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Sunday, July 28, 2024

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 Giffod'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 3: The Judean Wilderness

Kathey and her husband take the next part of the trip just down the road from En Gedi to the wilderness of Judea. There, she reflects on the words of the 23rd Psalm. One particular section that caught my attention was her view of verse 2; "He makes me to lie down in green pastures" She writes:

"The truth is, there were no green pastures in Israel at that time-not in the way we think of rolling, grassy, lush fields. There were only small patches of grass in the Judean wilderness, barely visible except late in the day when the setting sun caused them to reflect light. Ray explained that the shepherd's job was to lead his sheep to these life-giving spots so that they would be given exactly what they needed for that day. No more. This kept them in a constant state of trusting."

God provides what we need for the day because we are never promised tomorrow.

Faith says I will trust the Lord for today and mercy provides even when we don't deserve it. Prayerfully consider this passage and Kathy's observations from *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy



- ✓ 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

Thank You

"Thank you for the love, thoughts, prayers, food, calls, texts, cards and visits after my recent surgery. I felt the love because God is Love and Love Lives Here! I love my church family!" ~~ Susan Mobley ~~

Family Promise

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/>

Scripture and Sermon:

John 15:18-27

"Summer Gospel"



New Concerns

J.O. Miller

Mary Lee Carter

Continue Prayers for:

Sara Colbert

Cheryl Bell

Patsy Spinks

Susan Mobley

Crystal Gray

Lamar & Marilyn Outz

Bill Reedy

Betty Bailey

Dianne Harrington

Mac McCullough

Kathy Blanchard

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

07-21-24

Operating Budget..... \$1,800.60

Food Pantry..... 112.00

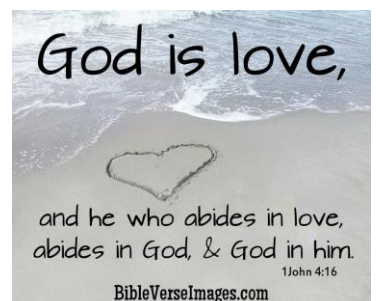
Total..... \$1,912.60

Worship Attendance

116

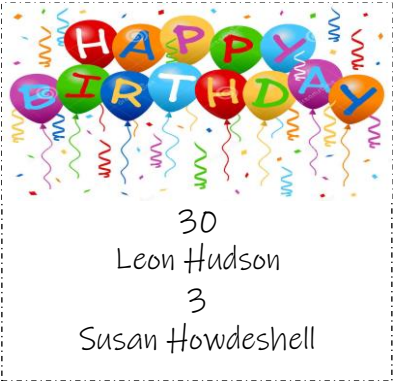
Sunday School

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Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is open August 14, 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!
- Beginning August 14, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- July 31- Becky Martin, Barbara Hilliard, Tonnette Grace



Youth News

Sundays- 9:15a-9:30a- breakfast and socialize; 9:30-10:15a- Sunday School lesson
August 3- Wild Adventures for the day and Skillet concert that evening

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of July 28 th :	
Sunday.....	Luke 6
Monday.....	Luke 7
Tuesday.....	Luke 8
Wednesday.....	Luke 9
Thursday.....	Luke 10
Friday.....	Luke 11
Saturday.....	Luke 12

Young at Heart

Bingo- Friday, July 26... lunch at 12 noon, which is pizza and Bingo 1p-3p, we will have ice cream at our break. And, most importantly, we will have a great time! Then on Saturday, July 27 we will go see The Music Man in Dublin. We will meet at the church at 11a sharp, go to lunch at Old Times Country Buffet. Then, back on the van to head to Dublin. The doors open at 1:30p and the show starts at 2p. We'll have a great time on the van. The men can sit up front with Eric and give him instructions (he loves that). The women in back, laughing it up! ~~ Eric & Gloria ~~

This Sunday is 4th Sunday! Wear your church shirt!



Singers & Ringers Needed! Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31st. 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, & 5th Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

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.

Men at the Well

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 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!

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 28

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

Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Communion Servers

Eric & Gloria Nelson
Jimmy & Mary Monk

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- July 28

Nursery- Lynn Miller, Cinderella
Children- Brenda Craw

Sunday- August 4

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Cinderella
Children- Amber Gamble

Monday- July 29

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- July 30

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga

Wednesday- July 31

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9a-12p Clothes Closet
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- August 1

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- August 2

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 3

Youth to Wild Adventure

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

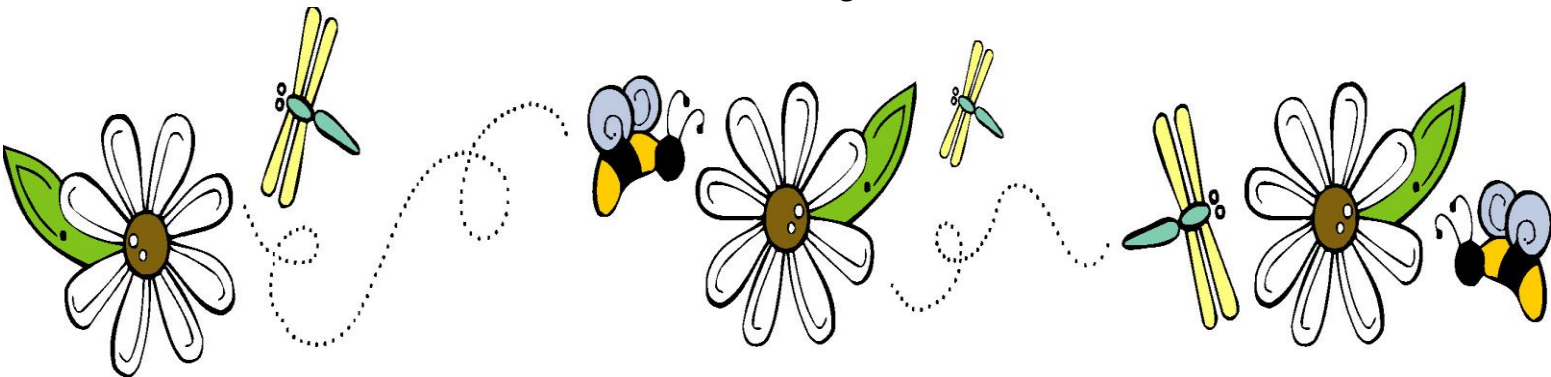
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Malachi
Mark
Revelation
Hebrews
Who Is In Charge?

Teacher

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



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**For your Labor Day
Men at the Well**

\$40

Saturday, August 31

**pick up between 8a-1p
at the Bus Barn**

