



AML Word

Notes from the

PreacherLady

Why is Peace with Justice Sunday important?

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was **hungry** and you fed me,

I was **thirsty** and you gave me a drink,

I was **homeless** and you gave me a room,

I was **shivering** and you gave me clothes,

I was **sick** and you stopped to visit,

I was in **prison** and you came to me’.

Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did

one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was ME – you did it to ME.” [Matthew 25:31-40, *The Message*]

What a powerful piece of scripture. It reminds me that unless I put my faith into action, I truly haven’t heard God’s direction or commands for this life on earth, and there is no real evidence of my faith.

Soooo - How does this passage speak to your heart? Do these words cause you to move beyond your ‘comfort zone’ or do you hear yourself saying, ‘haven’t I given enough’? Have you seen persons in these settings and passed by the opportunity to love them unconditionally? Have you seen persons in these situations and couldn’t figure out fast enough a way to love them unconditionally as directed by God? And when you reached out in a caring and compassionate way, were your eyes opened to the presence of Christ?

In a recent newsletter article by Rev. Ron of Grand Avenue Temple, he wrote, “Someone has to be God with skin on, God’s hands and feet walking beside them, touching the scars and healing the wounds.”

There are truly an endless number of ways we can put our faith into action. Some require presence, some require gifts, some require service, but they all require our prayers. As we commit to God and to the Church we must be intentional about our prayer life, as well as recognizing where our presence, gifts, service are needed.

We all can do every day the ‘acts of mercy’ in this parable, These acts do not depend on wealth, ability or intelligence; they are simple acts freely given and freely received. We have no excuse to neglect those who have deep needs, and we cannot hand over this responsibility to the church or government. Jesus demands our personal involvement in caring for others’ needs [Isaiah 58:7].

Won’t you be the someone with skin on that God sends, sharing prayers, presence, gifts and service, seeking to be God’s hands and feet walking beside them, touching the scars and healing the wounds? Christ awaits!!

“Peace is not just the absence of war,” said Jim Winkler, general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society. “Peace must be accompanied by justice.”

The basic biblical ground- ing is the concept of Sha- lom. “God’s justice is seen in a holistic manner,” he said.

Half of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering goes to the General Board of Church and Society for grant-making and half goes to annual conferences for Peace with Justice minis- tries. In addition to meeting basic human needs, priori- ties include confronting sys- tems that perpetuate poverty and fighting the spread of nuclear weapons.

“We have played an im- portant and significant role in leading to the reduction of violence in the world.” Winkler said. “But we have a long way to go. That’s why it is critically important that Peace with Justice Sun- day be observed in all churches.”

Peace with Justice Sunday–June 11



Prayer List



Our Leaders, Our Soldiers, Pastor Sheila

Service Persons: Gregory Hales, Patrick Lazenby, Jeff Burgess, Robin Vandenbos

LaPlata: Loni Hovis, Rusty Neill, Hollisters, Butch Wood, Dean Hovis, Kay Rohrbough, Kathy Groseclose

Mt. Zion: Teles Orphanage in Mozambique, Joanne Allen, Vernon Carnahan, Bess Elliott, Danny Reitz, Sally's brother Gene & wife Elva, Marion Truitt, Allen Vancil, Alma Belt, Harry Williams, Dorene Watts, Christina Grisamore, Duke Harrington, Angie Maddox, Kenny Salsman, Baby Aaron Curtis, Jeff Richardson, Jolene's sister-Cheryl, Mary Carnahan, Crystal & Braydon Baker, Sarg Mossbarger, Natasha

Atlanta: Trudy, Sarah & Family, Elaine & Joe Keller, Jim Dittimore, Kevin/Kathy Hyatt, Colene & Rezner Colby, Gretchen Harrison, Ronda Adkins, Bobby & Judy Lene, Dale Nuhn, Mary Ruth Gilliland, Chad, Tanya & Baby Tatro, Marty Howard, Howard Gladhill Family

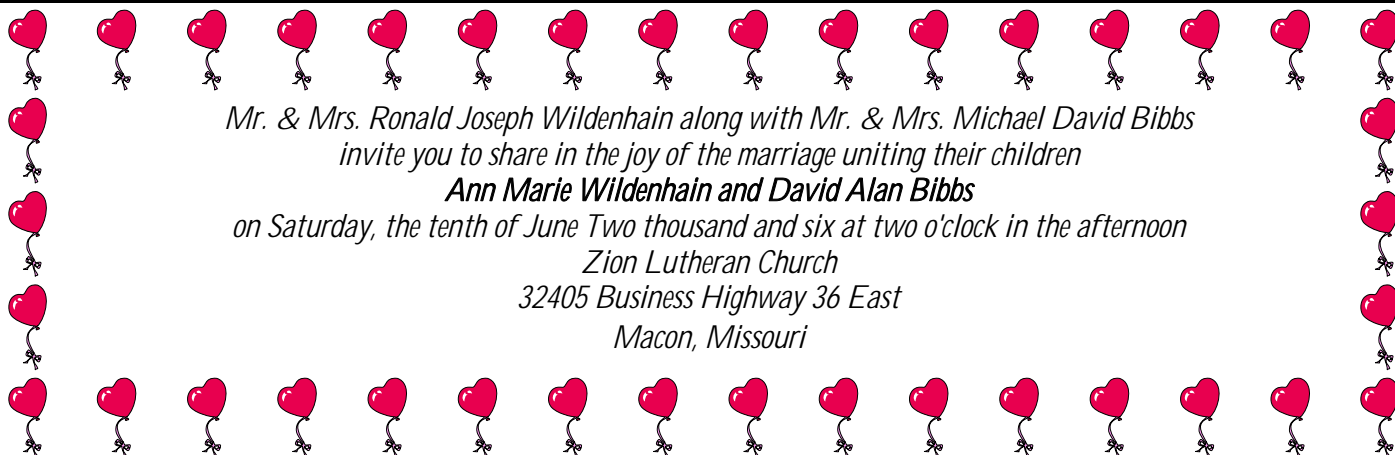
Advice for Healthy Living

Take a Rest

Every working creature needs a Sabbath rest — that goes for people, animals, and even the soil! Consider a study that compared two identical farming soils. One was farmed continuously for eight years while the other was allowed to stand fallow, meaning that it wasn't farmed. The soil from the field that wasn't allowed to rest contained 1,097 parts per million (ppm) nutritional solids, while the fallow or "rested" field soil yielded 2,871 ppm of nutritional solids!

Rest is crucial to the health of your body and soul, and sleep is an absolute and undeniable necessity of life. Lengthy and regular periods of rest are equally important over the long haul. Europeans are far ahead of Americans when it comes to getting their rest. It is normal for many European families to take extended vacations each year for periods averaging between four and ten weeks! Most Americans struggle to take just a two-week vacation every few years. Many don't take vacations at all.

Besides giving us the night for regular sleep, the Creator programmed people and animals to rest completely every seventh day. When we tinker with His design, things start to unravel. Even the Creator rested on the seventh day.



*Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Joseph Wildenhain along with Mr. & Mrs. Michael David Bibbs
invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children
Ann Marie Wildenhain and David Alan Bibbs
on Saturday, the tenth of June Two thousand and six at two o'clock in the afternoon
Zion Lutheran Church
32405 Business Highway 36 East
Macon, Missouri*

Sharing God's Gifts 2006

Freely you have received, freely give. –Matthew 10:8 NIV

As United Methodists in Missouri, we have many opportunities to give freely: to help a hungry child, to encourage and support those called to the ministry, to welcome someone who speaks a different language, to enable clean water to flow in villages halfway across the world, to give hope after disaster strikes, to reach out our hands and share love in so many ways with so many people. We have many opportunities to share the gifts God has given us and to receive so much in return. We are able, as United Methodists working together, to do much more than we could alone. The apportioned items and Vital Ministries approved for 2006 at Annual Conference session follow. They offer us many opportunities to make disciples who make a difference in our world and strengthen our local ministries as we help others.

Apportioned funds

World Service and Conference Benevolences

\$5,907,868

This fund is the heart of our denomination-wide ministry, underwriting Christian mission and ministry worldwide. It supports all boards and agencies and:

- strengthens evangelism efforts
- stimulates church growth
- expands Bible studies, and
- enriches spiritual commitment.

The following seven categories are examples of Conference Benevolences.

Conference Council Office

\$775,000

The Conference Council office offers resources to assist local congregations in strengthening their ministries.

Camping and Retreat Ministries

\$780,000

These funds provide operational and program support. Each year more than 6,500 persons participate in outdoor ministries that provide a setting for inviting and nurturing disciples. Funds are needed for the day-to-day operation and ministry.

(This Article is To be Continued...)

Money Talks...about Our Inner Attitude

Special Offering: "Gratitude is the stethoscope that monitors the strength of our spiritual heart. We are not to give as a grudging obligation but as a joyous cooperation with the Lord. He delights in cheerful givers. They emulate His own heart. To enable our giving, He has all the power to provide abounding blessings so we will have an abundance for good works. Those good works include introducing people to Christ, feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, and participating in projects to expand the kingdom in the world. We give our tithes to churches and ministries involved in these good works and the exciting thing is that the Lord provides beyond this for giving to special challenges to meet the needs of people.

"Indeed, money talks. Sometimes its message is about the false security we've placed in it. But it can also say that we've decided not to miss the blessing of blessing others." [*Silent Strength*, Lloyd John Ogilvie]

from: "Stewardship Nuggets" by Herb Miller

Ten Little Christians

10 Little Christians standing in line
1 disliked the preacher, then there were 9

9 little Christians stayed up very late
1 overslept Sunday, then there were 8

8 little Christians on their way to Heaven
1 took the low road and then there were 7

7 little Christians chirping like chicks
1 disliked music, then there were 6

6 little Christians seemed very much alive
1 lost his interest then there was 5

5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore
1 stopped to rest, then there were 4

4 little Christians each busy as a bee
1 got his feelings hurt, then there were 3

3 little Christians knew not what to do
1 joined the sporty crowd, then there were 2

2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done
Differed with each other, then there was 1

1 little Christian can't do much 'tis true
Brought his friend to Bible study -- then there were 2

2 earnest Christians, each won one more
That doubled the number, then there were 4

4 sincere Christians worked early and late
Each won another then there were 8

8 splendid Christians if they doubled as before
In just so many Sundays, we'd have 1,024

In this little jingle,

There is a lesson true,
You belong either to the building

Or to the wrecking crew!

~ Author Unknown ~

Atlanta UMC to hold VBS

The 2006 Atlanta UMC Vacation Bible School will be held the last week of July-Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28 from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. The theme for the Vacation Bible School will be "Treasure Seekers." Anyone interested in assisting is encouraged to contact Erica Baker, Head Archeologist, at (660) 341-3390 or erica_99_2004@yahoo.com.

Vital Ministries

Each month this column will provide specific information about the different vital ministries that we support through our giving. These brief articles will lift up our Vital Ministries in an effort to educate us about the ministries that our dollars support.

As United Methodist we are present around the world through the support of our connectional ministries. A portion of the contributions that are made to this church not only supports mission and ministry in our community, but joins with dollars from other congregations to impact thousands of lives in a variety of ways. Each month we will share information about a ministry.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?

We are in Kansas City where SPOFFORD has been providing services to emotionally disturbed children since 1916 when a 30-room mansion was given to the women of the Institutional Methodist Episcopal Church by Mrs. Thomas Spofford to be used as a "receiving home for children". This ministry provides residential treatment, foster care and adoption services to severely emotionally disturbed children and training, therapy and support to their families. Spofford offers love, meaning and hope to troubled children to their frustrated families, and to concerned communities throughout the region. Thousands of children have benefited from this ministry. WE ARE THERE !!!

You are in Zimbabwe where Africa University is the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent---serving students from 21 countries, all across the continent of Africa. Africa University provides higher education of excellent quality, enriched with Christian values, for both men and women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow. Ezequiel Nhantumbo, the coordinator of the Mozambique Initiative in Mozambique, is a graduate of Africa University. This support is provided when congregations pay their apportioned funds to the General Church. Through our connection, local congregations are the heart and spirit of this outreaching ministry. WE ARE THERE!

We are in St. Louis where for 38 years United Methodist Metro Ministries has been serving individuals and families by providing crisis intervention and assistance through transitional housing, 24-hour emergency homeless shelter, case management, emergency clothing, utility assistance, resource referrals, school supplies and rental and mortgage assistance. These services are provided throughout the entire St. Louis metropolitan area. WE ARE THERE!

We are in downtown Kansas City at Della Lamb where more than 100 years ago a group of committed Methodist women chose to make a difference in the lives of families who had insufficient resources to meet their needs. Today hundred of volunteers and staff work with families to empower them toward self-sufficiency. Della Lamb's mission is to provide children, youth and their adult family members with access to life-changing resources: new skills, expanded opportunities and unending hope. Their goal is to move people out of poverty. WE ARE THERE!

The Lord's Prayer

For many of us, Sunday worship would not be the same without praying together the familiar "Lord's Prayer". Yet, anything done regularly carries the danger of becoming commonplace and losing its meaning. Rediscover the meaning of this marvelous prayer through the following:

I cannot say **OUR**, if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say **FATHER**, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**, if I who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say **THY KINGDOM COME**, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE**, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**, unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD** without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellowman.

I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US**, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION**, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM**, if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE POWER**, if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say **FOREVER**, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say **AMEN**, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

This wonderful prayer embodies our spiritual needs as we sincerely repeat it and provides a model for our spontaneous prayer.

Prosperity and generosity

The clergyman Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887) once warned his parishioners to be aware of the problem of focusing too much on their possessions "lest prosperity destroy generosity."

Dr. Beecher was following the teachings and practice of his Lord Jesus, who was never prejudiced against wealthy people. In fact, he sometimes sought them out.

Consider the tax collector, Zacchaeus, for example. Jesus saw him perched in a tree and asked him to come down. Then Jesus told Zacchaeus that he was going to have lunch at his home right away. Jesus had invited himself to dine with the rich man who was hated by many!

Before Jesus left the man's home, Zacchaeus was thoroughly changed. Instead of being focused upon prosperity, he became centered on generosity. He said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much" (Luke 19:8, NRSV).

The man's prosperity had evolved into generosity all because of one visit from Jesus.

What changes might occur in our lives, if we allow Christ to visit us?

A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.

A child's curiosity

A little girl attending her first wedding was impressed with the lovely white gown the bride was wearing. After a while, she whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

Bending down and whispering softly in the child's ear, she answered, "Because white is the color of happiness."

The child then glanced over at the groom and the groomsmen in their black tuxedos. She whispered again, "Mom, why is the groom dressed in black? Shouldn't he be happy, too?"





“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’”

—Isaiah 6:8, NRSV

Each of these mission minutes was written by a current or former missionary. To learn more about the Advance or any of the ministries described in the minutes for mission, please contact the Advance office, (212) 870-3790, or e-mail advance@gbgm-umc.org or website <http://gbgm-umc.org/advance>.

Helping people to eat isn't just a matter of sending surplus food from the United States to other countries. Rather, it is working with the indigenous people to develop their technology and skill to grow their own food. When Africa University teaches agriculture, it helps Africa to feed itself.

Some of our students come from agricultural backgrounds, but others come from big cities. They hardly know which end of the cow the milk comes from! We hope that by the time they finish their degree, they know that and a lot more.

The farm here is part of the Africa University campus in Mutare, Zimbabwe. The primary focus of this farm is to provide a living laboratory for the faculty to use in instruction. We grow corn, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat. Most of our work involves livestock. We've had some interesting students. One was a young woman named Tapazwa, who helped with milking on many occasions. She was reliable, hardworking and pleasant. When Tapazwa graduated, I was surprised she received an award for the highest marks in accounting. Here was this young woman who worked her way through the university by milking cows, and she was a whiz kid in accounting!

I started my missionary assignment as a biology teacher. I had no theoretical background in agriculture. They told me, "You grew up on a farm so you must know how to teach agriculture." I found that was my niche—that I actually enjoyed teaching agriculture more than teaching biology.

My wife Jane teaches English to Africa University students who come from countries where English is not spoken. She says, "As a Christian and a teacher, I believe I can play a significant role in the spiritual and educational development of my students. It's not my training and experience that give me confidence, but the conviction that Jesus can work in and through me to show God's love for all people."

Jane, our four children and I know there are risks wherever we live or work. But we also know if we're doing what God calls us to do, we're in God's hands and we can trust God to care for us. Because of United Methodist support through the **Advance for Christ and His Church**, we can respond to God's call. Thank you!

God, it is amazing how you lead us into ministry—doing things we love and, in the process, sharing your promise of new life. Continue to open our eyes and our hearts to unexpected possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

Emergency Fund for Students' Families at Africa University, Zimbabwe, #12931A Kies, Jane, #10739Z Kies, Larry, #09572Z

—Jane Kies, English teacher, and Larry Kies, technical advisor, Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe

Camp Jo-Ota Schedule

The following youth will be attending summer church camp at Camp Jo-Ota.

Please remember them and the leaders in your prayers. If you wish to send them a note, while they are in camp, the mailing address is:

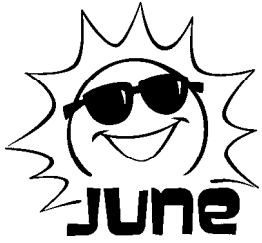
Camp Jo-Ota, 1272 Hwy. MM, Clarence, MO 63437

June 19-24	Jamie Roth
July 14-15	Remingtyn Bealmer
	Justina Reed
	Cody Roth
July 16-21	Ashton Ross
	Lance Weber
July 30-Aug 4	Cody Benowitz
	Preston Ross
	Logan Weber

. . . Happy Camping

Congrats to these outstanding persons...

- ✔ **Don Mitten** (LaPlata) for playing bass as Leon Shears recorded a CD.
- ✔ **Curt Bowen** (Mt. Zion) promotion to varsity football at Macon schools.
- ✔ **Brandi Carter** (LaPlata) winning 3rd in conference track in the 800 m and breaking her own record by 15 seconds.
- ✔ **Weston Gaughan** (Atlanta) graduation from University of Missouri - Columbia.
- ✔ **Samantha Halley** and **Samual Benowitz** (Atlanta) graduation from 8th grade at Atlanta.
- ✔ **Jacob Fitzsimmons** (Mt. Zion) graduation from high school in Alabama.
- ✔ **Melodee & Jim Nelson** (Mt. Zion) welcomed a new granddaughter on May 2th, **Amarra Lee** weighted 7 lbs. 8 ozs., 19 inches long.



June 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Atlanta UMW 5:30 pm Atlanta UMC Board Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Pastor's Day Off	3
4 Communion Sunday National Hunger Awareness Mt. Zion Fellowship Lunch	5	6	7	8	9 MO Annual Conference	10 MO Annual Conference
11 MO Annual Conference Peace with Justice Sunday	12 MO Annual Conference Mt. Zion Board Meeting 7 pm	13 LaPlata Christian Ministry Food Delivery 11 am	14 LaPlata UMW 1:30 pm LaPlata UMC Board Meeting 6 pm	15 Atlanta Senior Fellowship 10a-3p PPRC at LaPlata UMC 6:30 pm	16 Pastor's Day Off	17
18 July Newsletter Deadline 	19 LaPlata Christian Ministries Board 9 am	20	21 Mt. Zion UMW at Jane's 7 pm	22 LaPlata Nursing Home Bible Study w/Eva 11 am	23 Pastor's Day Off Atlanta Homecoming	24 Nate Bealmer O'Brien Wedding Atlanta Homecoming Christian Browning Wedding
25 Atlanta Homecoming Home Pioneer 4-H Annual Farm Tour 2 pm LaPlata Nursing Home Worship 2:30 pm Angel's Youth Group 4-6 pm	26	27 LaPlata Nursing Home Worship 11 am	28 Loch Haven Nursing Home Bible Study 10 am	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Austin Gaughan
- 1 Stan & Vanita Weber
- 3 Daron Baker
- 4 Toni Mitten
- 6 Jim Nelson
- 8 Kevin Ross
- 9 Roger & Marylyn Garrett
- 11 Martin Wedel
- 12 Joe & Elaine Keller
- 13 Vanita Weber
- 15 Chass & Melissa Bennett
- 16 Tim Bergman
- 16 Kevin & Julie Ross
- 18 Russell & Wilma Kohl
- 20 Michael Robidoux
- 24 Louise Carriker
- 26 Jason & Andrea Bush
- 26 Eddie & Ida Collins
- 26 Bill Dixon
- 26 Justina Reed
- 27 Mike & Shari Bibbs
- 28 Amy Mayland
- 28 Reilly Emmajane Welsh
- 29 Donald Ross
- 30 Terry Ross

“Where did they go?” Address Information Station

Please Welcome these new persons to our church...

Mary & Lynn Carnahan
34581 Ladder Street
Atlanta, MO 63530

Donald & Toni Mitten
309 W. Davis
LaPlata, MO 63549

Bonnie Mathis
503 Old Hwy 36 E.
Bevier, MO 63532

Russell, Wilma & Eleyna Kohl
29677 Southwest Blvd.
Macon, MO 63552



In The Mailbag



Changes in location...

In the Military...

SR Bass, James A.
P.O. Box 820 #95
Groton, CT 06340-0820

What I am is how God made me. What I am not is how God made somebody else.” –submitted by Jan Battenfield, Apple Valley, California

News of Note

Pastor Sheila is wanting aluminum cans to recycle. Money she receives will go to buy underwear and socks for Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church Ministry. Cans may be left for her at church or under the carport at the Parsonage.

Newsletter Deadline for July will be Sunday, June 18th. Send to Amy Mayland 30 Timberline Drive, Blue Grass, IA 52726 or amym@tenexes.net

Top Ten Boutique Needs Grand Avenue Temple UMC

- >Money to purchase new underwear and socks
- >Blue jeans, smaller sizes for men and women
- >Toothbrushes, combs, razors
- >Underwear for men, panties and bras for women
- >Women’s socks, Men’s crew socks
- >Deodorant, hair conditioner
- >Lotions
- >Reading glasses
- >Men’s shoes, large sizes
- >T-shirts

???? Bible quiz ????

Fifty days after the Resurrection, a number of people who believed that Jesus was the long-awaited Christ gathered in a Jerusalem home. Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind filled the house and something like tongues of fire rested on each person. They became filled with the Holy Spirit and their faces glowed with holiness. They began to utter other languages that the Spirit had given them the sudden ability to speak. It was an uncanny occurrence, one which the church recalls with awe and appreciation every Pentecost.

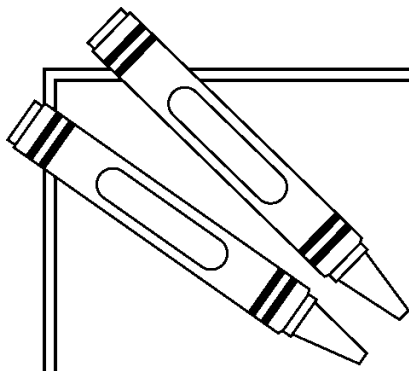
In a way, the unique and powerful experience was the birthday of the church. So many people were filled with the Spirit that their enthusiasm and charisma influenced a large number of other people to become Christians that very day.

On that day how many people “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship?”

- A. 2,000
- B. 3,000
- C. 4,000
- D. 5,000

The answer can be found in Acts 2:41.

Answer: B



Just for KIDS

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

God plans for our fathers to play important parts in our lives. Fill in the puzzle squares with names of important fathers from the Bible. Use the clues and verse references below to help.

DOWN

1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-2)
6. He had 12 sons. (Genesis 35:22)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed. (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons. (Ruth 4:17)

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2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark. (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away the birthright of his older son Esau. (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel. They were wicked. (1 Samuel 2:12).
8. David's best friend and father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan, he was chosen by the people as the first king of Israel. (2 Samuel 9:6)

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Mark Twain District website: www.marktwaindistrictumc.org



June 2006 "Way-To-Go" Award goes to...

I don't know if you have noticed or not – but the basement of the Atlanta United Methodist church has been swarming – swarming in a good way with many youth from 4th grade on up. The **Angel's** have hosted the "Green Means Grow" St. Patrick Day retreat, and though it was only guys, the 30 Hr. Famine, which helped them to realize what it is like to be hungry, as they fasted for 30 hours to raise funds for World Vision.

In addition to that, the **Angel's** created 'Child Care Kits' made up of hand-made fleece rag blankets and stuffed animals. The kits are now on the Atlanta Fire truck to be given to children who are involved in an accident or a fire. What a comfort that will be to have a blanket to wrap up in and a cozy stuffed animal to hold on to. As the Fire Chaplain for the Atlanta Fire Department, I hope these kits are never needed, but reality tells me that some day little ones will be so thankful that the **Angel's** gave of their time, talents and resources to offer comfort to others.

The June **Way-To-Go Award** goes to the **Angel's Youth Group** who have looked beyond themselves and sought to reach others. The core of this group is Samantha Halley, Sam Benowitz and Cody Benowitz and don't forget the leaders, Kelley, Aaron and Erica.

Way-To-GO, **Angels!!!** Keep up the good work and know that you are planting the seeds of love and kindness through your actions.

--Pastor Sheila

If you know of someone deserving of a "Way-To-Go" award, send the story by e-mail to Pastor Sheila at preacherlady@cvalley.net



Please Join Us!

LaPlata
Worship - 8:00 am
Mt. Zion East
Worship - 9:30 am
Sunday School - 10:30 am
Atlanta
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Worship - 11:00 am