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From Our Pastor

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

“Nothing new under the sun.” I agree.....and disagree! Even as close as 1968, fifty years ago, there were no cell phones! No “smart phones.” Vinyl records yes, and perhaps 8 tracks coming on! But no MP3 players nor streaming music and video. Yes, television but NOT 24/7 and with 75 inch screens!

But, certainly conflict and struggle both social and personal are with us as in 1968. Basic needs of nation and community are no less important and require due diligence in making good decisions or correcting bad ones.

The church community in that year and today are much the same but just as complicated (and blessed) at times in life together. I remember reading Hal Lindsey’s Late Great Planet Earth (1970), an exposition on the Bible, end times, and preparation for the Rapture. With hindsight 50 years on, it seems he was “off” in his predictions of the approaching biblical end of human history in the 70s, 80s, or, revised a bit later, even year 2000(!).

So, here we are, still instructed to “watch and wait.” Still good teaching for the church; just no good reason to be assigning dates or generations for the End!

And even so, fifty years past 1968, we are still called to attend to sharing the Good News in word AND deed. The church is not at rest until the New Heaven and New Earth arrive! If tomorrow were to be the End, we should be as Martin Luther and St. Francis: “just keep tending our gardens today.”

So, in 2018, way past 1968, there is little new under the sun that COUNTS toward being a new creation each day in Christ. The same blessings and temptations are real as they were in 1968; so be about faith, be about service, be about joy in the Lord in 2018-----AND be about life in the church “which the gates of hell will not prevail against.”

See you on Sunday, weekdays, and at Homecoming 2018, September 16!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The September Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 1. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Men, we hope you can join us. This is a time of good fellowship and good food.

Fellowship Supper

There will be no First Wednesday Fellowship Supper in September. Plan to be with us on Wednesday, October 3 for the Fellowship Supper.

Choir Notes

Let's try to set a time convenient for most choir members to practice sometime before Homecoming. We will discuss this.

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.

Bucket Offerings

In September our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Navigators. This group holds Bible instruction on college campuses.

Happy Birthday to:

Deborah Kedell	September 2
Micayla Hickman	September 20
Alicia Hernandez	September 27
David Lee	September 28

Happy Anniversary to:

Keith & Geri Lee	September 26
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Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local 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 our local food bank. The suggested item for September is canned salmon. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Kedron Homecoming

Our annual Homecoming will be Sunday, September 16. Our schedule for that morning only will be different.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

There will be a **covered-dish lunch** following Worship Service.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on Monday, September 24. The meeting will be at Bethel UMC, 4286 Sulphur Springs Road, Murfreesboro beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped when Kedron hosted the Laity Meeting in August. Many words of appreciation were spoken by our guests for the hospitality, the food, the program planned by Pastor Barry, the speakers and the music.

Second Time This Summer

Thanks again to Mary and Loren Vanderkooi for hosting a pool party for our children and youth; adults were also invited. This August party was the second of the summer that they hosted.

Worship Service Changes

On August 5, Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson led our Worship Service. She is our pastor's wife and a former District Superintendent of our district. Pastor Barry had a health issue that morning.

On August 12, Rev. Chip Hunter led our Worship Service. He is the present District Superintendent of our Stones River District. Our pastor and his wife were out of town that Sunday.

We thank these ministers for their leadership.

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

Who Said This?

"Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

--NRSV (Book of 2 Thessalonians)

Paraphrase of Psalm 23

Author Unknown

The first line of verse 6 is adapted from "A New Creed" of the United Church of Canada.

¹God has walked with me; I could ask nothing more.

²God has given me green meadows to laugh in,
clear streams to think beside,
untrodden paths to explore.

³When I thought the world rested on my shoulders,

God put things into perspective.

When I lashed out at an unfair world, God calmed me down.

When I drifted into harmful ways, God straightened me out.

God was with me all the way.

⁴I do not know what lies ahead, but I am not afraid.

I know you will be with me.

Even in death, I will not despair.

You will comfort and support me.

⁵Though my eye dims and my mind dulls,

you will continue to care about me.

Your touch will soothe the tension in my temples;

my fears will fade away.

I am content.

⁶**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with me.**

September Calendar

Saturday, September 1:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 2:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, September 4:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 9:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, September 11:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 16:

Homecoming

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Following Worship:

Covered-dish lunch

Tuesday, September 18:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 23:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. October newsletter

information due

Monday, September 24:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity at Bethel UMC

Tuesday, September 25:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

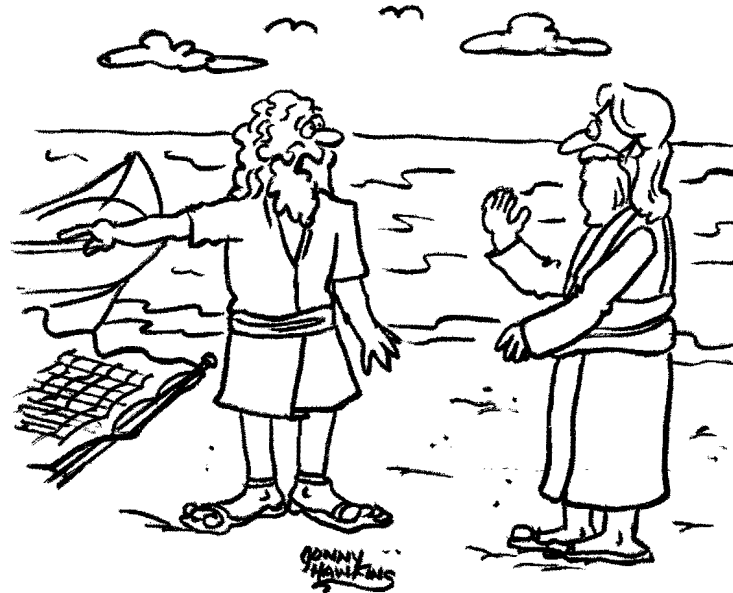
Sunday, September 30:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service



What the Fishermen Disciples Didn't Say



"I'm busy with the net right now...
can I follow you on Twitter?"

Hidden Words

Use this code to solve the puzzle. Matt 17:5

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T	S	L
E	N	O

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