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In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." (Mark 1:35-38)

Whenever I read this text about Jesus, I am humbled by his commitment to his personal priorities. His first priority was be alone with God (vv. 35-37). Verse 37 tell us that he was a busy man because everyone was looking for him. Have you ever felt like the demands that everyone else makes on your schedule squeezes out time with God? Even in retirement, I am told people are more busy than when they were working! I know when my time with God slips away from me because I am responding to things that I believe are more urgent, I become grumpy and short with people.

In the midst of a busy and highly demanding world, alone time with the Lord is absolutely essential. Not only do they re-connect us back to the maker and creator of this world, but it is in these times...if we sit still long enough, God helps us with our purpose and priorities. I believe the time (although mornings are best) and the frequency (as often as possible) is not as important as making the effort to do it.

His second priority was to fulfill the will of the Father. When the disciples approached Jesus to inform him of the needs around him, what did he do? He stayed on his priority of proclaiming his message in the neighboring towns. This tells me that all the needs were not met. In fact, he left them! The tyranny of the urgent in ministry will always be with us, but we must always be ready to do the will of the Father. The only way to clearly know the will of the Father and our priorities is by spending regular time with God. I invite you to regularly spend time with the Lord because there is so much he wants to direct us to do.

Blessings,
Pastor Eric

DECORATIONS

The decorations in the sanctuary are provided by Cindy Thweatt. Your time and talent are appreciated by all! Looking ahead, our space will be decorated during October by Terry Arnold & Glenn Ridley.

GREETERS

09/03 Mac and Terry Arnold
09/10 Allen and Gwen Jenner
09/17 Bill and Donna Freitag
09/24 T.M. and Cj Maple

CCO COLLECTION

We will be collecting Facial Tissues during September for the Christian Community Outreach program. Thank you for your generous support of this organization. Just to update you, during the month of August, you donated 51 containers of deodorant/anti-perspirant, 24 rolls of toilet paper, and a box full of miscellaneous personal & dental hygiene items. Thank you for your generosity towards this effort.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

09/03 Penny Ershig
09/05 Carolyn Dacy
09/07 Ike Norment
09/08 Katherine Posey
09/11 Eric Adler
09/11 T.K. Johns
09/13 Krystal Samuels
09/14 Ben Grove
09/15 Martha Hodge
09/16 Lainey Gardner
09/22 Cynthia Hoey
09/23 Rob Egan
09/23 Allen Sloughy
09/27 Pat Harvey
09/30 Cindy Thweatt

Anniversaries

09/01 Alvin & Lavonne Kloet
09/01 Mark & Sarah Hardy
09/05 Bob & Pat Harvey
09/06 TM & Cj Maple
09/06 Gary & Susan Thomas
09/08 Bobby & Martha Adler
09/23 Ben & Abbie Grove

If there is anyone we have missed on this list, please contact the Church office to correct the information we have on file!

Join us this fall to study the book *Kneeling With Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers* by Gary Neal Hansen. This is a study for anyone who wants to grow more deeply in their faith, and specifically in learning how to pray for themselves and for others. We will explore prayer practices from different traditions and also learn some practical ways to pray devotionally and out loud.

Book Description:

Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers explores ten classic ways that Christians practice the life of prayer. Each one is rooted very deeply in a branch of Christianity, each one is very different than all the others, and each one has shaped the lives of millions of disciples. One of them is probably a good fit for you.

Study Details:

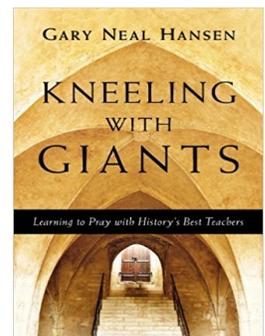
Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30pm

October 15-December 17
at the Presbyterian Church

This is a study specifically for adults or older teenagers.

Childcare can be available each week, but must be requested by October 1.

Books need to be ordered, so please contact Becky (beckydurham@preschurchky.org) if you are interested in having one. The book is also available as an e-book if you would like to purchase it that way.



MEN'S BREAKFAST
SEPTEMBER 9, 7:00 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL



After school participants enjoy a new game table

Prayer Retreat in St. Meinrad

Join us on Sunday, October 1 after church for a trip to St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Schedule

12:00pm: Leave the church (carpool and drive together); Stop for Lunch

2:00 pm: Arrive at the Archabbey; Orientation

2:15-4:45: Pray on your own or with others (some prayer activities provided); tour the abbey or sit and enjoy the beautiful space; Practice Sabbath Rest.

4:45: Gather at the Abbey church

5:00: Pray Vespers (evening prayer) with the Monks of the Abbey

5:30: Reflect together on the day

6:00: Head back to Henderson

This is open to anyone who would like to join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW monthly Circle Meetings resume on Monday, September 11. The Coordinating Team will meet at 9:30 a.m., Lesson begins at 10:30 a.m. (the study guides for the year are available in the church office) . The day will conclude with a pot-luck Salad Luncheon, with drinks and dessert provided. Please make plans to join this group!



A fun afternoon at Audubon Park

A poster for the Ugandan Kids Choir. At the top, there is a logo consisting of three stylized 'W' shapes above the text 'UGANDAN KIDS CHOIR'. Below this, the text 'LET ME TELL YOU A STORY...' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, there is a paragraph of text: 'There once were 10 children who were chosen to embark on a journey of epic proportions to bring African song and dance to the people of America. Equipped with nothing more than songs in their hearts and dance moves in their heads, they traveled across vast seas and mountain tops to arrive at our shores. Their purpose? To change children's lives. They want to share with you the hope and love they found through child sponsorship and invite you to start your own journey together with a child.' To the right of this text is a photograph of a group of smiling children in a rural setting. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'Please join them' followed by 'Sunday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.' and 'Presbyterian Church of Henderson'. The poster features decorative orange and blue geometric patterns.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

Kids' Worship Bags

The Christian Education Committee is excited to continue our journey of welcoming children in worship each week by providing reusable Kids' Worship Bags. Find these bags filled with learning materials and sensory toys in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary each week. Use the materials during worship and return them to the hooks or the basket underneath the rack each week. For more information, see a greeter or the head usher on Sunday mornings.

Children and Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Check the bulletin board by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall to consider ways you might volunteer to assist in children's and youth ministry in the coming months. We need children's church leaders, someone to keep up with the worship bags, folks to help with kids on Wednesday nights, folks to assist with youth Sunday School, and some Christmas Pageant volunteers. These can be some of the most fun and rewarding ways to serve the church and our youngest family members! See Becky Durham for more information.

It's back to school time and it's time for us to begin our ministry of sending backpacks of food home each weekend with 6 South Heights Elementary School Students. The church and mission committee are grateful to Glenn Ridley for shopping for, preparing, and delivering the backpacks each week.

If you have given in the past, thank you so much! We have been sending backpacks home for almost ten years. The food provides helps children who otherwise might not have food available in their homes.

If you would like to give this year, WE NEED YOU! Please make checks payable to the church and put "Backpacks" in the memo. Your donations will appear on your giving statement.

Suggested One Time Donation Options:

Full Backpack Sponsorship: \$200 (funds a backpack one week each month)

Half Backpack Sponsorship: \$100 (funds a backpack one week every other month)

Quarterly Backpack Sponsorship \$60 (funds a backpack once a quarter)

Or donate monthly or quarterly to this ministry an amount of your choosing!