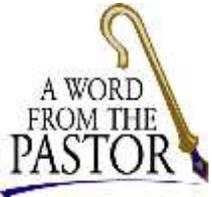




PRESBYTERIAN TIMES



Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)



Hospitality in Middle Eastern culture is BIG. It must have been part of the fabric of their DNA. Anyone who has ever gone into that part of the world and have experienced their hospitality will realize that it puts our American hospitality to shame. No wonder Martha jumped at the opportunity to welcome Jesus into her home. No wonder she complains that Mary was not helping her with all the work.

What Mary did, sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to what Jesus was saying, was culturally shocking!!! Mary should have been helping her sister. This is what women in this culture did! They were responsible for providing hospitality for guests. For a woman to sit at the feet of a rabbi, broke all the gender rules. Men did not teach women. Women were generally excluded even from learning Torah (the Jewish law). This meant that she took the position of being a disciple. Women were never disciples, only men saw themselves as disciples.

When Martha complained about Mary's lack of help, Jesus' response was the most scandalous. He said, "Martha, Martha.." Jesus was not chastising her, but responded in kindhearted love and empathy. What Jesus was doing was welcoming and inviting Martha into his circle of teaching and fellowship.

The "one thing" that Mary had chosen "as the better part" was taking the time to sit at the feet of Jesus. Too frequently, we like to be like Martha and work hard to serve Christ. In the local church there are many opportunities to serve Christ. Many have served Christ all their lives by being on every committee and service opportunity in the church. We could probably name all the session boards, committees, and events in which we have participated over the years, but can we count the number of times we have sat at the feet of Jesus listening, learning, and inculcating Jesus words in our lives?

If you are anything like me, sitting at the feet of Jesus is far more difficult. It involves, dedicating time, self-introspection, and a humility to change so that I can be more like Christ. This is the more difficult path of discipleship. What is Jesus teaching you these days? Are you busy serving or listening?

Blessings, Pastor Eric — (502) 565-6591, cell

Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.



- 7/02 Brayden Rideout
- 7/05 Bobbie Cantley
- 7/10 Mark Horton
- 7/13 Oliver Dotson
- 7/13 Mara Dassell
- 7/14 Elizabeth Bartlett
- 7/14 Jackie Cole
- 7/14 Glenn Ridley
- 7/16 Ka'Myah Richards**
- 7/19 Graham Garber
- 7/27 Kevin Dassell
- 7/31 Martha Hodge



July Anniversaries

- 7/03 Allen and Gwen Jenner
- 7/11 Tim and Cindy Johns
- 7/21 Eric and Cynthia Hoey
- 7/22 Pete and Carol Lambert
- 7/23 Ty and Leslie Rideout

Grand Piano Fund

A special fund has been started to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary. The fund currently has \$1,575.00.

You can make your contribution in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like to contribute please make sure your donation indicates "Piano Fund."



Henderson Christian Community Outreach

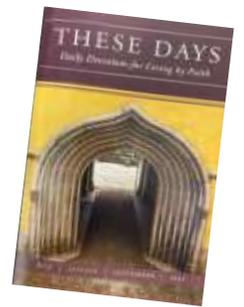
We will be collecting lotion for HCCO during the month of July.

We collected 43 bottles of dish liquid during the month of June.



Thank you for your generous support of this organization!

The new These Days devotionals for July, August and September are in.



You can pick one up in the back of the church or if you would like to have one mailed to you please contact the church office.

Marsha's Place

The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for Marsha's Place ended on Sunday, June 20th.

If you still have a bottle please return the filled bottle to the church so we can deliver them back to Marsha's Place.

You can also visit their website at marshasplace.org to get information on other ways to donate.





CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Once again the Presbyterian Church of Henderson is offering scholarships for college students for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Applications for scholarships may be obtained at the church office (100 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky) or on-line at preschurchky.org.

Application forms will be available starting Thursday, July 1, 2021.

To be considered for a scholarship completed forms must be received by the church by close of business on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

A decision regarding scholarship awarding will be made by Friday, July 30, 2021. Recipients will be notified by phone.



Summer time fun! On June 24th some of our youth painted Cacti Rock Gardens at the library. Then we walked to Butler's Apothecary for refreshing ice cream... we even saw the beautiful riverboat on the way.

Great afternoon with some great kids!



Father's DAY





Cast away the COVID restriction blues with a BANG

Join us for a Fourth of July Celebration BBQ on **Saturday, July 3rd** in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

The church will be providing burgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish to share if you can.

Afterwards we will walk to the waterfront to watch the fireworks show.

Please RSVP to the church office at 270-826-3981.

**Join us even if you didn't get a
chance to RSVP or can't bring a side dish!**



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