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*From Our Pastor*

YOU HAVE HEARD OF JOB'S PERSEVERANCE.

James 5:11b NIV

As a new school year is underway, as mid-term elections loom, as your own needs and concerns perplex you in family and community life, turn your thoughts and prayers toward God's message for us in this one verse. Let us see this word lived out by a farmer and also an aspiring writer.

As a young physician attempting to become a novelist, A. J. Cronin retreated to the Scottish highlands for the calm surroundings many writers seek for solitude in composing their thoughts into print. After three months, a literary effort he deemed unworthy was thrown in the trash. He walked out into the countryside, frustrated and dejected.

He happened upon a neighboring farmer ditching a bog in hopes of converting it to pasture land. The old farmer knew of the writer's fruitless labors, and after a time of small talk, he spoke:

"My father ditched this bog.....and never made a pasture. I've dug it all my days, and I've never made a pasture. But....I cannot help but dig. For my father knew, and I know, that if you only dig enough, a pasture can be made here."

Cronin understood the message, and eventually he became a renowned writer.

Job's virtue was not so much the famously quoted "patience" but more a matter of perseverance. Inquiring of God, exploring his sadness and uncertainty, frustrated.....Job still persevered. Dig and dig some more, walk in faith more and more, until the treasure of the Kingdom of God is found. And then all the other things that REALLY matter in life will be granted to us.

PRAYER: God, grant us momentum in the right direction, a steady hand, and a bold voice to speak to You in hope. Amen.

## **Fellowship Supper**

There will be no First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship supper in September due to our hosting the laity in August and homecoming in September. Our next supper will be Wednesday, October 1.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The monthly First-Saturday men's breakfast will be on September 6 in the Kedron fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. Men, come be with us.

## **Handwork Ministry**

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet. The next meeting will be September 17 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting place will be announced. Plan to attend if you knit, crochet or would like to learn.

## **Choir Notes**

We will continue to meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and briefly after worship services for practice. We will discuss other practice times. We may have a Saturday practice before Homecoming.

## **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, the offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be contributed to the Domestic Violence Center in Murfreesboro.

## **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month, and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested items for September are sugar-free foods. The need is great. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

## **Kedron Homecoming**

As has been our tradition, our Kedron Homecoming is the third Sunday in September. This year that is Sunday, September 21. Please note the time changes in our schedule for this Sunday only.

**Sunday School 10:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**

**Covered-dish lunch following worship**

## **Rutherford Co. Laity Fellowship**

This group will meet on September 22 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

## **Adult/Older Adults in Action and Service Fall Conference**

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. Mark United Methodist Church

1267 N. Rutherford Blvd.

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Speakers: Bishop Bill McAlilly

Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas

## **Mexico Mission Opportunity**

Our Murfreesboro District is sponsoring a mission trip to the area of Mexico we have served before. The trip will be in October and is a wonderful opportunity to help others. There will be several types of things being done such as a VBS, light construction work, etc. If you are interested, contact the office of our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson at 893-5886 or contact Rev. Dr. Jim Clardy at 893-3455 as soon as possible.

## **Happy Birthday to:**

Deborah Kedell	Sept. 2
Seth Robinson	Sept. 13
Micayla Hickman	Sept. 20
Paschal Jennings	Sept. 21
John Lee	Sept. 24
Stephanie Robinson	Sept. 25
David Lee	Sept. 28

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

John & Naomi Lee	Sept. 16
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## Thank You

Thanks to all who helped when we hosted the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship on August 25. Many words of appreciation were expressed by our guests.

## Delicious

Thanks to Ruth Kitchen and Jane Rainey who shared apples from their trees with us. This was a nice surprise on August 24.

## Who said this?

“And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”

--NRSV (hint, Revelation)

**1 John 4:11** written by John was the quotation in the August newsletter.

Take time:

to think: it is the source of power.

to play: it is the secret of perpetual youth.

to pray: it is the greatest power on earth.

to love and be loved: it is God-given privilege.

to be friendly: it is the road to happiness.

— Unknown



## September Calendar

Tuesday, September 2:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Saturday, September 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 9:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Sunday, September 14:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 16:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

Wednesday, September 17:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry  
Location to be announced.

Sunday, September 21:

Homecoming

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Following Worship Covered-dish lunch

Tuesday, September 23:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

October newsletter information due.

Email: [lf\\_fraleay@prodigy.net](mailto:lf_fraleay@prodigy.net) or ph.459-2618

Sunday, September 28:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 30:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at  
Lytle Hodge's home

**Please note – There will be no Fifth Sunday Singing at Lock's Mem. UMC on August 31.**

# Jesus Is the Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Find the path that leads to Jesus.

