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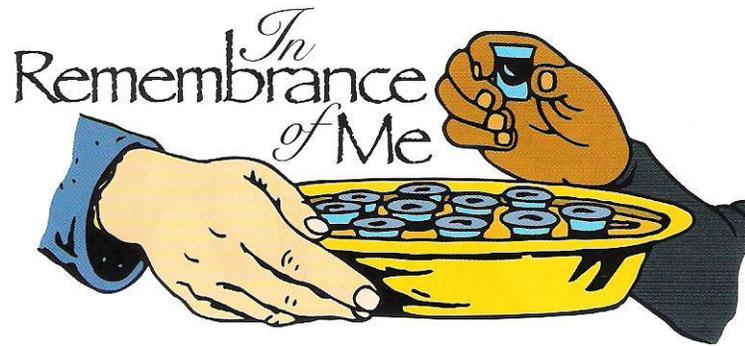
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"Ye are the LIGHT of the world." Matthew 5:14

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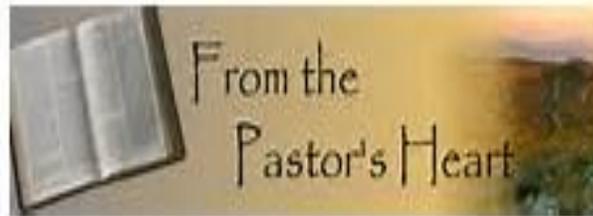
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**OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11:00 A.M.**



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Offering taken for Letcher County Food Pantry



What a blessing it was to baptize Cyndee Trent this past Sunday. The men led our services in what I believe to be the best men's day we ever had. Thank-you men for the testimonies, songs and your willingness to step up and lead. We appreciate you so much.

This Sunday morning, we will observe the Lord's Supper. I will continue our study in 1 Timothy with one verse, 1:8, "*But we know that the law is good, if a man uses it lawfully*". Theologian Andrew Murray stated that it is important for a physician to distinguish between a disease and a symptom of a disease. He uses the example of taking one's pulse. A patient might ask the doctor to give him something to stimulate a weak pulse; but the weak pulse is only a symptom of a bigger problem, like heart disease. The pulse is but an index of the health of the heart. To treat the pulse is useless.

Likewise, when our prayer life, witnessing, or Bible study is weak, they are but symptoms of a bigger problem – our heart (our spiritual health). You can try to fix a weak prayer life, but if you do not recognize that it is only a symptom of a weak spiritual life, you won't cure the disease. This Sunday I will be preaching about that bigger problem – not the symptoms. What is the bigger problem? Perhaps no better answer is found than the one Paul writes in Romans 6:14, "*You are not under the law, but under grace.*" Is the law a symptom or is it the disease?

Andrew Murray says that many people try to live only by keeping the law. Some seek to live by a little bit of the law and a little of grace. But the true Christian can really live only, as Murray states it, "*...a life entirely under grace, in the full liberty from self-effort and the full experience of the Divine strength which it can give*". In other words, we are saved by grace, not by our efforts.

We will look closely Sunday morning at this problem the early church faced – and one still misleading people today. Is the law good? What is its purpose? Come this Sunday to Bible study and worship. We will make it very plain and simple that Jesus is the (only) Way, Truth and Life. No one comes to God, except through Jesus. Oh, but don't think God doesn't have a purpose for the law. I assure you He does.

Bro. Tony

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00 P.M.



A question for all of the parents associated with our church: would you like for your child or children to have a few days where their focus is primarily on their relationship with Christ? NOT on television. NOT on video games. NOT on social media. Camp offers a safe environment for pre-teens and teens to focus on the deeply personal nature of a relationship with Christ. Camp will consist of worship services, spiritually relevant dramas, track times (personal interest activities such as sports, arts, science, etc.), Bible study, quiet time with God, and recreation. This summer we will be offering two opportunities for kids to engage in this type of spiritual retreat:

4th-6th Graders will have the opportunity to attend CentriKid Camp on July 13th-15th on the campus of Campbellsville University – about 3 ½ hours away in Campbellsville, KY. Lifeway Christian Resources is the operator of this camp and we will be housed in dorm rooms. Cost per participant is \$163 and two fast food meals. The length of this camp makes it ideal for kids who get a little uncomfortable away from home and will help prepare them for the longer trips that they will have the opportunity to participate in with the youth group. The initial deposit of \$50 is due when you sign your child up. For more information about this camp, contact me or visit www.centrikid.com.

7th-12th Graders will have the opportunity to attend Seesalt on June 17th-22nd. This will be on the campus of Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC. The youth from Highlands Baptist Church in Ocala, FL will be attending this camp on these dates as well. Cost per participant is \$290 and seven meals; some fundraising opportunities will be offered. The first deposit of \$60 is due upon sign-up. For more information about this camp, contact Regina Brown or myself, or visit www.concoxiions.com.

If you would like for your child to attend camp, please sign up as soon as possible; this helps us to reserve the proper number of spots and avoid trying to add-on at the last minute. Scholarships are available, please don't let financial concerns stop your child from being able to participate in camp.

In Christ,
JEREMY
2 Timothy 1:6-7

At church one Sunday, I noticed a woman carrying a Bible neatly wrapped in colorful ribbon, like a package. My first thought was that she must be giving it to someone as a present.

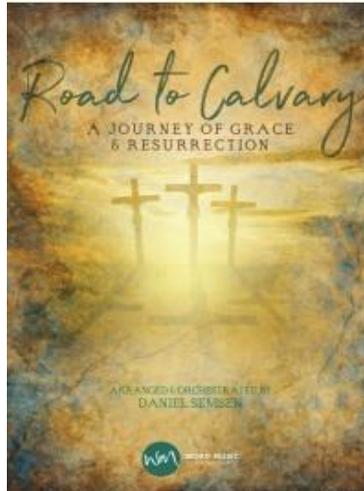
Throughout the next few weeks, however, I realized it was the woman's own well-used Bible. Whenever a worship service or Bible study ended, she carefully rewrapped the Scriptures with that shimmery strand.

What a great reminder that God's Word is a precious, practical gift meant to be opened and reopened regularly.

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Looking for something to do that is fun and a great experience? Come out and sing in our choir. No talent required, just come with a willingness to serve and to lift up the name of Jesus in song. All else really doesn't matter. Our Easter Cantata is **Road to Calvary—A Journey of Grace and Resurrection** and we have just started learning the music. It is not too late to join and become a part of this great bunch of folks – it is a great opportunity to fellowship and worship.



Saranell & Tessa have chosen a play with speaking parts for Easter as well. They would love to have folks come out and be a part of this growing ministry. Please prayerfully consider taking on a speaking part in our Easter play – *"It Is Finished"*. If you are interested, please let the ladies know, as Uncle Sam says, "We need You!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25, 6:00 P.M. -- "*It Is Finished*" – Easter Play

March 30, 6:00 P.M. -- "*Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection*"
Fellowship immediately following

April 1, 7:00 A.M. -- SUNRISE SERVICE -- Breakfast Brunch afterwards

April 1, 11:00 A.M. -- "*Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection*"

May 6, 6:00 P.M. -- "*Game On*" – Children's Musical



"Souper" Bowl of Caring is an annual event in which youth across the nation work to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. Once again, this Sunday our youth will be taking up monetary donations at the end of the service for our Letcher County Food Pantry. Our youth will be at each exit holding a soup pot, please consider donating to this very worthy cause.

We are have had great interest in teaching one of our "how to" classes. So far, we have the following:

Fishing – Phillip Little, Richard Craft	Hunting – Jerry Ingram
Making Fishing Lures – Richard Craft	Beginning Guitar – Philip Bentley
Car Care – Albert Ison	Hair Care & Make-up – Donna & Victoria Watts
Cake Decorating – Tagan Cox	Woodworking – Curtis Cox
Cooking & Table Etiquette – Shannon Mullins, Amy Craft	

Please consider sharing a talent you have with our youth. We would love to have you! Let me know if you are interested. We would love to have a basic sewing class, exercise class, etc. This is a great opportunity to develop deep relationships with our youth. Please pray about leading or even attending one of our classes. We will work around your schedule so you can teach one of our classes.

Tessa Caudill will be conducting a Paint Class on Monday evening, February 12th at 6:00 in the church fellowship hall. The proceeds from this activity will go toward our youth camp and mission trip. The cost will be \$25 per person (a minimal additional fee for any smaller kids that would like to paint with their parents) and that includes call supplies needed. Child care will be provided in the nursery and baked goods will be available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to have fun, fellowship, learn a new skill and help our youth. If you would like to sign-up for the class, please see Tessa or Regina.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

February 4

Amy Craft, Jeremy Horn

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4:	"Souper Bowl" Sunday – Food Bank Collection
February 4:	Super Bowl Party – home of Philip & Julie Bentley 6:15 until after the game
February 12:	Valentine Paint Class
June 17-22:	SEESALT Youth Camp – Myrtle Beach
June 30-July 6:	Ocala Mission Trip



- Feb. 2: Cathy Fisher
- 4: Jordan Combs, Greg Coots
- 7: Brett Lewis, Melissa Newell
- 8: Chase Newell, Eunice Waddles
- 9: Tiny Caudill, Jimmy Craft

OUR SERVANT-KING

Jesus began his ministry by being hungry,
yet he is the Bread of Life.

Jesus ended his earthly ministry by being thirsty,
yet he is the Living Water.

Jesus was weary,
yet he is our rest.

Jesus paid tribute,
yet he is the King.

Jesus was accused of having a demon,
yet he cast out demons.

Jesus wept,
yet he wipes away our tears.

Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver,
yet he redeemed the world.

Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
yet he is the Good Shepherd.

Jesus died,
yet by his death he destroyed the power
of death.

--Gregory of Nazianzus
(4th century church father)



What is the Souper Bowl of Caring? It is a time to glorify God by helping care "for the least of these our brothers and sisters". It began in a South Carolina church youth group in response to God's love.

Forget the NFL Championship and its megabucks. The winners of the real game are people right here in our community who need a helping hand. Be a player. This Sunday, February 4th, we encourage you to give a donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring with all monies going to the Letcher County Food Pantry.



By profession of faith and baptism:

CYNDEE WILSON TRENT

LOVING KINDNESS

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving kindness?"

"Well," answered a young boy, "If I was hungry and someone gave me bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. And then if they put a spoonful of jam on it, that would be loving kindness."



UNIFIED BUDGET

WILLIAM VERMILLION
In Memory Of
HERBERT CAUDILL

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

KAYE COMBS MOORE
In Memory Of
VIRGINIA GIBSON BROWN
HELEN BENTLEY
HERBERT CAUDILL
ROBERT C TAYLOR

DESIGNATED

STEVEN CARROLL & GLENDA SEXTON
In Memory Of
VIOLA WILLIAMS
EDITH HUBBARD

DOUG & JANIE FRAZIER
In Memory Of
VIOLA WILLIAMS
HERBERT CAUDILL
CARROLL SHACKLEFORD
JANET TUCKER



The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to BILLIE STANSBERRY and family in the death of her cousin, SUETTA SPRINGER.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Feb. 4
Diane Lewis, Amy Bates

Feb. 11
Brandy Wilson

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Feb. 4
Elisa Cook

Feb. 11
Lee Adams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Feb. 4
Donna & Mike Watts, Eleanor Caudill

Feb. 11
Angie Horn, Tracie Day, Kathy Perry

Sunday School is Cool



LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	131
Adults --	72
Youth --	21
Children --	28
Preschool --	10
Morning Worship -----	184

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	6
Letcher Manor -----	
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	101
Children: 74 Adults: 27	

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----	4
By Letter -----	0
By Statement -----	1
TOTAL ADDITIONS -----	5

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$ 7,167.00
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,255.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 275.00
Designated -----	\$ 110.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$ 29,020.00
Budget to Date -----	\$ 27,559.00

IN THE HOSPITAL

JIMMY BATES, Local ARH
GUS TOLLIVER, Local ARH
STANLEY PERRY, Local ARH

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$435,172.00

NEEDED

\$64,828.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

February 4 - 10

FRED HALL