



# Newsletter

## Presbyterian Disciples Church

### October 2016



Church Chat—"Life Without Limbs—Nick Vujicic's Story"--John Swisher, Pastor

We recently received a DVD at the Chapel at the prison donated from the group, "Life Without Limbs". I wanted to share it with you because it is not just motivational or inspirational, but because reminds us what it is to be human, and hopefully why that's important whether viewed through the lenses of faith or not. As above the DVD is a presentation by Nick Vujicic at the Barry Telford Unit of the Texas DOC from May 19, 2016. If you want to get some background on Nick and the organization and have a computer just "google" him by name or at [lifewithoutlimbs.org](http://lifewithoutlimbs.org).

He reminds me of a guy who spoke a few years ago at a local Boone's Lick Area Prayer Breakfast in Booneville. He had been the victim of a gasoline fire which he set playing with matches as a small child. He lived through many surgeries and medical procedures after his parents were told he would not survive. He had also lost most of his fingers and toes and had been burned over most of his body. After surviving the accident, living through multiple reconstructive surgeries and skin grafts, he had gone on to complete college, have a family, and do motivational/inspirational speaking.

Anyway, I don't want to go on and on about tough luck stories, but the trouble with all of them is that they tend to obscure everything else in life, not the drama necessarily, but just the facts, as Joe Friday on Dragnet used to say, themselves. Both of the guys above went on to live and are still living lives of meaning and purpose.

Recently, I was visiting with an offender who was going home (with his "walk-around" papers at the prison where I work) and he told me he wasn't "very religious" person. Naturally, I took the bait on this one. What he meant was he had his beliefs, but he didn't always think that God was behind everything and anything that occurred in life. I told him I must not be "very religious" either, that I agreed with him if that was what he meant, because I didn't go along with all the testimonies I heard about "Everything happens for a reason", or "God must have wanted another angel in heaven (at the time of someone's death)", or the one I really don't like "God never gives you more than you can bear". All they do is just get in the way of what God does do, it seems to me.

While there may be causes for everything which happens in life, a reason often eludes us, at least it eludes me in many cases. For whatever reason, bad stuff can and does happen in this life, and I have to say I don't think God is the author of all that stuff. As far as God wanting more angels in heaven, that one just seems cruel to me. The third one is a misquote from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:13, which is not even about burdens we carry, it's about temptations we have to overcome. It really says God never gives you more temptations than you bear, and also that God provides a way out of times when you might be tempted to act immorally or in "low-down" (not upright) ways.

How about you? Are you "very religious"? Moderately? Or not at all? Let me know if you're thinking about this stuff, cause it might help us make whatever religious inclination we have be more faithful and helpful, to God, each other, and in our own lives.

"Chapel Chuckle"--Why does a woman love an archaeologist? Cause the older and older she becomes, the more he gets interested in her.



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Sunday, October 2nd we have been Invited to worship and fellowship with Rev. Everett Hanon and the congregants of the Second Baptist Church. Their church service starts at 11:00am and they are located on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. They ask that we bring a covered dish to share. Our building will not be open that day since we will be over there. Please let the office know if you have any questions regarding this service. Come celebrate this wonderful over 30 year tradition of worshipping with our neighbors.



Community Calendar

Dinner & Dance

10-01-2016

Location: Lexington Moose Lodge

Dinner 5:30 Dance 7-11pm

Fall Ladies Night Out

10-06-2016

Location: Downtown Lexington

Kelly Miller Circus

10-13-2016

Location: Lexington Bus Lot

Two shows 4:30 & 7:30 pm

VFW Breakfast

10-15-2016

Location: Lexington VFW

Community Halloween Party

10-29-2016

Location: Moose Lodge

5-9:00pm

Halloween Boo Bash

10-29-2016

Location: The Lex Civic Auditorium  
Enjoy the K C Eliminator Band. The Full Circle Band will also play during the 8pm-

Midnight time frame. Costume Contest -

Judging at 11. [www.eliminatorkc.com](http://www.eliminatorkc.com)

Lantern-Light Tour

10-29-2016

Location: Machpelah Cemetery

October Fall Ladies Night Out in the Downtown Lexington Area will be held Thursday, October 6th. Lots of specials and drawings throughout the night. Join in the fun and support Lexington businesses!



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](http://www.lexingtonmo.com)

[www.historiclexington.com](http://www.historiclexington.com)

[www.visitlexingtonmo.com](http://www.visitlexingtonmo.com)

[www.lafayettecountymmo.com](http://www.lafayettecountymmo.com)



Federal Agencies, Banks, and Schools will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

The First Baptist Church and the United Methodist Church will both participate in their Annual Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31st in their parking lots. A Fun, Safe alternative to traditional trick or treating.



World Communion Sunday is October 2nd and Peacemaking Offering is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Lectionary Readings for October:**

02 – Lamenations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

09 – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

16 – Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8

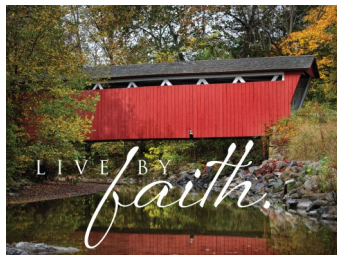
23 – Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

30— Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

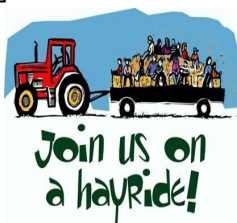
02 – Ryan Barker  
05 – Natalie Oetting  
06 – John Morgan, Steve Sellers  
08 – Taylor Bryant  
09 – Candee Aull, Janice Peterson  
15 – David Chapman  
18 – Bonny Bunner, Brittany Maze  
23 – Pat Redden  
24 – Joe Roncelli  
30 – Bill Powell  
31 – Brock Maze



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Wear Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness and remember to get your mammogram done this month. Wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness and be an advocate for all those women and men who have not had a voice. If you or someone you know is in an unhealthy relationship, please know that you do not have to settle and there is help available.

If you are interested in some volunteer work, but don't know where to turn, you don't have to look far because we have lots of opportunities right here in our building. The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers, especially to help them on Fridays. The food pantry has lots of programs and does some wonderful work for our community and it would be great to be more of a part of that. See Jan Wright if you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry. Also, the Discovery Room Preschool uses volunteers as Grannies, if anyone is interested in committing to 3 hours a day, two days a week, we could use your help. Please see Candy if you have any questions or want additional information.

The Christian Education Committee has been working hard at trying to plan some fun events for our children and their families. The October Family Fun Event will be a hayride at Big River Ranch on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00pm. We will have a hay ride and a hot dog roast. Everyone is welcome to attend and make sure you bring a friend or two with you. Everyone who attends will need to sign a permission slip for liability. The Braden Family are in charge of this event and will have supplies ready for a hot dog dinner and amores. November we will have another fun event, keep watching the bulletins and newsletters for details. The children will be doing a Christmas Play in December with further details to follow regarding the play. We hope to have a fun activity every month where we can all fellowship together.



Please Keep These Individuals in Your Prayers:

Mary Williams Doris Bradley, Anne Brubeck, Linda & John Marchetti, Bob Smith, Chris & Stephanie Christenson, Steve Sellers, Bill & LaVeda Cross, Roy Marchetti, Nancy Mabe, Bryan Bechler, Greg Major, Bonny Bunner, LaVonne Hulver, Lela Bryant, Lois Coulter, Philip & Linda Hull, Gladys Duffett, Bev Waddell, Sue Myers, Beryl Myatt, Garbs Family  
Please Pray for The Families of Those that Have Passed:  
Ruth Wainscott, Joseph Mussatoo, Jr., Jean Lichte, Carol Weeks, Betty Fahrmeier, Anna Bell Mashmeier, Tim Danner, Kenny Goodwin

Our Servicemen:

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

Wentworth Military Academy will host their Homecoming Weekend on October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Their Homecoming Parade will go through downtown on Saturday, October 8th at 1pm. prior to the Homecoming Football game. That morning they will host the 3rd Annual Red Dragon 5-K. Check in begins at 7:30 am and the race begins at 8:00 am. The registration fee is \$20 and will include a t-shirt. It is open to all age and medals will be given for the top three males and females in each age group. Register online at <https://wma.edu/homecoming-2014-registration>. Following the 5-K Walk/Run will be a Dragon Den Festival from 9-11 featuring games, inflatables and a carnival atmosphere for families and children. The football game will be at 2:00pm and there will be a chalk art contest at 3:30pm. For additional information call Marnie Morgan at 660-259-6014.

### In Communion

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



### Without a Trace

[The abundant grace] we have received is not just a medicine sufficient to heal the wound of sin but also health and beauty and honor and glory and dignity far transcending our natural state. Each of these in itself would have been enough to do away with death, but when they are all put together in one, there is not a trace of death left, nor can any shadow of it be seen, so entirely has it been done away with.

—St. John Chrysostom



### I'm Clean

Church reformer Martin Luther once had a nightmare about being judged by the devil. From a scroll, Satan was reading all the sins Luther had ever committed.

“What hope of heaven do you have as a miserable sinner?” the devil accused.

Feeling despondent, Luther remembered the cross. “There's one entry which thou hast not made, Satan,” he said.

When the devil inquired about it, Luther responded confidently: “The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7, KJV).

Praise God that he sent Jesus to be our Deliverer (Psalm 18:2) so we are no longer held hostage by Satan's accusations!



### True Identity

Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the “Beloved.” Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence. ...

Your true identity is as a child of God. This is the identity you have to accept. Once you have claimed it and settled in it, you can live in a world that gives you much joy as well as pain. You can receive the praise as well as the blame that comes to you as an opportunity for strengthening your basic identity, because the identity that makes you free is anchored beyond human praise and blame.

—Henri Nouwen



### I Shall Not Need

Despite the traditional wording (“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”), Psalm 23 declares that God provides everything we need — not everything we desire.

“He makes me lie down ... ” Sometimes our busyness is useful; other times it's how we feel in control or superior to others. God knows we need to rest and sometimes must make us do so!

“He leads me beside still waters ... ” Although we often prefer noisy distractions, God knows we need quiet to hear him and have our souls restored.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” Rather than a boast (“Ha! See how God spreads a banquet in my honor while others look on!”), this is a reminder that God wants us to dine with our enemies. We might not be able to stand those people, but God pursues reconciliation.

In the process, “goodness and mercy ... follow me all ... my life.” That's what we need the most.

### You'rx Nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrxfctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church.” But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxcxsary, rxmxxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much.”

### Wet Prayers

Just as water is essential for plants to grow, it also can make our prayers blossom. Here's how two theologians connect prayers and tears:

“The prayers and supplications that Christ offered up were joined with strong cries and tears, herein setting us an example not only to pray but to be fervent and importunate in prayer. How many dry prayers, how few wet ones, do we offer up to God!”

—Matthew Henry

“The tearful praying Christian, whose distress prevent his words, will be clearly understood by the Most High.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon

### Look Up

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. ... As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people. And, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

—C.S. Lewis

**+ Christian Symbols+**  
Door

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and personal relationship with Jesus: “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7, NIV). Conversely, a door represents Jesus’ desire to be invited into our lives and hearts: “I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (Revelation 3:20, NIV).



Always Value

When Paul talks about treasure in clay jars (2 Corinthians 4:6-9), he’s referring to the gospel message. The apostle compares the human carriers of the treasure, including himself, to breakable vessels that aren’t impervious to outside influences and can fail. But that causes the carriers to rely on God’s strength when facing afflictions.

Part of the usefulness of the image — and Paul knows this — is that broken clay jars were used as blank “pages” for writing letters, business receipts, invitations to meals and weddings, and so on. He emphasizes that even when we’re broken, we’re useful in God’s kingdom. When we feel defeated by failure, Jesus still considers us valuable.

Daily Tasks

When I awoke this morning, I asked, “How shall I live this day?” The answers were all around me:

- The fan said, “Keep your cool.”
  - The ceiling said, “Aim high.”
  - The window said, “Look outside yourself.”
  - The clock said, “Every minute is precious.”
  - The calendar said, “Stay up to date.”
  - The door said, “Take advantage of opportunity.”
  - The floor said, “Kneel down and pray.”
- Unknown (adapted)

Seeds of Victory

Months before the U.S. won the World War II Battle of Midway, code analysts planted the seeds of victory far from the battle site. Using primitive predecessors to today’s computers, they cracked a Japanese code, enabling America to avoid an ambush.

I wonder if those analysts got frustrated before the solution became clear. Did they ever believe hope was lost or wonder if all their work was worthwhile?

Christians, likewise, can feel discouraged. We wonder if our attempts to teach kids about Jesus will ever bear fruit, if our small outreach efforts really make a difference and if sin and brokenness can ever be defeated.

We won’t see all the results of our labors, but we can trust they’re not in vain. The same Spirit who helps us plant the seeds will bring them to harvest. And Jesus has already won the “battle” raging around us — the enemy forces just don’t know it yet!

—Heidi Mann

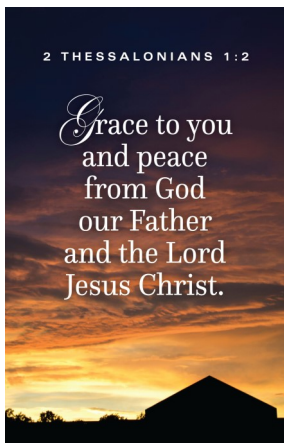
# Puzzle!

Unscramble each set of letters to spell the name of a country.



1. ADEKMRN \_\_\_\_\_
2. GRBAAILU \_\_\_\_\_
3. HPEITIAO \_\_\_\_\_
4. DAUROHNS \_\_\_\_\_
5. OANMARI \_\_\_\_\_
6. GLEDANN \_\_\_\_\_
7. SHININECLTEET \_\_\_\_\_
8. HFNNAASTGAI \_\_\_\_\_
9. YNGARME \_\_\_\_\_
10. SATNKPIA \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. Denmark, 2. Bulgaria, 3. Ethiopia, 4. Honduras, 5. Romania, 6. England, 7. Liechtenstein, 8. Afghanistan, 9. Germany, 10. Pakistan



He’s Everywhere

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. “But it’s dark out there!” he protested.

“Don’t be scared,” Mom said. “Jesus is out there. He’ll take care of you.” When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, “Jesus is everywhere. You’ll be safe.”

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, “Jesus, if you’re out there, will you please hand me the broom?”



# Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

- Better than; rhymes with *crater*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of hate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of yes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Three minus two: \_\_\_\_\_
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: \_\_\_\_\_
- To place something down; rhymes with *say*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of up: \_\_\_\_\_
- Opposite of death: \_\_\_\_\_
- Best buds: \_\_\_\_\_

" \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_: to \_\_\_\_\_  
 one's \_\_\_\_\_ for one's \_\_\_\_\_."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

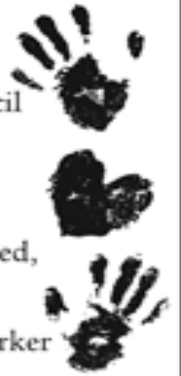
Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

## FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

### What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



### What you do:

- Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
- Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
- Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
- Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
- Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
- On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



"When I type in your name and 'sin,' sir, there are over 20 million results."



### Bible Quiz

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?

- Matthew
- Jeremiah
- Proverbs
- Jude

Answer: See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12



# October 2016

Sun

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2 <i>11am Worship at 2nd Baptist Church World Communion</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>9-11 Food Pantry</i>	8
9 <i>10:45am Worship Service 12pm Board Mtg</i>	10	11 <i>6:30pm Ministerial Alliance Mtg-1st Baptist Church</i>	12 <i>7pm Choir Practice</i>	13	14 <i>9-11 Food Pantry</i>	15
16 <i>10:45 Worship Service</i>	17	18	19 <i>8:30-11:30 60+ Commodities 7pm Choir Practice</i>	20	21 <i>1-3 Food Pantry</i>	22
23 <i>10:45am Worship Service 4pm Hay- ride/Hot Dog Roast at Big River Ranch</i>	24	25	26 <i>7pm Choir Practice</i>	27 <i>8:30-11:30 Com- modities</i>	28 <i>9-11 Food Pantry</i>	29 <i>5-9pm Halloween Party-Moose</i>
30 <i>10am Choir Prac- tice 10:45am Worship Service</i>	31 <i>Trunk or Treat</i>					



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



Minister- Rev. John Swisher  
Organist- Matthew Neil  
Secretary- Candy Myers/Matthew Neil  
Treasurer-John Morgan  
Custodian- MJ Myers  
Children's Church– Brittney Bayne/Brittany Register