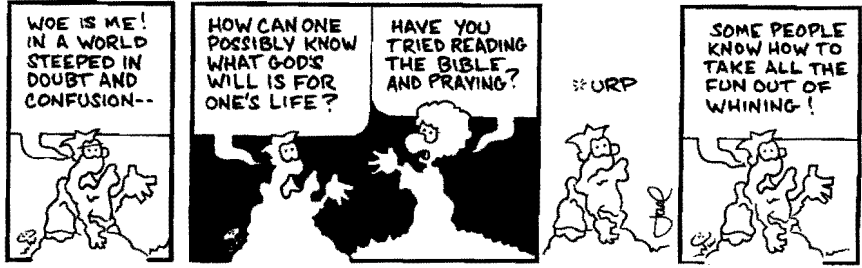
Tuesday, May 28:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 30:

Ascension of the Lord

Pontius' Puddle

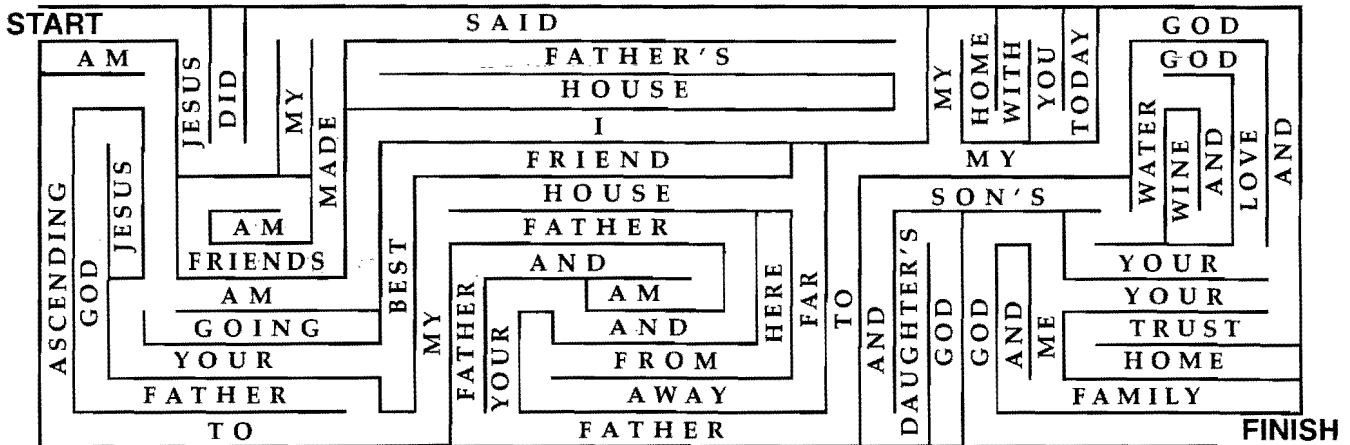


Mothers and Women in the Bible

- 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)

Maze

Collect the words as you make your way through the maze. Write the words in the blanks below.



_____ " John 20:17b

Answer: Jesus said, "I am ascending to my father and your father, to my God and your God."