

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

James 1:22-27

"Doers of the word, not hearers only."

Here's an idea for November. We have 23 days before Thanksgiving Day. When you get this newsletter take out a piece of paper (or go to the "notes" on your Smartphone!) and start writing down 23 names of family and friends. Say a prayer for them each day leading up to Thanksgiving. You might even set aside one day for each of the names as another way to pray. And a letter or a phone call on that given day might well MAKE their day!

Now if I did the math correctly, that leaves 7 days at the end of November. Name 7 more persons, but these should be neighbors or colleagues or persons you are only acquaintances with. And these should be ones that you know have no regular church home, no ongoing community of faith, no visible connection (that you are aware of!!) with a believing group.

No judgment here. Just an opportunity to reach out to 7 other persons in the name of Jesus. A neighborly loaf of bread, an invitation to church, a helping hand is offered and let go and let God give the increase!

There now! You have a month of "thanksgiving" already planned out. Thirty days to connect through prayer and deed with thirty people in your life. "Thirty to Thirty" you could call this!

I started my list today. Will you do the same after you read this Newsletter?!

Happy November and blessings on your reaching out to others! Your bountiful table on November 24th just got more bountiful!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be November 2. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 5. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice November 6, November 13 and November 27. We will begin choir practice at 1:00 p.m. on these Sundays.

Would you like to sing with us as we prepare for Christmas?

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 November 16 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

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will not meet in December. Plans for November will be announced.

Bucket Offerings

In November offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will stay at Kedron. The money will be used for Christmas for our children and youth.

Job 37:14 spoken by Elihu was the quotation in the October newsletter.

Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference will be on Sunday, November 20 from 5-7 p.m. This year Kedron will also host some of the other churches in our area. These churches will also have their charge conferences at Kedron during that time. We will provide snacks and drinks for the meetings.

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 November is oatmeal. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Reminder

Charge Conference reports are due on November 1. Those of you who have forms to complete, please have them completed by this date. Thank you.

Who Said This?

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

--NRSV

(hint - book of Philippians)

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

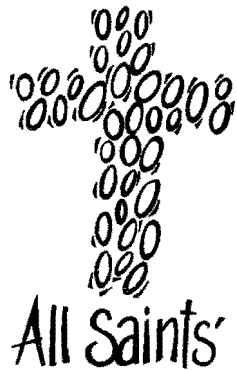


Table Grace

For food in a world
 where many walk in hunger;
 for faith in a world
 where many walk in fear;
 for friends in a world
 where many walk alone,
 we give you humble thanks,
 O God. Amen.

Advent – a time to prepare

What if you were given eight hours to chop down an enormous tree? If you're like most people, you probably would grab your axe and swing furiously with all your might for eight hours straight. Abraham Lincoln said he would do something different. He said, "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six of the eight hours sharpening my axe."

A dull axe demands much strength; a sharp axe saves strength. Lincoln was not referring merely to axes and trees, however, but to preparation in every area of life.

Advent is our axe sharpening time, a time to pray, meditate, and prepare for the commemoration of the greatest event in the history of the world. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

– Illustration Sourcebank III

Remember on October 30

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meets

6:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday Singing

November Calendar

Tuesday, November 1:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 2:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, November 5:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 6:

All Saints Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 8:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 13:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 15:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 16:

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

Sunday, November 20:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

5-7 p.m. Kedron hosts Charge
 Conferences

Tuesday, November 22:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 27:

First Sunday of Advent

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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1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 29:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Psalm 100 Word Scramble

Unscramble these words:

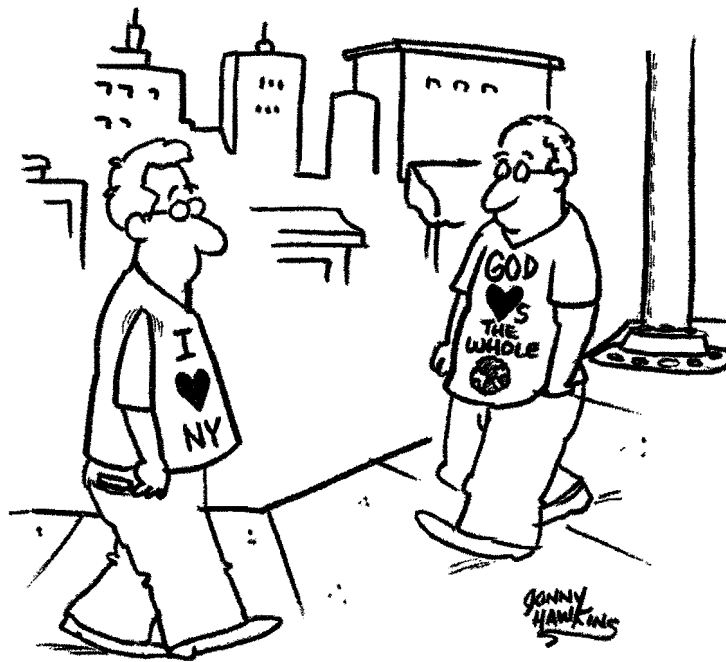
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O T H T E D R L O L A L E H T

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S H I S E E E C R P N W H T I G G S N I N I



Those who
put trust
in the
Lord are
like trees
planted by
the water.

Jeremiah 17:7-8