



Newsletter Presbyterian Disciples Church June 2016



Pastor's Page—"A Church for Everyone"—John Swisher

Several years ago I included a quote from an author in the "Christianity Today" magazine about the "one catholic church" we all profess to be part of in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Here is an excerpt of that article. "What we mean when we profess 'one catholic church.' by Mark Dever/ April 29, 2014

An essential part of the gospel is that it is catholic—that is, the Good News is given to all people. And the church the Holy Spirit creates is catholic. Putting the matter like this may make some Christians squirm. Many Protestants affirm, either weekly or semi-regularly, the Nicene Creed, proclaiming, "We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church," but many balk at that word, catholic. (That's why in my own congregation, we use the word universal rather than catholic, because the original Greek term *katholikos* means "whole, entire, universal.")" So what does it mean to be "Catholic" in that broader "whole, entire, universal" sense today?

But what does God think of our "broken-ness", our disunity as a Church, that since the 16th Century, we have become splintered and even more so in recent years? Each of our little churches would like to solve the problem of the splintered church, but only by bringing everyone else in to our fellowship and under our rules. We would not choose unity under the banner of the lamb, and coming to Jesus' feet ready to give up our own cherished ideas and practices, in order to realize true unity.

Well, in our local fellowship, we have made a few sacrifices, changed a few practices, and realized the unity, if only in a local congregation, of becoming one fellowship out of the two congregations we were before our merger. At Presbyterian Disciples church we have taken the better of two broad-based traditions and incorporated them into an inclusive fellowship, a communion of believers who reach out to others with love and acceptance, forgiveness and joy.

Some of this has been hard, but much has been joyful, if not easy. Here are a few things which have helped. We have both come from denominations/traditions which have been more or less open about inclusion at the Lord's Table, at communion, or the Lord's Supper. So our communion (fellowship) was open to start, and has remained radically open in our merger. Second, we have been open to the traditions which differed among us, such as baptism, allowing for variation in practice here, where individuals and families have preference. Lastly, we have taken time and pains to listen to each other about a lot of the rest of our issues. I hope this last tradition continues. It could lead us to new beginnings, as a congregation and as Christians in a united community.

Church Chuckle: The Existentialist philosopher, Jean Paul Sartre, needed a break during the writing of his essential work, *Being and Nothingness*, so he headed for the coffee shop. He asked the waiter for a coffee with no cream. The waiter recognized him and said, "Sorry Dr. Sartre. We're out of cream. How about a coffee with no milk?"



BRING THE FAMILY

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Community Vacation Bible School is almost here. Lexington United Methodist Church will be the host church this year and will be held Sunday, July 17th to Wednesday, July 20th from 6:00-8:30pm. There is a planning meeting Monday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Lexington United Methodist Church. If you are interested in helping with this year's Community VBS, please attend the meeting. You don't have to be a teacher to help! We need storytellers, people to walk with the children to and from the various stations, as well as folks to help with registration, recreation, and crafts. This year's theme is Surf Shack.

Each year we try to buy t-shirts for all the children that attend VBS. Our church will participate in the fundraising attempts by doing our loose change **special offering** on **July 3rd** to help in the purchasing of t-shirts for the children. Please participate in this special offering so that each child is able to receive a shirt.

Listed below are the days that each church will provide dinner during VBS.

- Sunday-Trinity United Church of Christ**
- Monday-Christ Episcopal Church**
- Tuesday-Lexington United Methodist Church**
- Wednesday-Presbyterian Disciples Church**

Contact Candy Myers with any questions at 660-232-0303 or presdisciples@embarqmail.com.



Upcoming Community Events

Dinner & Dance
06-04-2016
Location: Lexington Moose Lodge
Dinner 5:30 Dance 7-11pm

Relay for Life 2016
06-10-2016
Location: Lexington High School
7pm-1am

Victorian Tea
06-11-2016
Location: Battle of Lexington State
Historic Site
1:00-4:00 pm

Bushwhackers on Main Street
06-17-2016 to 06-18-2016
Location: Downtown Lexington

VFW Breakfast
06-18-2016
Location: Lexington VFW

Dinner & Dance
07-02-2016
Location: Lexington Moose Lodge
Dinner 5:30 Dance 7-11pm

Roaring 20s Party
07-09-2016
Location: The Lex Civic Auditorium

VFW Breakfast
07-16-2016
Location: Lexington VFW

MO 340 River Race
07-19-2016

The 15th Annual Cannonball Run, a major fundraiser for Lafayette County Habitat For Humanity, takes place on Saturday, June 18th at 7:30 a.m. This is a fun event for walkers and runners. Come to the Lafayette County Courthouse on Saturday morning, register, and support Habitat in their mission to provide decent, affordable housing to residents of Lafayette County. Members of the Community Vacation Bible School Committee will host a Lemonade Stand during the Cannonball Run to help raise money for the VBS t-shirts. Please go out and support Habitat for Humanity and VBS.



The Lexington United Methodist Church will be selling Fireworks as a fundraiser for their church. This will be held inside the Family Life Center of the church so go shop in the air condition. On **Sunday, July 3rd from 5-7pm** they will also host a **Bake Sale to benefit Vacation Bible School**. Please go and support both these worthy causes.



Please remember to sign up for Worship duties for the month of June and July. It takes everyone working together to make service run smoothly. We hope that in between vacations and weekends away, you join us at worship and share your talents with your church and church family.



On Friday, June 17th, the Lexington Fair Board will host the Late Night Pool Party Under the Stars at the Lexington Public Pool from 8:30pm to midnight. Cost is \$5.00 per person and fathers get in free if accompanying their child. There will be food, music, swimming, and prizes.

Lectionary Readings for June

- 05 — 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17
- 12 — 1 Kings 21:1-21; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36—8:3
- 19 — 1 Kings 19:1-15; Psalm 42-43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- 26 — 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



Board will meet after worship on Sunday, June 12th.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 04 – Judi Nicholas
- 06 – Diane Dunford
- 07 – Nekie Kramer
- 08 – Meg Wrisinger
- 09 – Debbie Saults
- 14 – Daylea Shaner
- 17 – Skyler Wrisinger, Georgie Lynn
- 24 — John Larry Marchetti
- 27 — Matthew Neil



Please Pray for The Families of Those that Have Passed: Blanche Jenkins, Edith Coates, Robert Warner, Bonnie Larkin, Linda DeMint, Larry Wilton, Sr., Larry “Champ” Reed

Please be in prayer for Steve Sellers and his family in the passing of his wife and beloved member of the church, Wilma Sellers. Also pray for the family of Alma Richter. She is the mother Sue Harris, former organist for our church and grandmother of Kendra, Joey and Pat Redden.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 07-Jim & Sue Ahrens
- 17-David & Angie Chapman, Bruce & Gail Copenhaver
- 23-Kyle & Jill Oetting
- 25-Bobby & Shelley Maze
- 26-Scott & Gail Shovald
- John & Evelyn Morgan



Please Keep These Individuals in Your Prayers: Mary Williams, Doris Bradley, Anne Brubeck, Linda & John Marchetti, Rick Failing, Bob Smith, Chris & Stephanie Christenson, Rou Marchetti, Becky Clariday, Bill & LaVeda Cross, Greg Major, John Somerville, Bonny Bunner, LaVonne Hulver, Lela Bryant, Lois Coulter, McGregor Family

Bushwhackers on Main Schedule

Mayhem on Main Street - Friday night, June 17

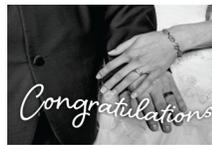
- Participating Downtown Merchants open until 7:00pm
- Reenactor encampment at 12th & Main - Open for visitors of all ages - Meet the reenactors and see a recreation of a Bushwhacker camp!
- 7:00 pm (sign up at 6:30)- Stick horse races for kids, sponsored by Kleinschmidts Western Store! Bank Midwest East Parking Lot. Free cowboy hat and badge for the first 25 entries. Prizes for race winners, 1st place - One Combo ticket Worlds of Fun/ Oceans of Fun! • 2nd Place - 2 tickets to B&B theaters • 3rd place - \$10 McDonald's gift certificate.
- BBQ by Uncle Bo's on Main Street near the encampment, 12th & Main

Mayhem on Main Street - Saturday, June 18

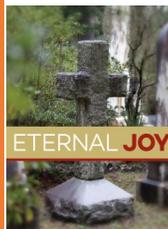
- 7:00 – 10:00 am VFW breakfast
- 7:30 am – 5K Cannonball Run – Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity
- BBQ by Uncle Bo's at 927 Main Street in front of the Tourism office
- 11:00 am – Bushwhacker bank robbery at 1012 Main Street
- 12 noon – 2:00 pm - Live Music: The Mathews Band - Bluegrass music
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Mercantile on Main open – 1110 Main Street
- Vendor booths & The Traveling Button Museum; "The Button Lady will give a presentation at 3:00pm
- 12:30 pm – Larry Wood, Author event at River Reader Bookstore - Larry Wood will discuss his new book, "Bushwhacker Belles": Stories about the women behind the Bushwhackers
- Bushwhacker Skirmishes at the Goose Pond - 14th & Main – 2:00 pm
- Meet the Bushwhackers on Main - Reenactors will roam & mingle throughout downtown following the skirmishes
 - 2:00pm – 4:00 pm - Live Music: Back Trax
 - 3:00pm & 5:00pm - Historic tours at Linwood Lawn - visit www.linwoodlawn.com for details



Our Servicemen:
Bobby Maze, Brittany Maze, Bo Maze, Derek Morgan, Eric Morgan, MJ Myers, Mark Brubeck, Aaron Bryant, Ryland Sims, Johnathan Lefholz, Jimmy Register, Shily Peck



Janelle Braden and Cody Neece will unite in marriage on Saturday, June 11th at 5:00pm at our church. Reception to follow at the Moose Lodge.



It is still time to go to Church Camp. The available camps can be found online at www.heartlandcenter.org. Please see the office if you are wanting to go to camp this year or want information about volunteering.

I am trying to get a time set up with Heartland Center for us to be able to tour the camp and have a sack lunch there. I will keep you updated as to when I am able to get that set up.



The Lexington United Methodist Church hosts the Fierce Warriors Cancer Support Group on July 9th at 6pm.

To keep connected with the Northwest Area Disciples of Christ, please contact Rev. Bill Rose-Heim at br_h@nwareacc.org or (816) 632-2237.



Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

PSALM 32:1, NRSV

To keep up to date on current events and to see what visitors are seeing when they check out our town on the internet, go to the following websites:

- www.lexingtonmo.com
- www.historiclexington.com
- www.visitlexingtonmo.com
- www.lafayettecountymo.com

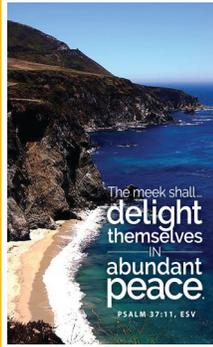
Running Blind

Years ago, I worked at a summer Bible camp with my cousin Erik. As an evening staff meeting concluded, a sprinkle suddenly became a downpour. Counselors sprinted off toward cabins, while Erik and I, who didn't supervise youngsters, debated whether to wait out the storm.

We opted to run for it, but being visually impaired, I soon realized the sheets of rain, added to the dark, hindered my view. "I can't see!" I yelled through the wind to Erik. Immediately, he grabbed my hand, pulling me along. "It's okay!" he shouted back. "I can!"

The sensation of running blindly yet feeling so secure became a metaphor for me about what I can handle and accomplish through faith. When I let God grab my hand and guide me, even when I'm running through dark, stormy times, I experience peace. For though I cannot see what lies ahead, I know God can.

—Heidi Mann



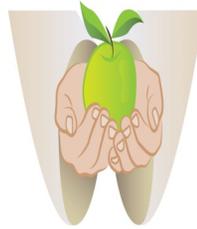
So Good

At the communion rail, a man held out his hand to receive the bread. His curious toddler by his side loudly asked, "Is it good, Daddy?" He smiled and nodded yes.

Indeed, communion is a good gift from Jesus, who wants us to remember his sacrifice for us. The next time you receive communion, remember to "taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Psalm 34:8, emphasis added).

+Christian Symbol+ Apple

Although Genesis 3 doesn't identify the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve, it has traditionally been thought of and portrayed as an apple. This may be because in Latin, "apple" and "evil" are the same word (malum). An apple, then, often represents humanity's fall into sin. When Christ is shown holding an apple, however, it symbolizes his conquest over sin and death. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22, NIV).



Blessings Bestowed

When author Gary Smalley asked 100 people to share how they knew they'd received their parents' blessing, they offered these memories of fatherly love:

- My father put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder.
- When my father faced a transfer at work, he purposely took another job so I could finish my senior year in high school.
 - When I wrecked my parents' car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me.
- My father went with me to the store when I had to return a purchase I regretted.
- My father let me practice pitching to him for a long time after work.
- My father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me being at home.



"Your **faith** has saved you; go in **peace**."
LUKE 7:50

Fatherly Advice

Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

—Sunday Adelaja



"Reflecting His Love"

My prayer to God is that you see his presence when you look at me. His steadfast love has set me free, and his reflection I can be when God is shining bright in me.

—MaryAnn Sundby



What Can I Do?

Pastor and hymn writer Phillips Brooks penned these words in the 19th century, but they're just as relevant for Jesus' followers today:

"[People] are questioning now, as they never have questioned before, whether Christianity is indeed the true religion Can [Christianity] meet all these human problems, and relieve all these human miseries and fulfill all these human hopes?"

"It is for us, in whom the Christian church is at this moment partially embodied, to declare that Christianity . . . can do for the world [that] which the world needs.

"You ask, 'What can I do?'"

"You can furnish one Christian life — so faithful to every duty, so ready for every service, so determined not to commit every sin — that the Christian church shall be stronger for your living in it; and the problem of the world be answered; and a certain peace come into this poor, perplexed phase of our humanity as it sees that new revelation of what Christianity is."

"I, through the abundance of your steadfast love . . . enter your house. . . . Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness" (Psalm 5:7-8, ESV).

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24

"He who has God and everything has no more than he who has God alone."

—C.S. Lewis

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."

—Umberto Eco

"It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live."

—Ethel Percy Andrus

God of new beginnings, at the start of this new season, refresh us with worship, rest and new ways to serve. Amen.

Love's Many Forms

Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance is love in training.
—D.L. Moody

Reach Out and Touch

During Jesus' earthly ministry, he "healed many [people], so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him" (Mark 3:10, ESV). Touching Jesus was enough to make people whole.

J.R. Miller (1840-1912) reminded Christians that it's necessary to keep reaching for Jesus: "It is not enough to be in the crowd that gathers about [Jesus]. ... It is not enough to be in the congregation that worships. One sitting or bowing next to us may receive a great blessing while we receive none at all. It is because he reaches out his hand of faith and touches Christ, while we, as close to Christ as he is, do not put out our hand to touch him, and therefore receive no blessing."

Unshakable Faith

No one wishes for crises, but Christians who've endured them often speak of the faith benefits that result. Here are two examples:

Author and Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie, who lost two babies to a rare genetic disorder, writes: "Trusting God when the miracle does not come, when the urgent prayer gets no answer, when there is only darkness ... this is the kind of faith that cannot be shaken because it is the result of having been shaken" (Holding On to Hope, Tyndale).

Christian musician Danny Gokey, whose first wife died from congenital heart disease, writes: "Sometimes we don't discover our purpose until the darkest moments strip us of everything and all we are left with is brokenness and heartache. It is in these moments, ironically, when hope becomes our strength and carries us" (Hope in Front of Me, NavPress).

Family Web

Genealogy research turns up some intriguing relations; for example, Barack Obama and Sarah Palin are 10th cousins, and Britney Spears and Prince Albert of Monaco are 17th half-cousins. In the Bible, Jesus is linked to Rahab and Ruth, members of nations that were enemies of Israel.

Searches for family connections quickly reveal not only roots but also a web. Only a few generations up in the branches of each family tree are so many people that trees intersect. Scientists speculate that most people living today are related through a recent common ancestor. So there's a "web-like tapestry" rather than a "tree that fans out exponentially," according to writer Carl Zimmer.

Realizing we're all connected should affect how we treat others. After all, we're related to people with diverse backgrounds and opinions. In terms of genealogy, as well as living as Jesus' disciples, we belong to one another.



Lively or Lifeless?

When Eugene Peterson was a seminary student, he met Willi Ossa, a German-born artist who worked as a church janitor by night. Ossa thought all Christians were hypocrites because the ones he knew in his homeland had supported Nazis.

In Run With the Horses (IVP Books), Peterson writes that Ossa warned him not to become a pastor because "the church squeezed the spirit and morality" out of people. When Ossa painted Peterson's portrait, the flat eyes and gaunt face served as a "prophetic warning" about what might happen to him.

Peterson kept the portrait, often comparing it to what he saw in the mirror. The painting, he says, "shows me what I become if I drift from or deny a personal faith in a merciful God."

What is Prayer?

A self-help guru once said, "If prayer is you talking to God, then intuition is God talking to you." Yes and no.

Although we often think of prayer as us talking while God listens, listening to him is crucial. We can start with reading or hearing Scripture and then responding — aloud or in our hearts — with questions, concerns, joys, confessions, gratitude and praise.

Certainly, God also communicates with us in other ways. Through Christian friends we hear guidance, assurance, love, even admonition. Then, too, we hear God speaking in our heart. We may call this our conscience, a hunch or, indeed, intuition. So we might tweak the line above: "Prayer is both you talking to God and your intuition by which God talks to you." Amen!

God's Plan

God has a plan for every life in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous truth ... and yet how reasonable. Shall the architect draw the plans for his stately palace? Shall the artist sketch the outlines of his masterpiece? Shall the shipbuilder lay down the lines for his colossal ship? And yet shall God have no plan for the soul which he brings into being and puts "in Christ Jesus"? Surely he has.

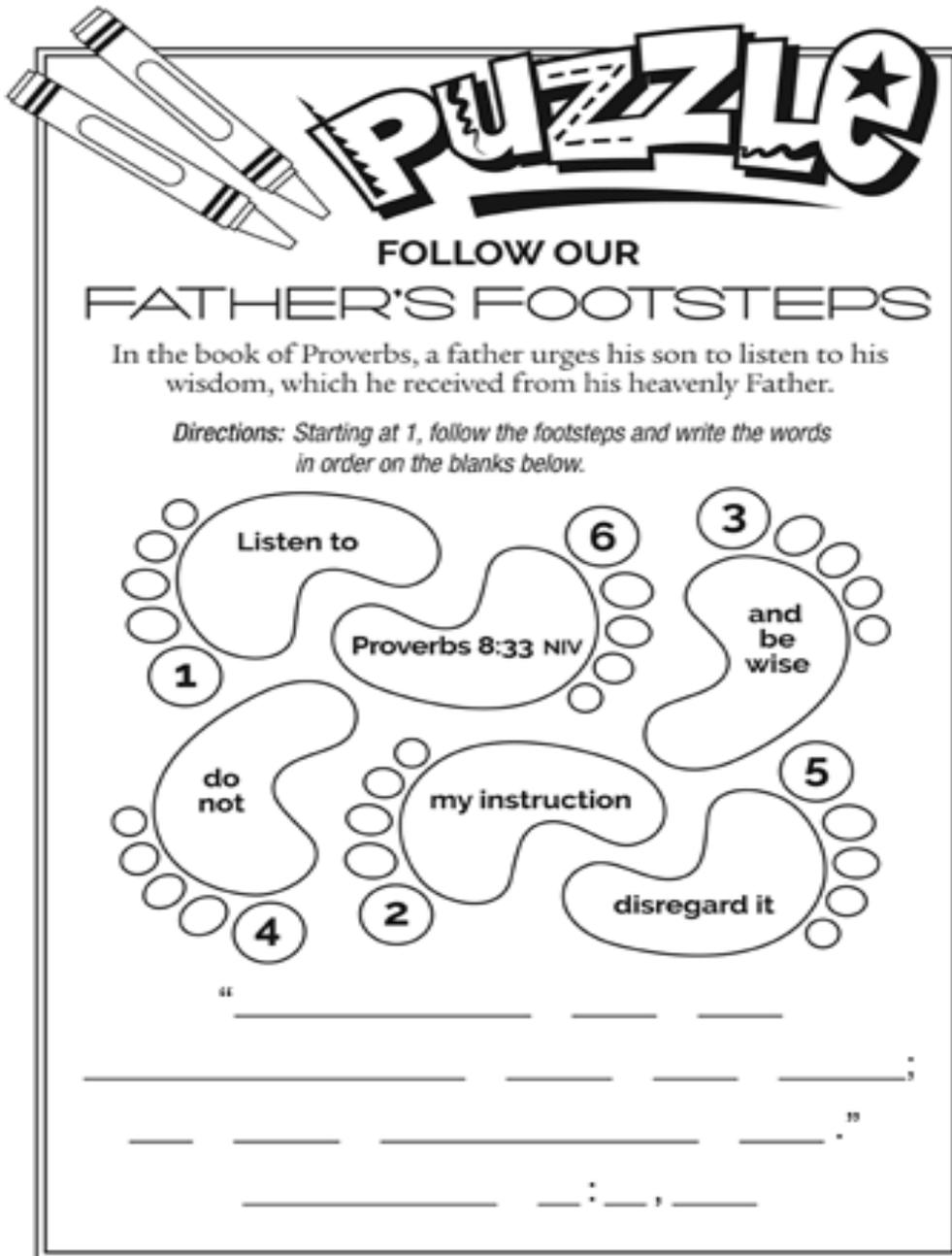
Yea, for every cloud that floats across the summer sky, for every blade of grass that points its tiny spear heavenward, God has a purpose and a plan. How much more then, for you who are his own in Christ Jesus, does God have a perfect life plan.

—James McConkey

The Gift of Yourself

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.

—Fred Rogers



PUZZLE

FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.

1 Listen to

6

3

Proverbs 8:33 NIV

4 do not

2 my instruction

5 and be wise

disregard it

“ _____ ;
 _____ .”
 _____ : _____

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it."



"Attendance is always down on Father's Day. They all get golf balls."

Campbell.



Bible Quiz

Of the 66 books in the Protestant Bible, 39 have people's names as titles. Some names indicate the person credited as author — for example, Matthew; others name the book's main character — such as Ruth. How many books are written to the person named in the title?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 13
- D. 21

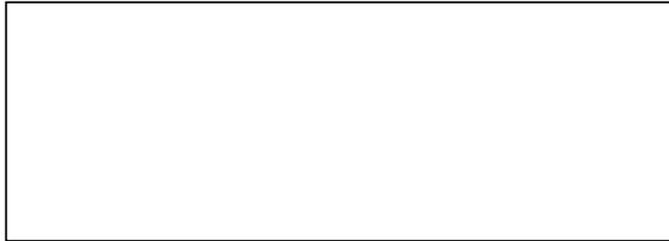
Answer: See 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:1



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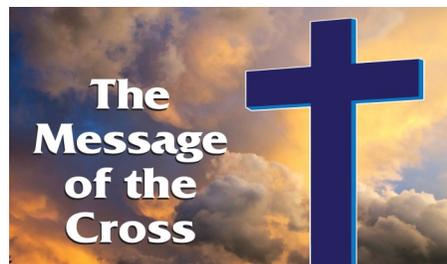
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5	6	7	8 7pm Choir Practice	9 6pm Cancer Group-LUMC	10 9-11 Food Pantry 7pm-1am Relay for Life-LHS	11 10am Al-Anon-UMC 1-4pm Anderson House Victorian Tea 5pm Braden/Niece Wedding
12 10am Choir Practice 12pm Board Mtg 2pmVFW Flag Ceremony/LWV Symphony Concert-LUMC	13 7pm VBS Mtg-LUMC	14 Flag Day	15 8:30-11:30 60+ Commodities 7pm Choir Practice	16	17 1-3 Food Pantry 6:30pm Movie Night-LUMC 9-12pm Late Night Pool Party	18 10am Al-Anon-UMC Cannon Ball 5K Run/Walk for Habitat for Humanity Bushwhackers on Main
19 Father's Day 10am Choir Practice	20	21	22 9 FP Home Delivery	23 8:30-11:30 Commodities	24 9-11 Food Pantry 10:30am Baby Grace Pick Up-UMC	25 10am Al-Anon-UMC
26 Matthew Vacation	27 Matthew Vacation	28 Matthew Vacation	29 Matthew Vacation	30 Matthew Vacation		



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Worship Service 10:45am - 12:00pm
Childrens Church 11:00am-12:00pm
All Are Welcome



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Organist- Matthew Neil
Secretary- Candy Myers/Matthew Neil
Treasurer-John Morgan
Custodian- MJ Myers
Children's Church-Candy Myers