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The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned, I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Gifford's book *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

Chapter Two is about Kathie's visit to En Gedi. This is where David ran from Saul and hid in caves as he searched for God, praying for Him to direct the young soldier's steps in this war. Kathie writes:

"Haven't we all experienced excruciating times of waiting for God to answer our prayers? But the wait isn't idle time; the waiting period is our opportunity to be active and alive and growing, which is why it is so important that we persevere. As Isaiah 40:31 reminds us: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint." God's promise about the waiting times is as big a part of His plan as the actual moment when God's promise comes true. I doubt we are ever the same person when the promise is fulfilled that we were when the promise was made."

When we pray, waiting is a part of the process. David started with a great victory and lived in the palace with the king for a time. Then life changed again. He was on the run and life was difficult. Persevering through prayer offers us a perspective we would not otherwise experience without being in that place. We want to rush it though, but the waiting is just as important. If you're praying through a time in your life right now I want to encourage you to embrace the waiting. Hope in the Lord will renew your strength and give you the courage to continue praying until God gives an answer. Keep moving forward and be patient through God's lessons and those shared through *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Hymnals and Bibles

As we worship in Fellowship Hall, we have borrowed some hymnals (with the black cloth covers) from our Sanctuary for use during our services. Please return them to the tables after service.

The library has also provided Bibles for us to use and you are welcome to take these home if you would like. Thank you.



- ✓ 07/14-07/17 Vacation Bible School 6p-8p
- ✓ 08-05-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a

Scripture and Sermon:

John 15:1-11

"Summer Gospel"



New Concerns

Cheryl Bell
Patsy Spinks
Susan Mobley
Crystal Gray
Lamar & Marilyn Outz
Bill Reedy

Continue Prayers for:

Paul Smith
Family of Tyrone Mitchell

Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

June 30

Operating Budget..... \$7,254.37
Children..... 1,000.00
Capital Expenditures..... 200.00
Food Pantry..... 626.07
Total..... \$9,080.44

Worship Attendance

146

Sunday School

53

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07-07-24

Operating Budget..... \$9,260.00  
Apportionments..... 100.00  
Food Pantry..... 256.00  
Total..... \$9,616.00

### Worship Attendance

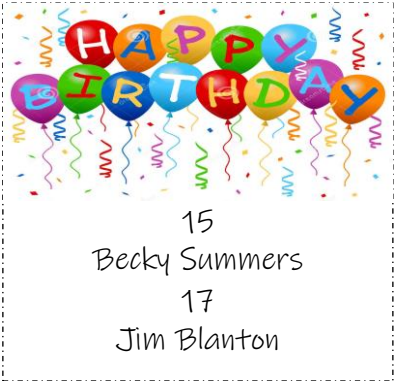
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### Sunday School

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Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is open July 24, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Open Door Mission Closet (Clothes Closet) is open every Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon. Tuesday is our new Sorting/Processing day and volunteers are also needed on that day.
- July 17- Sherry Armour, Sabrina Williams, Elaine Hubbard



Youth News

Sundays- **9:15a-9:30a**- breakfast and socialize; **9:30-10:15a**- Sunday School lesson  
July 14-17- VBS, there will teaching and activities age appropriate for teens  
July 21- Swimming and lunch after church at J.O. & Lynn Miller’s pool  
August 3- Wild Adventures for the day and Skillet concert that evening

Family Promise

Thank you to everyone that provided meals during this past rotation! We appreciate you so much! If you are interested in volunteering during our rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn for more information, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

| Bible Reading Plan              |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Week of July 14 <sup>th</sup> : |           |
| Sunday.....                     | Psalm 23  |
| Monday.....                     | Psalm 118 |
| Tuesday.....                    | Psalm 62  |
| Wednesday.....                  | Psalm 37  |
| Thursday.....                   | Hosea 11  |
| Friday.....                     | Joel 2    |
| Saturday.....                   | Amos 5    |

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be Friday, July 12, 1p-5p  
In the Fellowship Hall. To sign up go to their website [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and enter The Well at Centerville or just drop in. Thank you in advance for your donation.



**Singers & Ringers Needed!** Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31<sup>st</sup>. These groups are open to all.



Our **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday’s at 6:30. We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata “Love is Born” beginning this August. Our Adult Choir sings each Sunday for the Call to Worship and leads the traditional worship hymns.



Our **Handbell Choir** practices on Wednesday at 7:30. The ability to read music is helpful. Handbell playing opportunities may include worship during Christmas and Easter, Christmas Festivals, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

Men at the Well

Thank you to everyone that purchased ribs for their July 4<sup>th</sup>! We really appreciate your support when we have these grilling events. This was the first time we used the grill dedicated to Leon and we’re proud to say it worked better than we ever imagined.  
The Men meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend any meeting. The men also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am at Steak n Shake for Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome.

Church Website

Please contact Sabrina Williams at [sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net](mailto:sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net) for any requests to have something added or delted from our church website or Facebook. Also contact Sabrina if you have any pictures taken at any church function that you would like posted. And make sure you follow our Facebook page!

Hearing Aids

We had a wonderful member donate a pair of gently used hearing aids. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the office.

Women at the Well

Ladies, circle meetings are coming up... so, don’t forget to attend. If you have never been to a meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the circles. We’d be so happy to have you visit!

Wesley Women

Wesley Women is a support group for widows founded by Pastor Jackie Thomas and Sandy Whipple of Trinity UMC. The purpose of this group is to support one another through the grieving process by sharing our own experience, knowledge and by sharing an outpouring of our love through Jesus Christ. Wesley Women meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:30a at various locations. Any widow is invited to seek the support of this group. Contact Jackie Thomas at 478-747-6593.



Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- July 14

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter  
9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship  
6p-8p Vacation Bible School

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Sabrina Williams, Susan Howdeshell  
Cheri Cox, Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- July 14

Nursery- Marie Davis, Laura, Cinderella  
Children- Sherry Armour

Sunday- July 21

Nursery- Linda Blanton, Laura McKenzie  
Children- Nancy Hudson

Monday- July 15

5:00p Trustees Meeting  
6p-8p Vacation Bible School  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- July 16

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
6p-8p Vacation Bible School

Wednesday- July 17

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
9a-12p Clothes Closet  
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"  
6p-8p Vacation Bible School  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- July 18

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"  
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Yoga  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- July 19

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- July 20

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

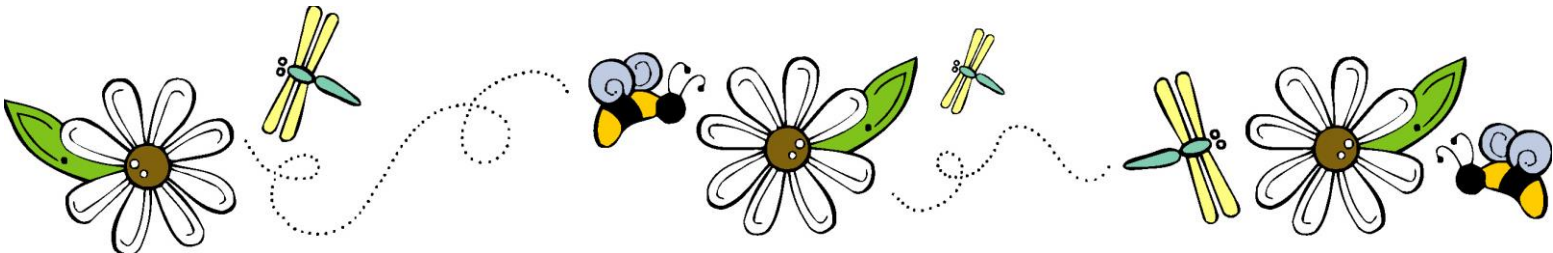
Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth

Studies

Malachi  
Mark  
Revelation  
Hebrews  
Serve Others

Teacher

Kathy Rutke  
Joy Fleming  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Eric & Gloria Nelson





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to request a registration form

