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The Pastor's Pen

"Start with God - the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning." ~ King Solomon

So, who thinks they are smarter than God? Who thinks they are greater than God? Who thinks they are stronger than God? Far too many. Science, medicine, biology, the physical sciences are beginning to acknowledge the intricacies of the building blocks of life. The more they explore, the more they are coming to realize too many different pieces had to fall into place in order for the universe and life to come together as it has. The very disciplines that tried for generations to disprove God's existence are now beginning to actually confirm it. They are learning to bow before God. How about you?

(More wise words below from my friend, Mark Broadhead.)

Many people feel that they don't need God or that God can't exist because of all the evil and sadness in this world. God who created the heavens and the earth does exist and we have the knowledge and the power to prove His existence. How? By our behavior and how we treat each other. Love is created by God but when we speak harshly against someone or criticize someone or stop someone from doing what they want to do for God, then we are not showing God's love. Even worse,

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year A)

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August 3

Genesis 32:22-31
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17

Genesis 45:1-15
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 24

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31

Exodus 3:1-15
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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Events this Month

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| August 3 |
| Communion worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m. |
| August 5 |
| Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. |
| August 10 |
| Dinner at Dogwood Acres, 4 - 6 p.m. |
| August 11 |
| Autism Pensacola meeting, 6:00 p.m. |
| August 21 |
| Session meeting, 5:00 p.m. |
| August 23 |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m. |

August Birthdays

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| Jo Kublik | 10 | Ed Nugent | 28 |
| Nicole Frenk | 19 | Linda Lade | 29 |
| Kai Swafford | 22 | Rudy Mendiola | 31 |
| Jean Mourey | 26 | | |

Must Do List
Repair stained
glass windows

September Fellowship Dinner
hosted by Betsy and Margaret

we take away something very special from that person – the desire to serve. When was the last time you lifted someone up instead of bringing him/her down? Have you encountered someone who was trying to serve God and you took that opportunity away from him/her? Helping is one thing but working together brings the spirit of love into action. When you want to say, “I’ll just do it myself”, STOP. Instead, think of the love you give by helping another to serve God. And isn’t love what it’s all about? Blessings, Jo



Session Highlights

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Milton, FL

No Session Meeting in June

Calendar of Events

August

- 8/3: Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
1st Sunday fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
- 8/11: Autism Pensacola meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 8/21: Session meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 8/23: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.

September

- 9/2: Bible study, 10:00 a.m.
- 9/7: 1st Sunday fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
- 9/10: 4th Day meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 0/11: Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 9/14: Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
- 9/17-
- 9/21: Cursillo
- 9/27: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.

Expressions of Thanks

Hello wonderful Prayer Shawl Ministry Angels,

Thank you so, so very much for your continued prayers and the beautiful Shawl! Wish I could tell you I feel better, but I'm still on a healing journey. I've been wearing the shawl every day! Jesus is in your hearts and you are all so blessed to have a loving faith community & Pastor Jo. Thank you again and I just love it!!

Peace, Holly Hoskamer

Sharon Stebbins also shared: *“Ms. Anita Edwards sends her sincere thanks for the prayer shawl she has received and her appreciation for the prayers on her behalf from the members of our church. She is a cancer patient and is having a tough time with her treatments. Please continue to pray that the Lord will grant her peace through her healing process.”*

The Prayer Shawl ministry has been active now for 4 years. During that time numerous shawls have been given to those who are going through difficult times whatever the reason. A dozen shawls were given to the Kidney Dialysis center here in Milton, as well as to a number of people at Cursillo.

We are now working on Chrismon ornaments for Advent as well as shawls. We invite YOU to join us. We meet the 4th Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

WHY?

Why did the General Assembly vote to take all investment from certain companies and vote for same sex marriage? Come to Dogwood Acres on Sunday, August 10, from 4-6 p.m. for answers. Dinner is \$5 and the registration deadline is Friday, August 8th.



AUGUST

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30 | 4 | 5 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Jo Kublik | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 | 18 | 19 Nicole Frenk | 20 | 21 Session Meeting, 5:00 p.m. | 22 Kai Swafford | 23 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m. |
| 24 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 | 25 | 26 Jean Mourey | 27 | 28 Ed Nugent | 29 Linda Lade | 30 |
| 31 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 5 th Sunday Praise service, 10:30 a.m. Rudy Mendiola | | | | | | |

Chocolate

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 55 letters spell a secret message.

K L I M T S E I N W O R B C H O C
 C G O L Y N A S E M I S W E E T T
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 R C I I O E N I I G F I L L I N G
 S I O P K C L A D N A B F T E S E
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| ADDICTIVE | CONFECTIONERY | FILLING | PUDDING |
| BAKING | COOKIES | FONDUE | SEMISWEET |
| BARS | CREAM PIE | FOOD | SUGAR |
| BITTERSWEET | CUPCAKE | FUDGE | SWISS |
| BROWNIES | DARK | ICE CREAM | SYRUP |
| CAKES | DECADENT | ICING | TREAT |
| CANDY | DELICIOUS | INGREDIENT | TRUFFLES |
| CHIPS | DESSERT | MILK | UNSWEETENED |
| CHOCOLATIERS | DRINKS | MOUSSE | WHITE |
| COCOA | | | |