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A NOTE FROM DAN...

WELCOME FALL, 2020

Tuesday, September 22 is the first day of Fall! I think we are all ready for 2020 to come to a close, but like my grandmother use to say, "Many a slip twixt the cup and the lip!" With the upcoming election and still dealing with the pandemic, this wild ride is not over yet! But through it all our Heavenly Father has been faithful. He continues to hold us together in His hands and He gives us strength mentally, spiritually, and physically for each day. I don't yet know when we will try to start Cornerstone luncheons again, but I am excited about Sunday School restarting on September 20 (unless things take a wrong turn!). The plan for this phase is to have worship at 9:00, Sunday School at 10:00, and worship again at 11:00. I will be leading Sunday School in the Chapel at 10:00am for most of the Sr. Adults (Any Sr. Adult 8:00 classes will be able to meet as well at their regular time). This Encourager Edition is once again filled with contributions from LBC Sr. Adults! The artwork on this cover page is by Elizabeth Frost.

Blessings,
 Dan

APPLE PICKING TRIP | SEPTEMBER 24

We will take our church bus, but for safety distancing, we will only take 15 Sr. Adults who would like to travel up to Hendersonville on Thursday, September 24. We will leave at 7:30am and eat lunch at Cracker Barrel after apple picking! If anyone else wants to drive and be with us, you are welcome!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ralph Scurry	7 Wayne Blair	15 Daniel Hutto	28 Jerry Skipper
1 David Thomas	7 Carol Coffman	16 Billy Gobbel	28 Marlon Buff
1 Evelyn Chandler	7 Marguerite Wilson	16 Cindy Britain	28 Ed Shadowen
2 Mary Ballington	9 Martha Rose Carson	17 Matthew Barron	29 Darrell Chipman
2 Jim McLeod	9 Jeannine Spradlin	18 John Fox	29 Don Howell
2 Jackie Bosse	10 Susan Gobbel	19 Dot Morgan	29 Michael Husman
2 Janice Plexico	10 Mike Rawlins	19 Robert Culbertson	30 Margaret Noles
3 Joyce Rentz	11 Pat Miller	19 Mike Ellisor	
3 Diana Clayton	11 Shirley Lewis	19 Sylvia McElveen	
3 Victoria Catoe	11 Patty Romer	20 Robin Grant	
3 Ann Givens	11 Cindy Childs	21 Mickey Wingard	
4 Mary Burch	11 Doug Fraser	21 Joyce Berry	
4 Pat Harris	12 Pat Miles	22 Kenneth Senn	
4 Don Taylor	12 Gloria Neal	22 Curtis Cooley	
4 Gregg Steinmeyer	12 Dewey Coats	22 Debbie Pearson	
5 Cathy Quinton	13 Rich Holaday	23 Nelson Taylor	
6 Bob Finley	13 Linda Sightler	24 Hugh Tyler	
6 Margaret Player	13 Mary Carolyn Taylor	24 Steve Barnes	
6 Frank Hill	14 Carolyn McGary	24 T.R. Parrish	
6 Pam Cogdill	15 Mary Brokaw	24 Pam Smith	
7 Ruth Smith	15 Marlowe Ridgeway	27 Janice Stewart	
7 Betty Furtick	15 Terry Smith	27 Maurine Thomas	

If you do not wish for your birthday to appear in "The Encourager," please notify the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 803.996.8843 or dsmith@lexingtonbaptist.org.

WORDS OF WISDOM | FROM BOB GUNTER

- Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to.....discourage him.
- When all is said and done, the best is yet to come.

INSPIRATION | FROM JEAN JONES

Six little stories with lots of meaning:

1. Once a group of villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people together but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is faith!**
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust!**
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That is hope!**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence.**
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love.**
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old: I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That is attitude.**

HAVE A HAPPY DAY AND LIVE YOUR LIFE LIKE THESE 6 STORIES. REMEMBER - GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE, DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE | FROM MAXINE JOHNSON

A pastor in Maine skipped services one Sunday to go bear hunting. Along the trail he turned a corner and collided with a bear. The pastor stumbled, backwards, slipped off the trail, and began tumbling down the mountain, the bear in hot pursuit. Finally the pastor crashed into a bolder, breaking both his legs and sending his rifle flying through the air, just out of his reach. As the bear closed in, the pastor cried out "Lord, I'm sorry for what I have done. Please forgive me and save me! - Lord please make this bear a Christian". Suddenly the bear skipped to a halt at the pastor's feet, fell to it's knees, clasped it's paws together, began to weep and said "God bless this food which I am about to receive!"

X-TRAS:

1. My goal for 2020 was to lose just 10 pounds...only 15 to go...
2. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web...
3. I don't mean to brag but...I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes...
4. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it...
5. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented...I forgot where I was going with this...

From Don Roberts:

Don't use a big word when a singularly un-loquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity!

Poet's Page

I Have a Savior

By: Liz Carroll
11/05/1978

I have a Savior
Who I know loves me.
He shared with me His love
On Calvary.

He is a merciful Savior
And I know He is strong.
But, yet, he still forgives me
Whenever I do wrong.

He watches over me
And helps me through trials.
His love cannot be measured
In feet, inches, or miles.

His name is Jesus,
Maybe you know Him.
His love is like a brilliant light
That never grows dim.

Is He your Savior?
Well, wouldn't that be great?
Then we'll all meet together
In front of heaven's gate.

From **Betty Hayes**: (This was written to me by a 14-year-old girl who was in my Acteens class at church in 1978).

TURN US RESTORE US

By: Russ D Rhodes

O
God
Turn us
Restore us
Make us strong again
Smile on us and save us
Please do something LORD
Look down from heaven
See what's happening
Bring us back to you
Give us a fresh start
O Lord God of hosts
O God of hosts
Revive us and
We will call
Upon your
Name

Psalm 80 and Lam.5:21

Prayer for America

By: Elizabeth Susan Frost
March 2020

The world around still crashing
Yet the Red Bird thrills His song
We lost our breath in chaos
Southern winds blow Spring along

Can we out-live the measure
Of life that can't be seen
Can we love each other well
If we could what would life bring

Would we slow the racing down
Could we walk a miracle mile
To bring our friends and neighbors
A healing touch or smile

We can let humans be treasured
Instead of less worthy style
Let us knit our hearts together
On our knees bring healing's Fire

This is my prayer my song
For mankind to get along
Embrace each others' hands
And be a friend of Man



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS?

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca- age 8