

Grace Notes

MAY 2024

Timmy's mom loved him very much and being a worrier, she was concerned about his walking to school as a kindergartener. For the first few days, she walked Timmy to school. Then Timmy told his mom that he didn't want her walking him to school. He wanted to be like the "big boys."

Mom wasn't thrilled with the idea, so she asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, to follow Timmy to school. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be good exercise for them, so she agreed.

The next day, Mrs. Goodnest and her daughter Marcy followed behind Timmy as he walked to school with another boy. At the end of the week, the other boy noticed this same lady following them every day. Finally, the boy asked Timmy, "Do you know the lady that follows us each day?"

Timmy said, "That's just Shirley Goodnest."

"Who is she?" the boy asked.

"Well," Timmy explained, "Every night my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm and it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.' So, I just have to get used to it."

It is a pretty bad pun, but it is not bad theology. God is with us all the days of our lives. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. There is something about modern life that can rob us of our sense of God's presence with us and God's power within us. The one sure way of fighting any desensitization toward God is to share with others what God means to our lives.

You see, God calls us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others not just so others will come to know him but so we will continue to know him and grow in our knowledge and relationship with him.

Think about it. Pray about it. I hope see you in church.

God Bless, Pastor Kevin

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Announcements

Upcoming Road Work in our Area

These construction projects may effect how some people get to the church.



27th Street from Kansas Ave to Washburn - overlay project will begin sometime end of May or first of June. Will probably take 1-2 weeks, depending on weather.

Topeka Blvd from 21st to 29th - will begin sometime this summer. Complete replacement, including some curb & gutter work. 29th & Topeka intersection will be fully closed for 1 week. 27th to 29th will be fully closed while adding curbs and gutters. 21st & Topeka intersection will be fully closed Aug - Dec.

The City of Topeka will be holding informational meetings at Grace UMC on May 9th and May 15th.

Rethinking Church Property for Missions and Sustainability

It is no secret that sustaining our church buildings has become more difficult with declining attendance and increasing expenses. We need to invite the Holy Spirit to guide us outside the box in our thinking. Part of opening ourselves to the Spirit's leading is listening to those who have more knowledge and experience.

Crestview and Grace are invited to join Pastor Kevin at Grace on Sunday evening, May 5th at 6 pm for an ice cream social and to listen to Rev. Michael Beck talk about how to get the most out of our church buildings for missions and long-term sustainability. Rev. Beck has hands-on experience with rethinking how church property is used and sustained.

Joining us that night will be University UMC, as well as, Rev. Jeff Clinger, Director of Congregational Excellence, and Gerald Lui, Director of Emerging Congregations for the Great Plains Conference. They will share resources the conference may have available, as well as what other churches are doing to take full advantage of their property.

We will have ice cream, watch the conference, and engage in discussion. The plan is to have everyone home before dark.

Women in Faith Salad Lunch

Grace Women are having a "Salad Luncheon" on Saturday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Crestview Women will be our invited guests (please bring a little extra salad for our guests).

Our guest speaker will be Angie Boles, director of Project2Restore. (A Faith-based restorative home for survivors of sexual exploitation.)

Please let Irma know by May 5th if you plan to attend.



NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Monday, May 6th, 2024
7:00 pm
(arrive by 6:45 pm)
Lee Arena at Washburn University

(Park in the lot on the SW corner of
SW Washburn Ave and SW 19th St,
Topeka KS 66621)
Please carpool if possible.

SEE YOU THERE!

For more information, contact
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Gary Schwinn Jr. 5/3
Ruth Wieland 5/18

Scripture Readings

May 5

Acts 10:44-48
Psalms 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalms 1 (UMH 738)
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47 (UMH 781)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 19

Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms 29 (UMH 761)
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

May Fellowship List

May 5th: Unknown
May 12th: Angel & Amaya
May 19th: Graduation Reception - Cindy & Leanna
May 26th: Unknown



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00pm: AA - #3 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	2 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	3 6:30pm: NA - #3	4
5 6:00pm: Rethinking Church Property Ice Cream Social	6 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:00pm: Nehemiah Action Assembly - Lee Arena 7:30pm: NA - #3	7 8:00am: Master Gardens 10:00am: SMS Exercise 4:00pm: Grace Circle 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	8 12:00pm: AA - #3 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	9 9:30am: Coffee with the Pastor - Café Quetzal 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:00pm: City of Topeka 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	10 6:30pm: NA - #3	11 11:30am: Women in Faith Salad Lunch
12 Mother's Day	13 12:00pm: AA - #3 6:00pm: Quinton-Heights NIA - FH 7:30pm: NA - #3	14 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	15 12:00pm: AA - #3 5:00pm: City of Topeka 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	16 9:00am: Senior Day Out 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	17 6:30pm: NA - #3	18
19	20 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	21 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	22 12:00pm: AA - #3 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	23 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	24 6:30pm: NA - #3	25
26	27 Memorial Day 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	28 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	29 12:00pm: AA - #3 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	30 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	31 6:30pm: NA - #3	The deadline to submit information for the Grace Notes or calendar for June 2024 will be May 26th. Anything submitted after that date will not be guaranteed a place.