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The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

“So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.” – Mark 13:23 NIV

Mark 13 emphasizes one command: Be alert! No less than five verses repeat the exhortation to be prepared for the turmoil and trouble which lie ahead.

I can still hear Doc Hatcher back in Virginia, the father of a fellow Scout, telling our troop as we were leaving for summer camp: “Have a good time; be a good Scout; be prepared.”

His advice has stayed with me for more than 50 years; and I have followed it...with varying degrees of success and failure!

From the viewpoint of faith, our lives may not have been graced with a “good time;” most surely our “good Scout” days have been more than equaled by our bad scout days! And who is bold and brash enough to say they have always been “prepared!?” Few of us are consistent in following commands with due diligence. Most advice received is all too soon forgotten!

Faith, finally, is trusting that Someone Else, is better prepared than we for what lies ahead. Faith is a following Someone Wiser and Who knows a lot more about what the road looks like around many a curve!

Prayer: Lead and guide us, O Lord, when we lose our self-made plans for all the journeys and detours of Life.

Amen~

Men's Breakfast

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be on August 2 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come be with us.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper will be August 6. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us for good fellowship and good food.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet. The next meeting will be at Kedron at 10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Vance is bringing home-made pizza for lunch. Others please bring salad or dessert. Plan to attend if you knit, crochet or would like to learn.

Choir Notes

We will continue to meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and briefly after worship services for practice. We may discuss other practice times.

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.

Fifth Sunday Singing

On August 31, we will gather at Lock's Memorial UMC for our Fifth Sunday Singing. After singing, we will share snacks. We will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In August, the offerings placed in the buckets at the morning worship service will be contributed to "Imagine No Malaria." This is the United Methodist Church's campaign to eradicate malaria primarily through the distribution of bed nets.

Kedron Will Host Laity

On Monday, August 25, the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Kedron. This group meets monthly, each time at a different church in the county. Dinner is served; there is a program; then there is a business meeting. Those attending pay for their dinners.

The meat for dinner will be provided. We need everyone who can to provide the remainder of the meal (vegetables, salads, dessert, bread). Someone will be at the church at 5:00 p.m. to receive the food.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Outreach Opportunity

Each month, the Laity Fellowship collects hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc.) for residents at the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna. This is a training center for adults with physical or mental challenges. A box will be our narthex in August for your donations.

Congregation's Requests

The hymns for our August Sunday worship services will be those requested by the congregation. If you have not made your requests or have additional ones, you may place a note in the offering plate or give it to our pianist, Miranda, the first Sunday in August.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month, and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for August is peanut butter. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Cards?

Do you know of someone who might like to receive a card from Kedron during an illness or for another reason? Let Ernestine Clark know the name and address. She sends cards for our church. Ernestine's phone number is 587-9766.

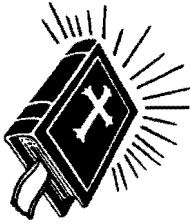
Happy Birthday to:

Cathie Dodd August 1
Sunya Sprinkle August 4
Cora McCollum August 6
Naomi Lee August 23
Tom Root August 25
Wanda Mott August 28

Happy Anniversary to:

Shannon & Shana Stacey August 5
Revs. Barry & LeNoir Culbertson August 7
Larry & Fay Fraley August 16
Jimmy & Dorothy Pressley August 21
Frank & Linda Pagello August 24

Best wishes for a successful and happy school year to all students and teachers.



Who said this?

“Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

--NRSV (hint, 1 John)

Exodus 15:2 sung by Moses and the Israelites was the quotation in the July newsletter.



August Calendar

Saturday, August 2:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 3:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 5:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at

Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, August 6:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, August 10:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 12:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at

Lytle Hodge's home

Sunday, August 17:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 19:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at

Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, August 20:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at

Kedron

Sunday, August 24:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Monday, August 25:

5:00 p.m. Church open to receive food

6:30 p.m. Kedron hosts Rutherford Co.

Laity Fellowship

August newsletter information due

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Sunday, August 31:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Singing at Lock's

Word Search

In the word search at right, circle the words from this Bible verse.

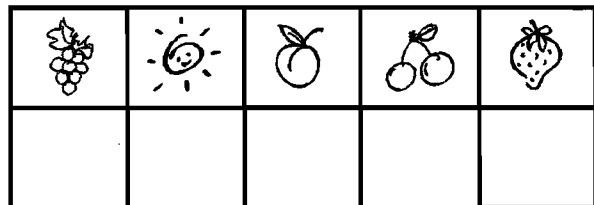
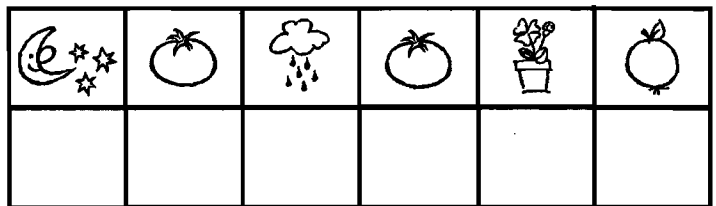
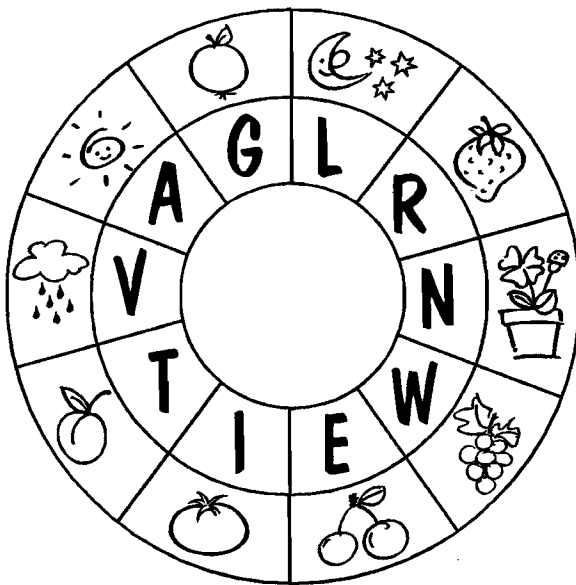
"The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

John 4:14b



Decode the Message

Use the decoder at left to fill in the spaces in the boxes below. Then complete the Bible passage with the answer.



"He would have given you _____"

John 4:10c