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MUD OR STARS

On Friday, the abatement process started in the youth space. It's a detailed process that will see construction crews here for a good amount of time, and it's work we are grateful for!

That said, it does mean a bit of upheaval for our Youth Sunday School. For the next few Sundays through the month of June, youth will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for their time together. Having helped to move all their items last week to storage, I can tell you that this means a few changes for our students.

Gone are the camping chairs that they sit in weekly for youth gatherings. Gone is the foosball table and the board games that were available for their use. The large majority of their craft supplies have been tucked away for a month or so as well. In those ways, the change to the Fellowship Hall will be a bit of a burden.

But, as is the case with most things in life, this situation is all about perspective. With the Fellowship Hall comes unique access to drinks and snacks in the kitchen (Sue had lemonade ready for them this past Sunday!). With the Fellowship Hall comes the ability to shoot and play a bit (after the lesson is done of course!). As it turns out, not everything is a burden—change can bring delights IF we have eyes to see it.

The Bible presents this idea to us in a variety of ways throughout its pages:

-Joseph maintains grateful eyes in the midst of all of his challenging situations.

-The Psalms declare, "You give and take away—blessed be your name!"

-Jesus reminds us that rain falls on the wicked the same way it does the righteous.

Much of life is about perspective—can we look on the joys and challenges of this world with grateful eyes—this is one of the great challenges of the believer in God. The pastor I last served with in Knoxville quoted this refrain regularly, and it has stuck with me: **"Two men sat behind prison bars—one saw mud, the other stars."** Obviously neither man WANTS to be in that situation. Obviously, I'm not asking you to look on their situation with envy or to deem it good. But what this refrain does teach us is that, no matter what we face, there is good, beauty, joy and love to be found if we look with grateful eyes.

So, if you get out of your Sunday School class a bit early in the month of June, or if you get here a bit early for worship, let me invite you over to the Fellowship Hall to say hello to and encourage our youth. There may be a cup of lemonade, a snack, and a basketball with your name on it! **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Reverend Josh Beeler - "Tabitha/Dorcus"

Acts 9:36-42

Koinonia Choir - Special Music



MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

May items are corn bread mix and Bisquick.

WOM MAY PROJECT

MIRIAM'S HOUSE

Cleaning and paper products will be collected.

MEALS ON WHEELS

May 29 - Ellen Saunders & Diane Duff



FELLOWSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

BREAKFAST

June 1 at 9:15 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16-20 | 9am-Noon

Invite your friends, family & neighbors!

Road Trip: On the Go With God

Ages 4 years to completion of 5th grade.

The registration table is in the main hallway outside of the sanctuary.

SUMMER PICNIC

Eagle Eyrie - Saturday, June 21

Swimming Pool 3 - 5 p.m.

Picnic @ Pavillion 5 - 7 p.m.

MHBC KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate in the following summer activities:

June 12, 2-5 p.m. | Otter Creek Play Day

June 29, Noon-4 p.m. | Pizza & Mini Golf

July 23, 2-6 p.m. | Harvey Pool Party

Drop off & pick-up at MHBC.



CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 21

Justin Owen & Billy Williams

DEACONS SERVING MAY 21

Allen Ashwell

Benny Brooks

Mary Ellen Bryant

Tracey Garrett

Cary Murphy

Irene White

MAY 18, 2025 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....\$4,219.00

(Weekly Budget Needs \$9510.00)

Plate Offering.....\$ 74.00

Designated Offering.....\$ 280.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$ 4,813.00

Find Us Faithful.....\$ 240.00

USHERS FOR MAY

Glen & Lisa Lang & Stevie Yeatts

IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB

Jean Thacker

Lynchburg General

Betty Goff

Tate Springs Rehabilitation Center

REMINDER - The church office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26.

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