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From Our Pastor

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words and he wrote words of truth plainly.
The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone.
Ecclesiastes 12: 9-10, 13

The Teacher of Ecclesiastes would be an excellent teacher as the last third of 2020 winds down. Wisdom with knowledge in the light of deep respect for God, the life you are given now, and God's commandments, is a "lesson plan for all your days" in a nutshell.

Teachers in all walks of life have lesson plans for those who would learn. As one teacher among many at Kedron, I would ask all of us to sign up for learning the most we can in the next few months. And much of that will be from your home! We are slowly finding our way without lots of our regular gatherings and fellowship times and participatory mission and service locally.

So.....from your home, study for both knowledge and for wisdom. I highly recommend a text to use. It's the book of Ecclesiastes. Chapters herein address matters such as:

- Everything Has It's Time
- The Value of a Friend
- Reverence, Humility, and Contentment
- The Frustration of Desires
- Take Life As It Comes
- Youth and Old Age

And there are many more highlights I'll let you discover!

Wisdom and knowledge seem necessary more than ever during an election year while we all come to grips with social/economic disruption of "routine" caused by a pandemic. The times are challenging!

So.....in addition to whatever you are reading for Sunday School, sermon scriptures, and devotional books I encourage you to open another Fall textbook, Ecclesiastes, and find much spiritual help which can lead to the "fullest of life" whatever our difficult condition as we wind down 2020.

By the end of September stay alert for a "pop quiz" probably in the form of a worship service and sermon. Do your homework! You will actually enjoy the assignment and in the process continue as a life long learner of the Holy Scriptures!

Blessings as "school" reopens wherever you are!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

Breakfast is planned at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5. Anyone not feeling safe should not attend. We are planning on using all possible safety precautions. We look forward to fellowship with those who come.

Tennessee Annual Conference

Our Tennessee Annual Conference will be virtual in 2020. The dates are September 18 and 19. Please be in prayer for all those involved.

Charge Conference

Our Charge will be in October; it will be virtual. The date and time will be announced.

Bucket Offerings

In September, the bucket collections at Sunday Worship will be donated to UMCOR. The United Methodist Committee on Relief helps in times of natural disasters. The workers continue to help long after the initial impact of the disasters.

You asked for a Sermon.

Pastor Barry has asked for suggestions for sermons the congregation would like him to present. The suggestions received are: The Seven Churches in Revelation; The Five Wise and Five Unwise Virgins; Heaven and Hell; Evolution and Faith. Do you have a suggestion to submit to him?

Happy Birthday to:

Deborah Kedell	September 2
Reba Lee Jackson	September 5
Micayla Hickman	September 20
David Lee	September 28

Happy Anniversary to:

Keith and Geri Lee	September 26
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Administrative Council

Our Council will meet at 1:00 p.m. on September 13. We will wear masks and believe we can social distance to be safe.

Homecoming

As in the past, our Kedron Homecoming will be the third Sunday in September. Worship Service will be at **11:00 a.m. September 20 only**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will be no meal following the Worship Service.

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

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 September is tuna. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is very great.

Where are these words found?

"... do everything for the glory of God.."

-NRSV (hint – letters of Paul)

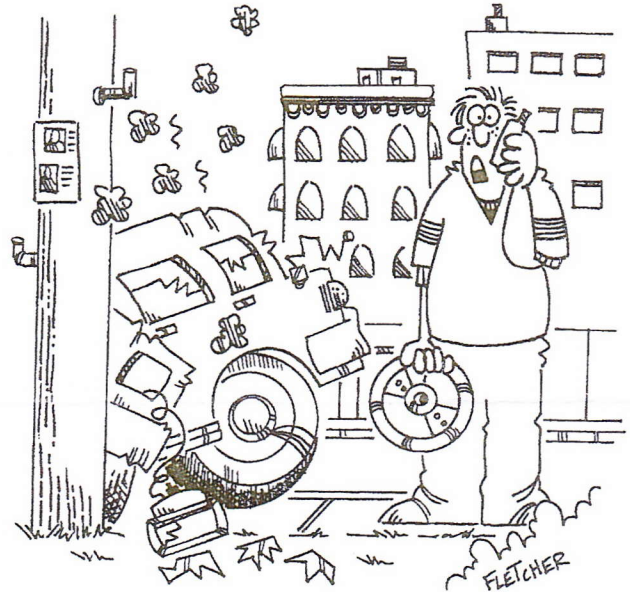
John was the Gospel that opened with the words quoted in the August newsletter.

When I love those who return my love, I feel joy because I have pleased them. When I love those who resist my love, I feel joy because I have pleased God.

Geraldine Nicholas

September Calendar

- September 5:
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- September 6:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- September 13:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Administrative Council
- September 18: TN Annual Conference
- September 19: TN Annual Conference
- September 20:
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Homecoming Worship Service
- September 27:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Oct. newsletter info due



HELLO PASTOR, THIS IS BILLY JAMESON.
IF YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED ON A SERMON TOPIC
FOR THIS SUNDAY, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST
"THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGIVENESS IN THE PARENTING PROCESS."

God's Love

Draw a picture of someone on the stage doing something to show God's love.

