

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Because he hath inclined his ear into me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. Psalm 116:2 KJV

Students of physics will remember the question, "If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, is there a sound?" The intent is for the student to understand the nature of sound waves.

To the person of faith, there is a more significant question: "If a tree falls in the forest, does anyone care?" Is Nature just a series of phenomena with no ultimate purpose, no rhyme nor reason? Is it all mere time and chance and material causation end on end?

No, we believe that God's love encompasses the falling tree; the change of seasons; the birth, life, and death of countless creatures, including human beings.

Even if no one hears, sees, or knows of the passing and changing of all that is, there is still the love of the Creator. In God's Providence to exist is to be loved! To be loved is to somehow always exist when change comes.

Psalm 116 tells us that God's ear is inclined to hear the crown of creation, the human being, man, woman, child.

The Lord of Heaven and Earth has heard our voices, the voices of both gladness and suffering. Even when no one hears or seems to care.....God does!

PRAYER: Loving Creator, grant that I might trust your presence in everything that rises, even though it falls in due season. Amen

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be November 4. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to be with us for good fellowship and good food.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be November 7 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come 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 November 18 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.

Christmas Program at Kedron

Plans are underway for our Christmas program. The choir would be happy to have others join us.

If not in the choir, would you like to volunteer for another part in the program? Please let Larry Fraley know. Thank you.

Bucket Offerings

In November offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Meals on Wheels program in Smyrna.

Rutherford County Laity Fellowship

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on November 16 at the Wesley Foundation at Middle Tennessee State University. The address is 216 College Heights Street, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be November 15 at Smyrna First UMC. The conference will begin at 2:30 p.m. Our District Superintendent will lead the meeting. Each church having a conference that day will have a display featuring that church. Thanks to Sue Harris for preparing Kedron's display. Anyone may attend this annual event.

District Hunger Emphasis

"All churches in the Murfreesboro District (96) are asked to begin the Great Bean Collection this Fall. We hope to collect a "ton of beans" by Thanksgiving and, in turn, the beans will then be distributed to food banks throughout the area!" Let's help put an end to hunger! Check in the church narthex for an example of the bean bags being collected!

Bible Study Fund

The Tuesday Bible Study group has started a fund to purchase Study Bibles to be presented as gifts. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please give your contribution to Lytle Hodge or Dot Pressley.

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 items for November are canned fruit and juice. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Advent Study

There will be an Advent Study hosted by various churches in our area. Pastor Barry will have the details.

Which Psalm Is This?

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

--NRSV

Happy Birthday to:

Michael Harris	November 10
Gaylord Dorn	November 12
B. L. Rhodes	November 12
Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 16
Margaret Perry	November 17
Ruth Kitchen	November 19
Mildred Gentry	November 28

Happy Anniversary to:

Loren & Mary Lee Vanderkooi	November 2
Danny & Martha Fraley	November 16

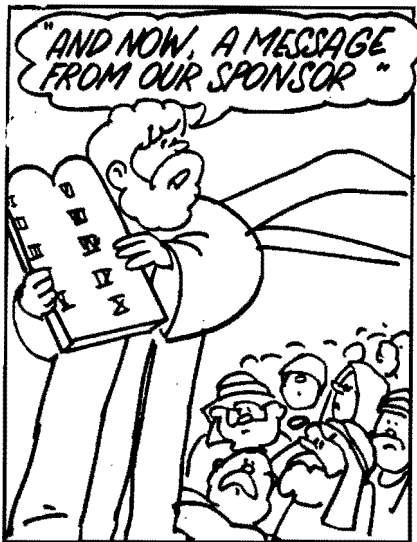
Colossians 3:17 written by Paul was the quotation in the October newsletter.

Scripture Readings for Thanksgiving Day, November 26

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Advent – A Time to Prepare

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. Advent is a time to read scripture, pray and meditate. Let us begin to prepare for Christmas.



November Calendar

Sunday, November 1:

All Saints Day

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

Tuesday, November 3:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4:

- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, November 7:

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 8:

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

Tuesday, November 10:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 15:

- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 2:30 p.m. Charge Conference at Smyrna First UMC

Tuesday, November 17:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18:

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

Sunday, November 22:

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

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Tuesday, November 24:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 29:

First Sunday of Advent

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



Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

chair table heart

2

friend run walk

6

flower love tree

1

speech pen pencil

4

car gracious truck

3

valley mountain king

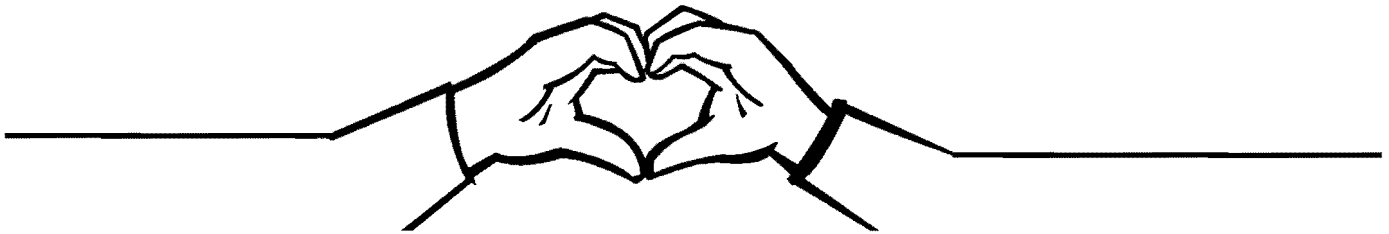
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In the blanks below, write the word you have circled from each box, matching the numbers.

Those who _____₁ a pure _____₂ and are _____₃

in _____₄ will have the _____₅ as a _____₆.

Proverbs 22:11



Loving Ways

Read each 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

