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From Our Pastor

Jeremiah 31:1-14 "...turn their mourning into gladness."

It's a bit early for reunions to be happening but they are beginning! We are past winter (we think!), seeing flowers and leaves, and reuniting here and there with many people semi-hidden for the past 12 pandemic months. At both congregations....there they were: Congregants missing for a variety of health issues and family concerns for well being.

And so it should begin and blossom, our so called "return from exile." In a slightly different way, we should consider that we all are "rediscovering" different elements of our faith experience: the joy of worshipping and fellowshiping together. We are "re-pping" Men's Breakfast as well as Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper. We are planning toward Summer events for all ages. Mission and outreach has continued but soon a freedom for more hands-on service is just around the corner.

Yes, re-discovery can be a heartfelt theme for many. For example, a USA weary of Civil War and conflict was eager to hear about what could be called the first "tour boat trip" as a group of American tourists arrived in Jerusalem on May 2, 1867. Mark Twain famously wrote about that experience and the memory and spiritual impact of that visit to the holy city stayed with him throughout his life.

Hopefully we will experience anew the "holy" in a variety of ways after a year of turmoil whether public or private. And the seeing and listening and being with people seeking God will be our story in the rest of 2021.

Keep praying! Keep praying together whether in person or on-line and always in Spirit and Truth!

See you Sunday.....and a lot more other days as well!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

Our First-Saturday Men's Breakfast will be on May 1. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be May 5. The meat will be provided; please bring desserts and side dishes. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. This is another opportunity for good fellowship and good food.

Bucket Offerings

In May, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the local food bank

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 item for May is peanut butter.

All non-perishable foods are accepted. The need is great.

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or someone you know that might benefit from counseling and/or spiritual support are listed below.

- Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or
Online/phone counseling
- Upper Room Prayer Ministry
615-340-7200
- Talkspace.com
Online/phone counseling

Methodist News Source

www.umnews.org

Stone's River District Address

P. O. Box 12191

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Birthday to:

Travis Perry	May 8
Lynne Lee	May 12
Fay Fraley	May 10
Wayne Lee	May 20
Teresa Palmer	May 22
Linda Lee	May 30
Doug Rouse	May 31

Church Treasurer

Our new church Treasurer is Lynne Lee. John Vance will be Assistant Treasurer. Thanks to out-going Treasurer Naomi Lee for her many years of service.

Where are these words found?

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, .Rejoice."

-NRSV (hint – book of Philippians)

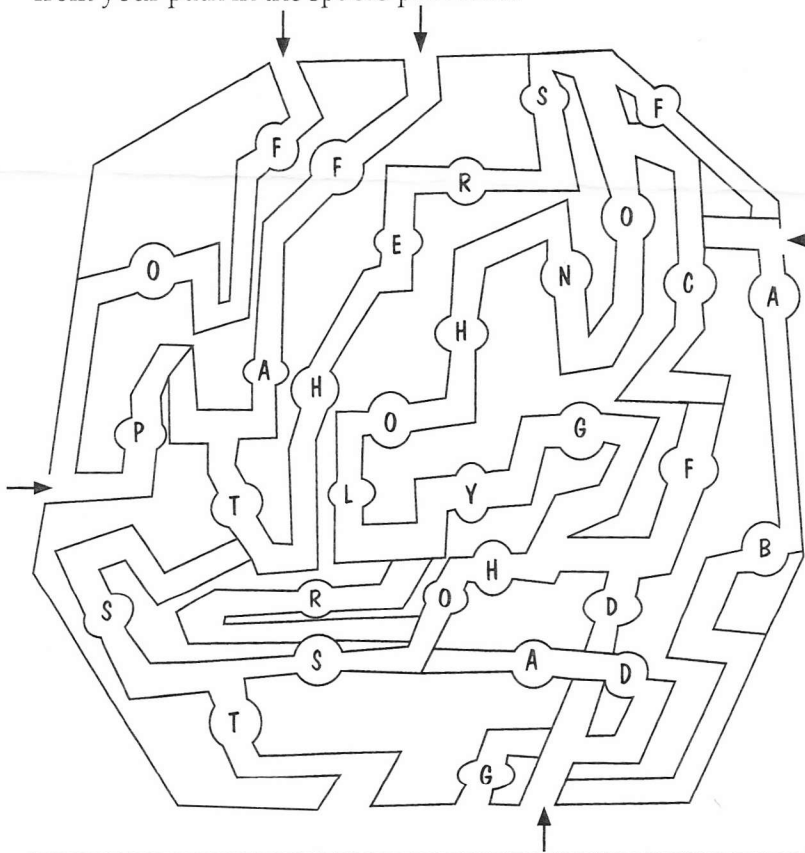
Matthew 28:6 was the quotation in the April newsletter.

May Calendar

Saturday, May 1	
8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, May 2	
8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday, May 5	
6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Supper
Thursday, May 6	National Day of Prayer
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day
8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, May 16	Ascension Sunday
8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, May 23	Day of Pentecost
8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10:30 a.m.	June 2021 newsletter info due call Fay
Sunday, May 30	Trinity Sunday
8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service

A-maze-ing!

This maze is a fun way to discover three names for God. Using one of the arrows as your starting point, find a path that takes you all the way through the maze. Once you've made it through, write the letters from your path in the spaces provided.



Answers: Father, Son, Holy Ghost



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