

Fourth Quarter Events

Temple Baptist Church is almost back to what we remember as our old normal now. Wednesday night Bible study and Sunday morning Sunday School are back with the mask and social distancing optional as to what each person feels comfortable with.

Heart to Heart Calendar of Events ...

October 7th - no Heart to Heart

October 10th - Chili Supper @ 5 pm

October 16th - Trunk of Treats in the church parking lot.

3 pm to 5 pm - Volunteers needed for games and hayrides around the church property.

If electric needed contact Peggy



October 17th - Gospel Singing with

Jim & Melissa Brady 2 pm to 4 pm

October 18th - Co-Ordinator's Meeting @ 6 pm

October 29th and 30th - Seedline Ministries

Volunteers will meet to compile Bibles.

November 4th - Fellowship night

November 7th - Gospel Singing with the Perry's

2 pm to 4 pm

November 14th - All Nation's Banquet

December 2nd - Heart to Heart Christmas Party



December 19th - Cookie Tray Pick-up Day

December 25th - Christmas Day!



November...

This is the month to ...

Heart to Heart Ministries New & Renewal - the time to sign up for a new ministry or renew your ministry choices from the current year. Try a new ministry for the new year!

Cookie tray orders will be taken the whole month of November. The trays come in only one size this year - containing 6 dozen cookies. They will be available for pick-up on December 19th.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box ministry. Start planning for all the things you can squeeze into that shoe box for the child age group and gender you choose. The deadline for bringing them in will be November 14th.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. Starting at the end of October food, household items, and monetary donations will begin being collected. A list of suggested items can be found at the help desk when this drive begins. Please check expiration dates on items donated. If outdated or too close please don't bring. If you know of anyone that needs help during the holidays, let the Pastor, Audrey, or a deacon know so they can be provided for.

Luke 24:50-53

Luke's Gospel pen, filled by the ink of the Spirit for twenty-four glorious chapters, appropriately runs dry on a priceless scene. A small band of motley men, whose lives had been turned every which way but loose by Jesus of Nazareth, strained for their last earthly glimpse of Him.

Thirty-three years earlier, the feet of God toddled their first visible prints on earth, a young mother's footprints chasing close behind. The walk grew rough, the path strewn with stones and thorns. Now God incarnate stepped off this planet with feet scarred and bruised. As God predicted at the fall, the ancient serpent struck Christ's heel, but on the day He ascended, all things were under Christ's feet. Jesus Christ walked the way of humanity so the humanity could walk the way of God. How beautiful the feet that brought good news.

Not one of those disciples was sorry He had come their way. Their losses were incalculable. Most of their friends. Much of their family. Their jobs. The blessings of their fathers. Physical safety. And now, a leader they could see. Yet they left the Mount of Olives with great joy, continually praising God, for their ordinary lives had been interrupted by glory.

The sufferings of this world simply could not compare to the glory He had revealed to them. It sustained and swelled them long after the visible became invisible. You and I are the spiritual descendants of Peter, John, and all the others who offered their lives, not for what they thought or what they hoped, but for what they knew. Whom they knew. Our faith is based on fact, beloved. Never let anyone convince you otherwise.

Jesus the One and Only – the title is His forever. He was the One and Only long before He breathed a soul into humanity, and He will continue to be the One and Only long after the last soul has been judged. He is changeless. But you and I were destined for change. So determined is God to transform us, we cannot draw near Him and remain the same. May our tenure on this planet be characterized by one simple word. . . *Jesus!*

Beth Moore
From Portraits of Devotion

A Wish

By Lorine Lile

Give me a friend to walk with me.
A friend who loves me well.
Who understands the silent needs
My lips may never tell.
Whose heart bears answer to my heart.
Whose strength is mine to borrow.
Whose love and faith are knit with mine.
And I'll not fear the morrow.

Give me a friend to stand by me
In hours of darkest pain,
Who is acquainted with my faults,
Yet bears no word of blame;
A friend whose laughter echoes mine
Until my days are spent.
Whose tears are mingled with my own;
And I shall be content.

Give me a friend to walk with me.
A friend whose heart has known
The silent depths in which the soul
Must sometimes strive alone.
A friend who counsels wisely
And rebukes, if I have need.
If I have one such friend as this,
I shall be rich indeed.

Submitted by Brenda Angelo

The most important part of our task will be to tell everyone who will listen that Jesus is the only answer to the problems that are disturbing the hearts of men and nations.

Betsie Ten Boom (when she was still in Hitler's concentration camp)

Songs We Love

Methodist camp meetings of the 1800s helped to shape Christianity in America. Their influence lingers still today. Large crowds in the thousands gathered for camp meetings with their families. The women cooked the meals, the children played together, the teenagers courted, and the men talked politics. But several times during the day they'd gather for singing, testifying, and preaching. Camp meetings were a place of ministry to some of the greatest preachers, soloist, and song leaders of that time. William J Kirkpatrick was a minister of music at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and a popular figure at those camp meetings. In 1890 while leading music he questioned the sincerity and salvation of one of the soloists he was working with. His name unknown, left the meeting every night after he sang and never listened to a sermon. He also would withdraw from any fellowship. Kirkpatrick suspected that this young man had not given his life to the Lord and began praying for him. He said he'd become very burdened for this man and asked the Lord to help him write a song. A song of invitation with just this man in mind. He then asked the young man to sing it.

Coming home, coming home
Never more to roam.
Open wide Thine arms of love
Lord I'm coming home.

The man sang the song as requested and God spoke to his heart. He stayed and listened to the sermon and was so convicted he was the first person to the alter asking Jesus into his heart. Kirkpatrick's song "Lord, I'm Coming Home," first appeared in a book of camp meeting hymns and is a popular hymn of invitation still today. The words of this song still serves to convict hearts of non-Christians and Christians who have accepted him but are wandering and wasting precious years. Maybe it's you. Ask for strength renewed, hope restored, and come home!!

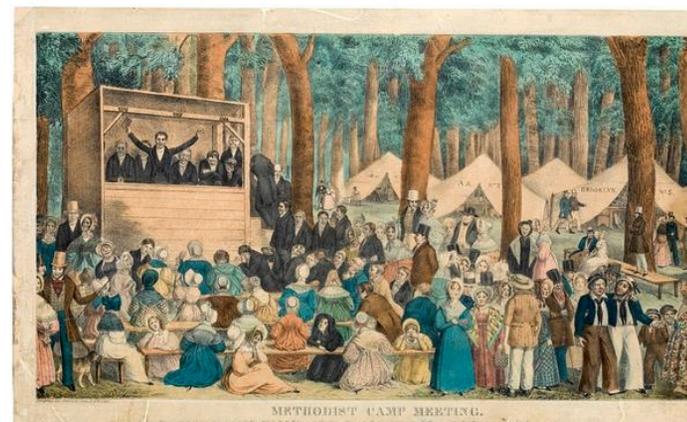
Lord, I'm Coming Home
I've wandered far away from God,
Now I'm coming home.

The path of sin too long I've trod,
Lord I'm coming home.
I've wasted many precious years,
Now I'm coming home
I now repent with bitter tears,
Lord I'm coming home.
I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord,
Now I'm coming home.
I'll trust thy love, believe Thy word,
Lord I'm coming home.
My soul is sick, my heart is sore,
Now I'm coming home.
My strength renewed, my hope restored,

Lord I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home
Nevermore to roam,
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Submitted by Peggy Somosko

Methodist Camp Meeting



Harry T. Peters "America on Stone" Lithography Collection
Chronology: 1830-1839
National Museum of American History

Double Decker Fudge

By Katie Rogers



4 ½ cups sugar
1 (7 oz.) Marshmallow Crème – 1 pt.
2 (6 oz.) cans evaporated milk
½ cup margarine
Dash of salt
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 (6 oz.) pkg. (1 cup) butterscotch pieces

In a 3 quart saucepan, combine sugar, marshmallow crème, evaporated milk, margarine and salt. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils. Boil gently, stirring frequently for 5 minutes. Divide mixture in half. To one half (about 3 cups) add chocolate pieces, stir until melted and blended; pour into a buttered 13x9x2 inch pan. To the remaining half of marshmallow mixture, add the butterscotch pieces, beating until smooth. If necessary beat the butterscotch mixture with a rotary beater until pieces are melted and the mixture is smooth. Pour over the chocolate layer. Cool. Cut in pieces.

I found this on the 95.5 The Fish Cleveland radio website.
Posted Sunday, July 25, 2021

I love this analogy.

When God wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea.
When God wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth.
But when God wanted to create man, He turned to Himself.

Then God said: “Let us make man in our image and in our likeness.”

Note:

If you take a fish out of the water it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die.

Likewise, when man is disconnected from God, he dies. God is our natural environment. We were created to live in His presence. We have to be connected to Him because it is only in Him that life exists.

Let’s stay connected to God. We recall that water without fish is still water but fish without water is nothing. The soil without a tree is still soil but the tree without soil is nothing. . .

God without man is still God but man without God is nothing.

Jesus means “the Lord saves.”

When Aaron and his sons were ordained, Moses had to put ram’s blood on their right ear lobes, right thumbs, and right big toes.

Exodus 29:20

Priscilla and Aquila moved to Corinth because Claudius, the emperor, made all the Jews leave Rome.

Acts 18:2

All the tribes of Israel got part of the promised land except the Levites.

Numbers 26:62

Jesus once made some demons keep quiet after he drove them out because they knew who He was, and He wanted to keep His identity to Himself for a while.

Mark 1:34

People with running sores couldn’t present offerings to God.

Leviticus 21:18

If an Israelite wanted to marry a captive woman, he had to make her shave her head, trim her nails, and change her clothes. So much for the lovey bride.

Deuteronomy 21:12-13

Whenever evil spirits saw Jesus, they fell down and yelled, “You are the Son of God.”

Mark 3:11

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

Robyn Martins

Life Principles To Live By
By Charles Stanley

1. Our intimacy with God – His highest priority for our lives – determines the impact of our lives.
2. Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him.
3. God's Word is an immovable anchor in times of storm.
4. The awareness of God's presence energizes us for our work.
5. God does not require us to understand His will, just obey it, even if it seems unreasonable.
6. You reap what you sow, more than you sow, and later than you sow.
7. The dark moments of our life will last only as is necessary for God to accomplish His purpose in us.
8. Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.
9. Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees.
10. If necessary, God will move heaven and earth to show us His will.
11. God assumes full responsibility for our needs when we obey Him.
12. Peace with God is the fruit of oneness with God.
13. Listening to God is essential to walking with God.
14. God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.
15. Brokenness is God's requirement for maximum usefulness.
16. Whatever you acquire outside of God's will eventually turns to ashes.
17. We stand tallest and strongest on our knees.
18. As children of a sovereign God, we are never victims of our circumstances.
19. Anything you hold too tightly you will lose.
20. Disappointments are inevitable; discouragement is a choice.
21. Obedience always brings blessing.
22. To walk in the Spirit is to obey the initial promptings of the Spirit.
23. You can never outgive God.
24. To live the Christian life is to allow Jesus to live His life in and through us.
25. God blesses us so that we might bless others.
26. Adversity is a bridge to a deeper relationship with God.
27. Prayer is life's greatest time saver.
28. No Christian has ever been called to "go it alone" in his or her walk of faith.

29. We learn more in our valley experiences than on our mountaintops.
30. An eager anticipation of the Lord's return keeps us living productively.

Unstuffed Pepper Soup

- 1 ½ lbs. ground beef
- 3 large green peppers chopped
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 cans (14 ½ oz. each) beef broth
- 2 cans (10 ¾ oz. each) condensed tomato soup – undiluted
- 1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes undrained
- 1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems & pieces drained (optional)
- 1 ½ cups cooked rice (real rice does better than Minute Rice)

Brown ground beef and drain. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan combine the ground beef, green peppers, and onions and cook over medium heat. Stir in broth, soup, tomatoes, and mushrooms. Bring to a boil. Then reduce heat, cover, and simmer for at least 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cooked rice and heat thoroughly. Makes 10 servings.

Note: I cook a pot of this and freeze in individual servings. Works nicely.

Recipe from Carrol Sturm

Taken from Heart to Heart Ladies Ministries Cookbook

Give
THANKS
to the *Lord*
for He is good; His love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34

As most of you know we recently lost a beloved member of Temple Baptist church, Sherry Bolitho. Sherry was not only a long-standing church member and teacher but a valued writer for our newsletter. Sherry was writing the book corner for adults and children from when the newsletter was new. She always came up with books that were fun and interesting to our readers and related them with a personal touch. We surely miss her on many levels.

Since her contribution was so loved, we would like to continue having suggested books in the newsletter, but we need someone to step into that position. Anyone with a love of books that feels like that would be something they could do, a calling or mission, please contact me or let Audrey in the office know and she can forward that information to me. We would love to hear from you.

To keep Sherry's love of books tradition continuing, I discovered two books that I found more than a little interesting and thought I would share them this time.

For Adults. . .

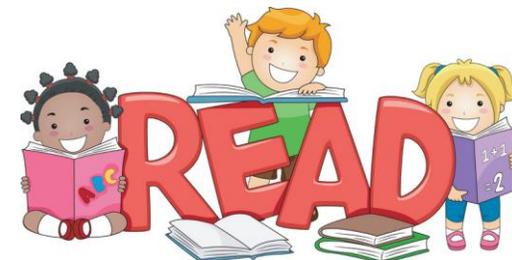
The Hiding Place by Cornelia (Corrie) Ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill is a true story. It tells the story of Corrie Ten Boom and how the Christian values instilled in her from the time of her birth lead her to become not just a survivor but a woman of courage and conviction in the power of God. Corrie was the first woman in Holland to receive a license as a watchmaker. She learned her trade from her father who was also a passionate Christian and held services in his home on a weekly basis. When the Nazi regime invaded Holland the first thing they did was to remove the weak and aged from society and then the Jews. The Ten Boom family began to slowly take in Jews that sought their help and needed a safe place to hide. They soon became part of a bigger underground movement to get Jews out of the city and harm's way. As a result, Corrie and several of her family members were imprisoned when what they were doing was discovered. Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to a concentration camp in Germany when Corrie was past fifty years old. While incarcerated they held Christian services using a Bible kept hidden

from the guards and prayed for everyone, even their captors. Her story highlights how God worked to shield and protect them while helping spread the Gospel in a place of darkness. He made a way for them time and again. After surviving the concentration camp, she went on to tell her story around the world to help bring peace and healing to a broken world. In her words, "this is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see."

For Children (recommended for ages 6-12) . . .

Don't Forget to Flush! A Bathroom Devotional for Kids by Kevin and Britta Alton. This is a fun devotional designed to fill those 5 minutes spent at least once every day in the bathroom. It has a total of 99 devotions that can help train the young ones to take the time to study the Word of God even if it's only in 5-minute increments. This devotional is told from a snarky preteen boy's perspective and will make the kids laugh, think, and connect with God all while sitting on the toilet! The take-aways from reading this devotional will travel outside the bathroom in character building and help begin a faith-based relationship with God.

Kevin and Britta Alton have spent 20 years advocating and ministering to families and children of all ages. Kevin is the co-creator of Youthworker Circuit and a content curator for the Science for Youth Ministry project. He has written, co-authored, and contributed to several books including, *The Whirl Story Bible*, *God's Graffiti Devotional*, *Faith Forward Volume 2* and *SENT*, *Youth Study Book*. Britta loves finding ways to assist, protect and build strong character through vocation or volunteerism.



Any Age is Beautiful

To grow older joyfully means to accept what is. This implies we determine to live with the reality that says we are truly the age we are, to date. Any age is beautiful because life itself is a beautiful thing. As Mark Twain once said, "Age is mostly a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." Where we get into trouble is the attempt to be something we are not, whether that's in our age or in our person. Such inner deception can also lead to self-defeat and depression.

We are the most appealing to others and the happiest within when we are completely ourselves. But it is a constant struggle because, as Scripture teaches, the world is always trying to press us into its mold. The mold of the world is the mold of the synthetic. . . the artificial. . . the celluloid – the "Plastic Person." The world cries, "You've got to be thin, and you've got to be rich. You've got to be great." But Scripture says, "You don't have to be any of those things. You simply have to be yourself – at any age as God made you, available to Him so that He can work in and through you to bring about His kingdom and His glory."

Luci Swindoll
You Bring the Confetti

Faith makes
The uplook good,
The outlook bright,
The inlook favorable,
And the future glorious.

*In All Things,
Give Thanks*
I Thessalonians 5:18

A Thankful Heart

Take nothing for granted,
for whenever you do
The "joy of enjoying"
is lessened for you -
For we rob our own lives
much more than we know
When we fail to respond
or in any way show
Our thanks for the blessings
that daily are ours. . .
The warmth of the sun,
the fragrance of flowers,
The beauty of twilight,
the freshness of dawn,
The coolness of dew
on a green velvet lawn,
The kind little deeds
so thoughtfully done,
The favors of friends
and the love that someone
Unselfishly gives us
in a myriad of ways,
Expecting no payment
and no words of praise -
Oh, great is our loss
when we no longer find
A thankful response
to things of this kind,
For the *joy of enjoying*
and the *fullness of living*
Are found in the heart
that is filled with *thanksgiving*.

By Helen Steiner Rice

Never Alone

There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

~ Ecclesiastes 4:8-10

The first year of the pandemic, 2020 showed many the importance of having contact with others. When having physical contact was taken away people got very creative with Zoom and other face time technology to maintain a semblance of togetherness. People are social creatures by nature. From the very beginning of the world, God created man and then said that it was not good that man should be alone, so He created woman to be a help mate. In His great wisdom He knew that man needed the companionship of another, someone to share not just the work but the joys of life and the times of sorrow. As Mark Twain said, "To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." That would include not just the joyful moments but the sad and everyday moments as well. Having that contact also makes us stronger.

I have a bittersweet vine growing on the fence by my porch. I cut it back at least a couple of times a year because it wants to travel. It attaches itself to the railings of the porch and reaches out to grab onto the branches of the nearest trees. A single vine can only reach so far before it falls, loops back on itself, or just stops growing. What I have observed though is it seems to have "learned" that if several vines entwine themselves together they are then strong enough to reach out farther and can attain the height needed to attach itself to a tree branch. I have seen it happen many times now. Going it alone, one vine just maintains itself or fails but many vines entwined together makes it strong, able to reach further, and grow.

The same is true with people. We can go on alone, but loneliness can lead to depression, unproductivity, despair, and even bitterness. While

having a companion to share your thoughts with, converse with, and share the events of life with, will give more meaning to your life. You are happier, emotionally balanced, productive, creative, and over all a better human being. When the military captures people believed to be a spy or an enemy of the state and want information, the first interrogation tactic used is isolation. This is because they know that eventually the aloneness will intensify all those negative feelings in that person and make them more likely to break and give them the information they request. It's like that little story that went around about the single stick and how easily it could be broken, but if you bundle a bunch of sticks together you find it much harder to break.

As Christians we have the assurance that we are never alone because God is with us always. He is our #1 BFF. But God knows that being human we need a more tangible companion as well, one that can be touched, seen, and heard. Of course, we should show some discretion in the companions we choose. I once had a person tell me that they could tell the type of a person someone was by the friends that gathered around them, and I read that most people have only 10 really close friends. Those are the kinds of friendships that helps strengthen us, that stand by us through tough times, support us when we are weak, and delight with us in the good times. They know our heart. I believe God puts them in our lives for these special purposes. They are his hands and feet for us. We all have an extended circle of friends as well, family members, and acquaintances that can still be a great source of friendship and support that can help us and that we can in turn can be a help to. As I used to tell my son, "You have to be a friend to have a friend." Alone we can do little but together we can do amazing things. And with God leading the way there are no limits to how powerful a God-fearing group can become. Our faith in God makes us strong and Godly friendships help us stay strong in our faith and in the everyday. So, choose your friends wisely.

LeuAnna Taylor

Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

~ Micah 7:7-8

