

The Jamieson *Journal*



Forgive the inexcusable

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury.

But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life - to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son - how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand,

by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says. -C.S. Lewis

Striving to follow John Wesley's Three Simple Rules
Do No Harm ☩ Do Good ☩ Stay in Love with God

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I want to give the congregation a head's up regarding what to expect when summer is over and autumn has arrived. In addition to all the usual things that start back up again in the fall, we are going to have a church-wide experience called **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**.

This isn't a program or a study. It is more of an opening of a door to becoming a more fruitful church, a church that grows as a matter of course and serves the community and world with tremendous enthusiasm. What we learn will lead us forward into new ways of being the church.

So, just to let you start thinking about which aspect of church life you'd like to play in, here are the Five Practices:

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

The thing that makes this exciting is the adjectives. Most churches can claim to offer the five basic practices. But, what makes a congregation fruitful is its willingness to embrace the adjectives. For example, we all know what hospitality is: we welcome visitors. But, what would **radical** hospitality look like?

September/October will be a time of planning and praying and looking upward, inward and outward. We all need to find a place to be a part of the Five Practices. Ponder the Practices and consider, when the opportunity arises, what your role will be in helping Jamieson grow into a more fruitful congregation.

Peace and Prayers,

Walt

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bill Hickey 8/1

Frances Vaughan 8/6

Elaine Senz 8/30

Jacob & Wesley Swain 8/6
 Frank & Mary Linda David 8/20
 Dave & Betty Norwood 8/30

Keith & Janelle Lanford 8/11
 Fran & Thelma Green 8/29



Nursery
 Young at Heart
 Children Church
 Lay Reader
 Acolytes
 Altar Flowers

August 2
 Debra Lenhart
 Ginny Henderson
 L Castle & H Harvell
 Robin Bowen
 Grey Henderson
 Communion

August 9
 Patricia Yeates
 Moose Yeates
 Betty Westbrook
 Sally Morgan
 Sydney Henderson
 Keith & Janelle Langford

Nursery
 Young at Heart
 Children's Church
 Lay Reader
 Acolytes
 Altar Flowers

August 16
 Ken & Sally Morgan
 Win Baker
 Scotti Moore
 Nancy Barden
 Taylor Moore
 Eddie & Win Baker

August 23
 Scotti & Taylor Moore
 Melanie Barden
 Scotti Moore
 Harriette Overstreet
 Savannah McKee
 Rob & Laurie Wilson

Nursery
 Young at Heart
 Children's Church
 Lay Reader
 Acolytes
 Altar Flowers

August 30
 Robin Bowen
 Mryna Howerton
 Emily Jones
 Pauline Decker

Thank you

“...a friend in need is a friend indeed.”

~Edgar Bergen



John Paul Hamlett
May 17, 1988 – July 3, 2009

The Hamletts sincerely thank our church family for the overwhelming support you have shown in our time of need. The cards, food and paper goods have been very helpful and much appreciated. We are deeply grateful for the hard work that allowed John's Memorial Service to be so memorable. Our hearts are comforted by your love and support.

“It is not length of life, but depth of life.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Grief

Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we hadn't cared, we wouldn't grieve. And our lives would have been even emptier.

Daily meditation

Remember, Christian soul, that thou has this day and every day of thy life: God to glorify, Jesus to imitate, the angels and saints to invoke, a soul to save, a body to mortify, sins to expiate, virtues to acquire, hell to avoid, heaven to gain, eternity to prepare for, time to profit by, neighbors to edify, the world to despise, devils to combat, passions to subdue, death perhaps to suffer and judgment to undergo. —St. Augustine

Jamieson Memorial United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
July 9, 2009

In attendance: Rev. Walt Westbrook, Richard Pulliam, Linda Pulliam, Elaine Senz, Ken Mink, Debbie Connolly, Mike Cowley.

Opening: Ken Mink opened with a reading from 1 Peter with reflections on the blessings of being a member of our community.

Richard Pulliam called the meeting to order and reviewed items on the agenda.

Minutes of the June 11, 2009, meeting were approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Terry Kirkpatrick, Jean Smart, Lori Hamlett were absent.) No report. Tellers are needed for August.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Richard asked whether we should continue to have a Spiritual Life Committee which has been inactive for some time. The original intent was for the committee to keep the church focused on a deepening relationship with God. The Lay Leadership Committee will be searching for a chair.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: (Fran Green) Fran sent a report regarding Project Care For which is resuming home repairs under the direction of Dan Koch of St. Timothy's Church. They will be seeking volunteers to build a wheelchair ramp. Those interested are asked to contact Fran.

REACH AND RELATE: (Elaine Senz)

Bereavement Committee: A luncheon was held on June 13 for the family of Lib Crowder, hosted by Win Baker's Team. The committee (Elaine, Win, and Linda) met to review and revise the list of responsibilities. Subsequently, Elaine's Team responded to John Hamlett's death, and her committee hosted the reception for the family. Elaine distributed a listing of those who had previously volunteered and the division of responsibilities and asked the Council to review materials for the next meeting. There was discussion of coordination of the responsibilities between the bereavement teams, Trustees, and UMM. A checklist will be developed. Elaine asked whether there was an item in the budget to cover paper products and flowers, and it was agreed that we need to have a line item. She will submit a request to Terry Kirkpatrick.

Fellowship: We have a fellowship opportunity with Vacation Bible School at Jamieson July 12-16. Jamieson will be hosting the opening meal on Sun, July 12th. Our church picnic is being planned for August 30 under the leadership of Nancy Lipscomb and Sally Morgan. The first Fellowship Dinner of the fall will be held on Wednesday, September 9, featuring a humorous presentation of the items for the Silent Auction. The Auction will culminate at the Potato Supper, September 25.

SHEPHERDS: (Elaine Senz) No report. A meeting will be held in September.

WORSHIP: No report.

EDUCATION: (Michelle Gibson) The Graduates' Reception will be held on July 12 after the 9 am service. Vacation Bible School will be held July 12-16, 5:30-8:15pm.

YOUTH: No report. The youth mission trip went to Galilee by the Sea in North Carolina.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (Mike Cowley) The Trustees met on July 7. A workday for the playground will be held July 14th at 9:00am. Volunteers are welcome. The parking lot will be sprayed for weeds and graded in the upcoming months. The air conditioning in the overflow area was repaired. The Trustees continue to work on the front door problem. Terry Kirkpatrick is looking into a new type of varnish. The Boy Scouts will be moving from a rented building downtown to one of our classrooms in the basement. Mike Cowley will assist with the move and coordinate with Matt Folk. Kitchen renovation and window replacement has been put on hold due to budget concerns. Additional research on the sanctuary roof and a statement of work is being

completed. Chris Thompson who is a roofing consultant is assisting with this project. No election was held due to the small number of members attending the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: No report.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: The monthly breakfast will be held this Sunday.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: (Linda Pulliam) Contributions are being accepted for the September Silent Auction. Preferred donations are services or items valued at a minimum of \$20. The Potato Supper to benefit the Society of St. Andrews will be held on September 25.

COMMUNICATIONS: (Deborah Connolly) Deadline for the August newsletter is July 23. Computer Open House was held and attended by twelve people. The committee would like to offer this opportunity to the community on a regular basis. Vacation Bible School registration was online using software from Cokesbury, and eighteen registered this way. Debbie will be leaving the area on August 15 and is trying to find a temporary chair for the time until January 1 when Linda will assume the Communications Chair role. Meanwhile, Linda Pulliam will be taking over the website using the new Adobe Dreamweaver software which was purchased at a considerably discounted price through the United Methodist Church.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: No report.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: (Ken Mink) A card and flowers were sent to Lori and JD Hamlett by the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. The committee will be meeting to review staff salaries for next year.

LAY LEADER: (Leigh Felton) No report.

PASTOR: No report. (See Five Practices below.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wheel – Steve Roberts is keeper of the wheel, and we will discuss this further when Steve is in attendance.
2. Five Practices – Walt distributed the schedule of the four phases for implementing the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. There was discussion about whether the Stewardship campaign might follow the Five Practices program. Walt will look into this. Richard will chair the Leadership Team.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Job descriptions – We have obtained a UMC leadership book which has job descriptions for various positions. Richard distributed the appropriate job descriptions for discussion at the September meeting. The Nominating Committee will meet on July 27. Mike suggested that we may have too many committees for a small church. Committee chairs and other church leaders should notify Walt of position vacancies that need to be filled.
2. Fellowship Hall Clean-up Day – This will be deferred until the conclusion of the Five Practices program.
3. Richard thanked Betty Westbrook for assuming the role of delegate to the Annual Conference and for her excellent report.

Next meeting: The combined August/September meeting will be held on September 3. Prior to that meeting, committee chairs should develop budget requests and give them to Terry Kirkpatrick..

Respectfully submitted,



Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

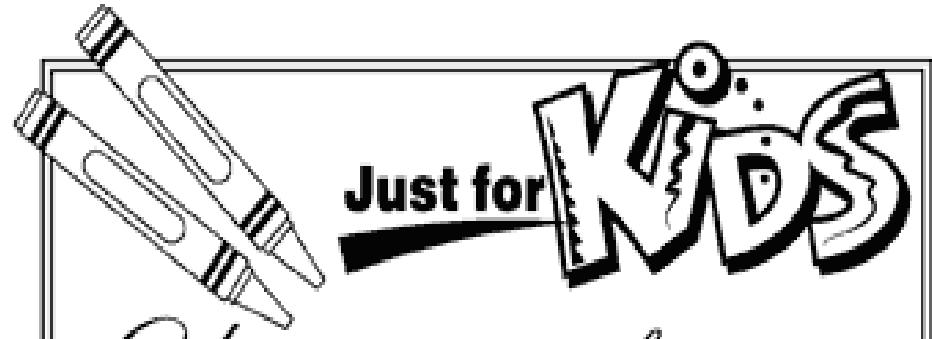
The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!



Upon your hearts

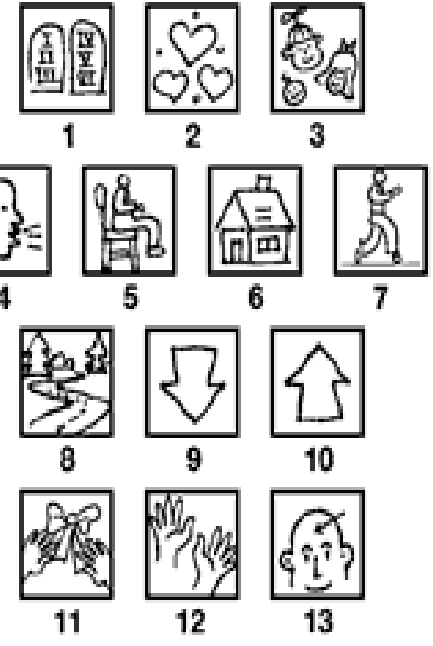
The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

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WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



"These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____."

Answers:
1) commandments; 2) hearts; 3) children; 4) Talk; 5) sit; 6) home; 7) walk; 8) road; 9) down; 10) up; 11) Tie; 12) hands; 13) foreheads

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A church garden

First, plant five rows of peas:

Presence
Promptness
Preparation
Purity
Perseverance.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip.
Squash criticism.
Squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for meetings.
Turn up with a smile.
Turn up with new ideas.

Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.