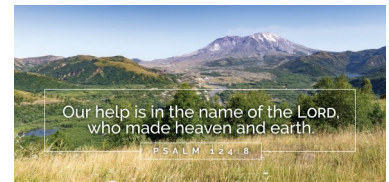


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Presbyterian Disciples Church

August 2017



“What Everybody Loves About this Place Makes It the One We All Hate!”

Church Chat—John Swisher, PDC Pulpit Supply Pastor

Puzzled over the title to my article above? It was puzzling to me when my daughter told her theory to me, in reference to her abode for about the last fifteen years, Southern California, i.e. the LA area while I was on vacation there last week. Her premise is that the climate, the easygoing lifestyle, and the wonderful beaches and other natural features which have attracted so many people to their location are the same factors that now make it so nobody can get where they want to go without being endlessly stuck in traffic, nobody can make a living cause the prices of everything have gone so high, and nobody can do much of anything else without lots and lots of regulations, taxes, and other obstacles to “progress”, at least obstacles to doing what they want. I thought when I came up with this title, it sounded like drug or alcohol addiction, something that starts out looking like fun and then turns into something very different.

So I know she's exaggerating, or I assume she'd move back here to the boring, alternating cold and hot, sparsely populated Midwest region we call home. But I wondered. What about the reverse, at least in regards to our lives here. At the prison where I work weekdays, I know the inmates come there hating the place, but by the time they go home, it's got to be pretty rough for them figuring out how to make it back in the “free world”. I wondered this about a lot of other places, too. What about the ghettos of modern life, and I don't only mean the ghetto as in the Elvis song about African-American enclaves, neighborhoods, and communities. What about the ghettos of Hitler's Europe where the Jews sheltered together, the ghettos of Sunni and Shia Muslims in Iraq, the closed communities of Rwanda, the Congo, Syria, and Sudan, where ethnic violence and tension have boiled over and continue to erupt violently all over the world? And basically the places where all of us settle, not the places of our dreams, but figuring we won't find anyplace better. Would it be true to call those places the ones where “What Everybody Else Hates Is What Makes This Place the One in Which We All Belong”? Is it really true that the devil we know is so much better than the devil we don't know? Are we happier when we aren't truly happy but we do know what to expect? Who knows?

But this got me thinking about something I heard on the radio while on vacation. They were talking about something they called “Cognitive Bias” on a philosophy talk show on NPR. In the show they were talking about ways we have of looking at various things with various biases. They said there are apparently over 150 different cognitive biases documented in the literature. One I liked was called the “Rhyme as Reason Effect”, and basically it says people are more likely to believe the truth of a statement when it rhymes over one which doesn't. For example, people are more likely to believe “What sobriety conceals, alcohol reveals” over “What sobriety conceals, alcohol unmasks”.

So, what can we conclude about what we love, what we hate, and what biases us toward one and not the other? I'm not sure. I can tell everybody 1) I loved every day with the grand-kids, 2) the prison still seems to be the kind of place where I don't want to live, and 3) the love I feel in my congregation here is still the best. But compared to the “prison” of LA traffic, I'm with my daughter, I think we've got it made here.

Chapel Chuckle: An inmate at a prison had a habit of getting out of work by being sick. First it was a toothache, and the prison dentist had to pull a tooth. Then the man came down with appendicitis and they had to remove his appendix. Following that were a rash of incidents ranging from tonsillitis to having one of his toes cut off in a freak accident. The Warden pulled a correctional officer aside and said, “We better watch that guy!” to which the officer asked “Why?” The Warden replied, “I'm afraid he's trying to escape..., one piece at a time!!!”



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 – Gail Shovald
 03 – Joey Braden, Nancy Whitesitt
 04 – Bonnie Mitchell
 05 – Sue Harris, Vanessa Myers, Terry Bryant
 06 – Connie Woodward
 09 – Sue Ahrens
 12 – Marvin Wrisinger
 17 – Scott Shovald
 23 – Carla Shaner
 26 – Carson Ashinhurst
 28 – Betty Dunford
 30 – Steve Waddell
 31 – Zach Osman



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

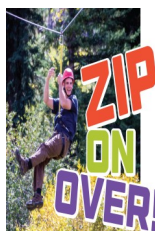
02 – Harold & Judi Nicholas
 09 – Bob & Bonnie Mitchell
 15 – Randy & Julie Osman
 23 – Joe & Janet Roncelli

Our Servicemen:

Bobby Maze, Bo Maze, Derek Morgan, Eric Morgan, MJ Myers, Mark Brubeck, Ryland Sims, Johnathan Lefholz, Brittany & Jimmy Register, Shily Peck



Mark your calendar for the once in a lifetime Solar Eclipse that will be held on Monday, August 21st.

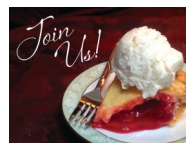


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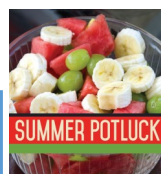
Please Keep These Individuals in Your Prayers:
 Mary Williams, Anne Brubeck, Betty Swisher, Linda & John Larry Marchetti, Lela Bryant, Doris Bradley, Maria Lappert, Kathy & Larry Neil, Robert Smith, Steve Sellers, Chris & Stephanie Christenson, Jake Means, Frayetta Street, Roy Marchetti, Greg Major, Bill & LaVeda Cross, Bonny Bunner, Lois Coulter, Kendra Redden, Janice Mayfield, Matthew Neil, Tim Crosson, Lisa Vance, Phillip Ralston, David Starke, James Huffman, Dorothy Lynn, Jan Wright, Bev Waddell, Millie Nordsieck, Gloria Hutton, Katie Thorp and Family, Sharon Welch, Melanie Corporon, Families of Robert 'Joe' Butler, Alex Ayers, Curtis Dennis, Disaster Victims & Future of our church and town

We will participate in the Lexington Community Fair by having our annual Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser on Wednesday, August 23rd starting at 5:30pm. Our parents and youth will be raising money for the youth fund and would appreciate any and all help in pies and volunteers



The Lexington Cheerleaders will host their annual Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, August 22nd in our Fellowship Hall. Come have a wonderful lunch and support a great cause.

Lexington R-V School District will hold their open house on Tuesday, August 15th starting at 5:30pm. School starts for the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday, August 17th.



Sunday, August 27th the youth will perform their VBS songs during worship. There will be a fellowship meal following worship. Any parent interested in their child being in Confirmation Class starting in the fall will meet with Pastor John following the fellowship meal. Please make sure you come and enjoy all these activities.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who helped with VBS and volunteered at the dinner. The children had a wonderful time at Hero Central. We had about 88 children on our biggest night and served at least 110 people for dinner. It was so Great to see so many smiling faces and the love of Christ. Thanks to everyone for a Great 2017 VBS. Next year we will celebrate God's Love at our church. Hope to see you all there in July 2018!!!



Lectionary Readings for August

06 — Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
 13 — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
 20 — Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-21) 21-28
 27 — Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Upcoming Community Events

National Night Out
 08-01-2016 6:00-8:00pm
 Free Food & School Supplies
 Main Street Park, 12th & Main

Life Saving Skills Seminar
 08-02-2017 6:30-8:30pm
 Lexington Fire Department

Blazin' the Trail-Dover
 08-05-2017 7am-10pm

MR340 Canoe Race
 08-08-2017
 Location: River Front Park-Missouri River

Lexington Community Fair
 08-20-2017 to 08-26-2017

Total Solar Eclipse
 08-21-2017 1:08pm

Old Homes Tour 2017
 09-09-2017 to 09-10-2017

Patriot Walk
 09-11-2017
 Ceremony at War Memorial NOON

Civil War Ball
 09-16-2017
 Location: Linwood Lawn
 6-10:00pm Costumed event includes dancing, food and libations

Apples, Arts & Antiques Apple Auction
 09-21-2017

Bid on award winning apples and enjoy homemade chili and apple desserts.

Apples, Arts & Antiques Festival
 09-23-2017

Discovery Room Preschool
 will hold their orientation on
 Monday, August 28th at
 6:30pm. Classes will begin
 Tuesday, September 5th.



LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FAIR

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Aug. 20-26, 2017

SUNDAY, Aug. 20

- **BABY SHOW** (Lexington Middle School) Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. Event open to children from 0 to 36 months. \$5 entry fee 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Aug. 21

- **SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT-"Day of the Dark"** (For Details see website: www.dayofthedark.com) ALL Day
- **RELISH THE MOMENT** (Dave's Country Market) Fun Solar Lunch Event serving hot dogs, Sun Chips, Moon Pies, and Sun Drop soda \$2/person 11:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** (Margaret Gray Center) Fund-raiser for Center including entertainment and pie auction (Carry out available) \$8 per person 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **RACK AND ROLL 8-BALL POOL TOURNAMENT** (The Spotted Pig Restaurant/Sports Bar) Doubles Only Night \$10 entry fee per team Starts at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Aug. 22

- **SALAD LUNCHEON** (Presbyterian Disciples Church) Fund-raiser for LHS Cheerleaders \$7 per person (carry-out available) 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **LESLIE BELL PTO FOOD SHACK** (12th & Franklin Avenue) Fund-raiser for Leslie Bell Elementary PTO 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **SOAP BOX DERBY** (13th St. & Franklin Ave.) Reg. ends at 5:30 p.m. on race day. Open Age 7 yrs old to Adult-- NO entry fee Race begins at 6:00 p.m.
- **KIDS' NIGHT AT THE RACES** (Franklin Ave between 11th and 12th Street) Ages 10 and under Fun--Games--Prizes Fun begins at 6:30 p.m.
- **RACK AND ROLL 8-BALL POOL TOURNAMENT** (The Spotted Pig Restaurant/Sports Bar) Scotch Doubles Only Night \$10 entry fee per team Starts at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 23

- **PRE-SCHOOL KIDS STORY TIME** (Lexington Trails Regional Library) 10:00 a.m.
- **BEER WAGON OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) 5:30 p.m.
- **CRAFT CAFÉ-SPECIAL FAIR EDITION** (Lexington Trails Regional Library) "No Charge" Fun Craft Project for adults 5:30 p.m.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** (Franklin Ave. in front of City Hall Parking Lot) Serving Fish-French Fries/Chips-Drink \$6 per person 5:30 p.m.- ?
- **PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** (10th Street & Franklin Ave.) Hosted by The Presbyterian Disciples Church 5:30 p.m.- ?
- **CRAZY FOR CUPCAKES** (Main Street in front of Courthouse) Fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 318 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **WASHER TOURNAMENT** (City Hall Parking Lot) \$20 per team entry. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
- **STRUTT YOUR MUTT DOG SHOW** (In front of Lafayette County Courthouse) Registration at 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- **RACK AND ROLL 8-BALL POOL TOURNAMENT** (The Spotted Pig Restaurant/Sports Bar.) Ladies' Night \$10 entry fee per person Starts at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Aug. 24

- **4-Life Center Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast** (Lexington 4-Life Center) \$3 Per Plate-Carryout Available 6:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.
- **BEER WAGON OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) 5:30 p.m.
- **CARNIVAL OPENS** (Downtown Franklin Ave. and 10th Street) \$20 bracelet time from 6 - 10 p.m. Opens at 6:00 p.m.
- **CRAZY FOR CUPCAKES** (Main Street in front of Courthouse) Fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 318 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **LHS FOOTBALL PEP RALLY** (In front of Lafayette County Courthouse) 7:00 p.m.
- **RACK AND ROLL 8-BALL POOL TOURNAMENT** (The Spotted Pig Restaurant/Sports Bar) Open Singles Division Night \$10 entry fee per person Starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **DJ Music & FUN** brought to you by Mark Neer (City Hall parking lot) - **Free Admission** 8:00-10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Aug. 25

- **BEER WAGON OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) 5:30 p.m.
- **LHS BOOSTER CLUB FOOD BOOTH OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) Serving Summer Time Favorites 5:30 p.m.
- **CARNIVAL OPENS** (Downtown Franklin Ave. and 10th Street) \$20 bracelet time from 6 - 10 p.m. Opens at 6:00 p.m.
- **"RECYCLED" FASHION SHOW** (City Hall Parking Lot) Cash prizes awarded in 2 age groups: Kids up to age 12 and 13 to Adult (Sponsored by AAA Disposal) 7:00 p.m.
- **A WHOLE "LOT" OF BINGO GOING ON** (City Hall Parking Lot) \$1 a card per game (Winner takes 1/2 of the proceeds each game) 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- **LHS HOME FOOTBALL GAME VS TRENTON** (Gil Rector Stadium) 7:00 p.m.
- **BEER GARDEN** featuring DJ music by Mark Neer (City Hall Parking Lot) FREE admission charge 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, Aug. 26

- **BREAKFAST at Papa Jack's Pizza-** (Main Street) Breakfast Buffet \$7 per person (Carry out available) 7:00-10:30 a.m.
 - **FRITZ BEGEMANN Memorial 5K Run/Walk** hosted by the Begemann Family \$25 per person (Registration 7:15 a.m. at Lions Club Ball Park Complex) For more information contact Justin Begemann at (660) 232-4362. Proceeds will benefit Lexington Little League Baseball race starts 8:00 a.m.
 - **HORSESHOE THROW** (Lions Club Park) \$20 per team entry fee 9:00 a.m.
 - **ARTS, CRAFTS AND FOOD VENDORS OPENS** (Main Street Downtown) 9:00 a.m.
 - **CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW** (13th St. & Franklin Ave) hosted by Twisted Suspension \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - **"BUILD A BAG"** (Lexington Trails Regional Library) "Free" Hey Kids!! Come to the library and fill up a bag with a variety of "cool" stuff. (All Day Event) starts 9:00 a.m.
 - **ULTIMATE DANCE AND ACRO PERFORMANCE** (In front of Lafayette County Courthouse) 10:00 a.m.
 - **MO CHIP CHILD ID EVENT** (1016 Main Street-next to Chamber of Commerce) "Free" Sponsored by The Masonic Lodge 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 - **FREE COOLING STATION** (Lex. Medical Clinic) Stop by for an indoor break from the heat with free diaper changing stations & other giveaways. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - **BINGO UNDER THE BIG TENT** (City Parking Lot on Main St. between 9th and 10th St) \$1 a card per game (Winner takes 1/2 of the proceeds each game) 10:00 a.m.-Noon
 - **FROG AND TURTLE RACES** (City Parking Lot on Main Street between 9th and 10th St.) Registration at 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
 - **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** (Second Baptist Church 12th and Main) \$10 per person (Carry out available) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - **KIDDIE PARADE** (City Parking Lot on Main Street between 9th and 10th St) Open to ALL AGES Judging starts at 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 - **LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FAIR PARADE** (Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m.) at 8th and Main Street (in front of the Elk's Lodge) 11:00 a.m.
- We are excited to have the Ararat Shriners this year! Parade Theme "EXPRESS YOURSELF"
- **KISS THE PIG CONTEST** (In front of Courthouse) Following the Parade
 - **KID'S COMMUNITY FUN FEST** (City Parking Lot on Main Street between 9th and 10th St) Noon - 1:00 p.m.
 - **PING PONG BALL DROP** (City Parking Lot on Main Street between 9th and 10th St) 2 age Groups, 6 & under, and 7 to 12 years of age 1:00 p.m.
 - **ELVIS SINGS** (In front of Lafayette County Courthouse) Must See Performance 1:00 p.m.
 - **CARNIVAL OPENS** (Franklin Ave. & 10th Street) \$20 bracelet times from 2 - 6 p.m. & 6 - 10 p.m. Opens at 1:00 p.m.
 - **"Try to Stay Dry" BEACH TOWEL VOLLEYBALL** (12th & Main) Water-balloon fun --Ages-Middle School to Adult 1:30 p.m.
 - **OLD TIME FIDDLER'S CONTEST** (Located at "THE LEX"---11th and Franklin Ave)--hosted by Lexington Moose Lodge---Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
 - **ELKS #749 DUCK DASH** (Elk's Lodge Swimming Pool) 2:00 p.m.
 - **ELKS #749 CARDBOARD BOAT RACES** (Elk's Lodge Swimming Pool) 2:30 p.m.
 - **BEER WAGON OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) 5:30 p.m.
 - **LHS BOOSTER CLUB FOOD BOOTH OPENS** (City Hall Parking Lot) Serving Summer Time Favorites 5:30 p.m.
 - **ADAM WYATT OUTLAW COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW** ("The Lex" 11th and Franklin Avenue) Live Music (Sponsored by LRHC) "No Charge" 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - **I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES** (City Hall Parking Lot) Lip Sync Talent Competition--hosted by the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce 6:30 p.m.
- Cash prizes will be awarded: 1st Place \$150, 2nd Place \$100, and 3rd Place \$75
- **BEER GARDEN** featuring live music by The Bucket Band (City Hall parking lot) \$10 per person admission charge 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
 - **AFTER THE FUN "LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST"** The Spotted Pig is open and serving a Full Breakfast Buffet \$8 per person Midnight-2:00 a.m.

God of Tomorrows

This is the blessed life — not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us.

—F.B. Meyer



Know Your Target

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.

A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. “Draw someone who has upset you,” he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who’d mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull’s-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull’s-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus’ scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let’s take aim with love, not hurt.



The Heart of Jesus

The idea of a spiritual heart transplant is a vivid image to me; once you have the heart of somebody else inside you, then that heart is there. Jesus’ heart is inside me, and my heart is gone. So if God were to place a stethoscope against my chest, he would hear the heart of Jesus Christ beating.

—Max Lucado



Christ’s Hands

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ “has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform.”

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours.



But What *About* Here?

At age 4, Anna was starting to make sense of prayer. Her parents had been praying with her since birth, but now her developing cognitive and language skills caused her to really ponder what prayer meant for her.

One night, after tucking her into bed and leaving the room, Anna’s dad heard her voice. He paused outside the door to see if she needed something. But she was speaking to her heavenly Father: “Dear God,” Anna prayed, “when is the best time for me to talk to you? I mean, Mama and Daddy say I can pray anytime, and I know you’re always listening. But when will you be listening especially hard in Minneapolis?”

—Adapted from *The Children’s God*, David Heller

+Christian Symbol+

Scales

In biblical context, scales symbolize judgment, particularly divine judgment. In Daniel 5:27, the king is told he has been “weighed on the scales [by God] and found wanting.” Job also uses scales as a metaphor for judgment: “Let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless” (Job 31:6, NIV). Finally, scales may represent the archangel Michael, who is sometimes considered responsible for “weighing” the souls of the dead.

Love’s Lesson

A new school year promises new adventures, challenges and friends — as well as new classes, homework and lessons. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson:

Savior, teach me day by day
love’s sweet lesson to obey,
sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving him who first loved me.

The World’s Wonders

Never question the truth of what you fail to understand, for the world is filled with wonders.
— L. Frank Baum, *Rinkitink in Oz*

Compelled to Share

In 2 Kings 7, a great siege is lifted when God causes the Arameans, Israel’s enemies, to flee. Initially, some lepers at the city gate keep the victory quiet, hiding the spoils of war. Then they realize, “What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves” (verse 9, NIV).

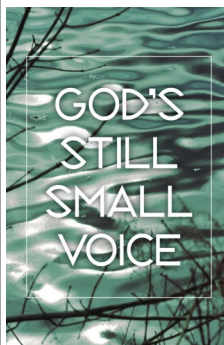
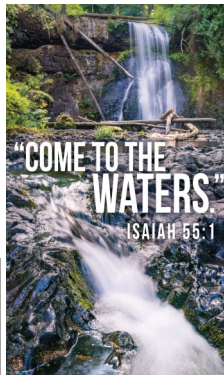
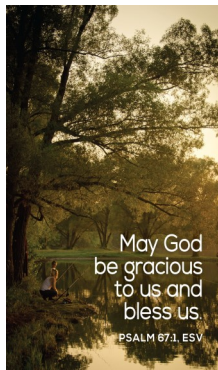
How often we keep the good news of God’s grace and salvation to ourselves! Yet it’s intended for everyone, and there’s plenty to go around. In fact, it never ends. Who in your life needs to hear that news today?

The Power of Weakness

In *Tramp for the Lord*, Corrie ten Boom describes traveling to Russia during the Cold War — when Christians were being persecuted — to thank an old woman who'd been secretly translating Christian books (including ten Boom's). Ravaged by multiple sclerosis, the woman could move only an index finger. Yet with it she typed constantly, translating words while praying for people who'd eventually read them.

Ten Boom's reaction was, "Oh Lord, why don't you heal her?" But the woman's husband said God had a purpose in his wife's suffering. Although the secret police closely watched other Christians, they left this woman alone, assuming she couldn't accomplish anything.

Jesus works through our weaknesses, making his power perfect in them (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). He doesn't ask if we're capable — only if we're willing.



Holiness 2.0

For the Hebrews, who had experienced the anguish of slavery and exile, holiness had to do with separation. Adherence to sacred law [ensured] that they would not be absorbed into a foreign culture, a legitimate fear for them as a people. The Law was quite functional in preserving their Jewish identity.

[But] Jesus turns this custom upside down. Rather than insist on separation, he preaches inclusion. Rather than remove himself from "sinners," he joins with them in love. For Jesus, holiness is about connection, not separation. It is about putting aside the fear of our own alienation and annihilation while trusting in love to heal every breach.
—Quantum Grace, Judy Cannato

Sunday School's Origin

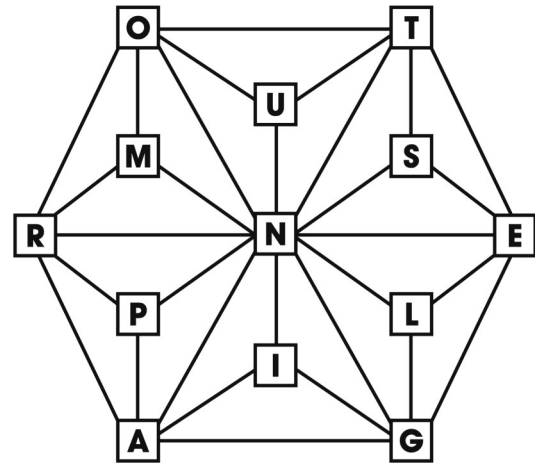
Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.

Puzzle!

Try to spell as many words as possible. Start anywhere and move along the connecting lines. Don't skip letters; for example, you can't form *must* because to get from *m* to *u* you'd need to skip either *o* or *n*. You may return to use the same letter twice, as when you form *noun*, but you can't use the same letter twice in a row.



4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: 4-letter words: gain, pain, lens, mole, page, nuts, nest, sent, rant, rain, pant, 5-letter words: giant, paint, tents, notes, stone, stout, mount, longer words: morning, routes, giants, mounts, promote, raging.

The Log in Your Eye

This humorous illustration of how not to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. "It's awful!" he exclaimed. "The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day."

"How do you stand it?" his mother asked in amazement.

"Oh, I ignore them," her son replied. "I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

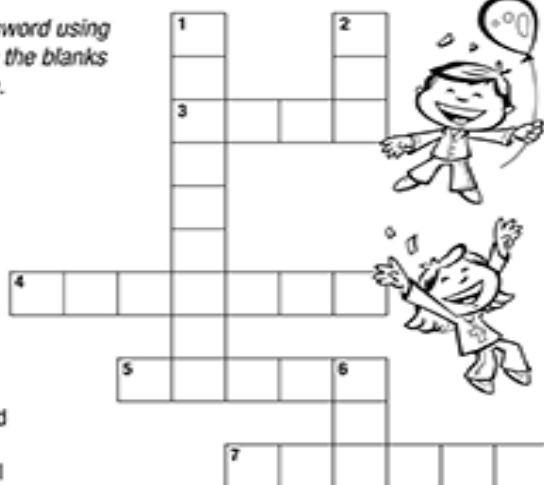
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

- 3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
- 4. What you do when you're very happy
- 5. A song written by David
- 7. Full of joy

DOWN

- 1. People who obey God
- 2. Our Creator
- 6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may
and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV



"Actually, sir, the rules *were* chiseled in stone."

NEVER STOP LEARNING



Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.

Bible Quiz

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel

Answer: See Genesis 30:19-21



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6-8pm National Night Out	2 Life Line Screening-The Lex 8:30-8:30pm Life Saving Skills Seminar	3 2-6pm Blood Drive -PDC 5pm Community Betterment Mtg	4 9-11 Food Pantry	5 7am-10pm Blazing The Trail-Dover 10am Al-Anon Mtg-LUMC
6	7	8 Election-LUMC 7pm City Council Mtg	9	10 6:30pm Lex. Arts Council Mtg-Christ Episcopal Church	11 9-11 Food Pantry	12 10am Al-Anon Mtg-LUMC
13 Pastor John Gone Joe Aull Preaching	14 7pm Lex. Park Board Mtg	15 5:30-8pm Lexington Schools Open House 7pm Lex. Planning & Zoning Mtg	16 8:30-11:30pm 60+ Commodities	17 1st Day of School 7pm Fierce Warriors Cancer Support Group-LUMC	18 1-3 Food Pantry	19 7-10am VFW Breakfast 10am Al-Anon Mtg-LUMC
20 Lexington Community Fair Begins	21 Solar Eclipse	22 LHS Cheerleader Luncheon-PDC 7pm City Council Mtg	23 8:30am FP Delivery 5:30pm Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser-PDC	24 8:30-11:30 Commodities	25 9-11 Food Pantry	26 Lexington Community Fair 8:30am Baby Grace-LUMC 10am Al-Anon Mtg-LUMC
27 VBS Sing Fellowship Meal Confirmation Mtg	28 6:30pm DRP Orientation	29	30	31		



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