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PASTOR CARY'S CORNER

I trust you had a most enjoyable summer! Now it's time to move into another school year with all the assorted activities and events coming our way. The challenge, as always, is not to allow all the things that will be happening in our lives to crowd out the most important thing. I'm mindful of a time that the Lord stopped in Bethany for a visit with friends shortly before His final destination in Jerusalem. We hear what happened in Mark 14:3ff:

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?"... "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

As we move into this busy time of Fall, let's stay focus on the One Thing, which makes all the difference; **spending** our life on Jesus, as the woman at Bethany did! In our life together at *Mt. Union* there are all kinds of ways to do that; from **Rally Day** to a **1st Communion Retreat** (2nd graders and older) to **Small Groups** to **Sunday's COOL to Worship**...or just hangin' out with our families and friends! Make Jesus your priority...you'll be blessed beyond your wildest dreams!

Also, I'll begin a new four-part sermon series entitled "How to be a Joy Giver!" on Sunday, September 24th through October 15th. We will be considering how to "let nothing rob us of the joy of the Risen Jesus"(Mother Teresa) as we deal with four key areas in life; 1.) Circumstances 2.) People 3.) Worldly Stuff & 4.) Worry.

Peace in Jesus,
Pastor Cary



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, September 10th (Rally Day), during our worship celebration (9am), we will have the 'Blessing of the Backpacks'. We will be inviting all the children in attendance on that day to come forward with their backpacks and have Pastor Cary and the whole congregation bless them and their upcoming school year, along with their fellow students and teachers!



RALLY DAY-SEPTEMBER 10th

"Train up children in the way they should go and when they are grown, they will not turn away from it." (Prov. 22:6) Are you ready for Rally Day? We're excited to share with you as we celebrate the beginning of another Sunday School year (which runs from September through June annually). RALLY DAY begins at 10:15am on Sunday, September 10th, in the main sanctuary. All of our adults, youth, and children are invited to participate. We will have some great time of fellowship, introduce our classes for the children and adults, and then follow things up with a PICNIC LUNCH. If you haven't already done so, please sign up in the narthex with your name and what you can share as a side dish. Barbecue sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

You will be greatly blessed from this time on Sunday morning, as we begin another year of 'growing in Jesus'. Remember, we are 'life-long' students of Jesus and all of us are called to be His disciples. Not only do we have children's classes, but the adults will have two classes offered. Remember, as we 'work the Word, the Word works in our lives.'! If you have any questions, please contact Robin Lambert (Christian Education team leader) or Pastor Cary.

We hope you can join us this Rally Day, September 10th! Many blessings to you these remaining days of summer.

TEXAS DISASTER RELIEF

We know there are many options to help financially with this terrible disaster, but here are three very reliable recommendations; Samaritan's Purse, Red Cross, or NALC Disaster Response.

HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

Several of our children and adult chaperones are attending a special retreat at Mar Lu Ridge Retreat Center on Saturday, September 23rd, from 9am-2pm. During our time we will be experiencing God's beautiful creation, preparing for the children's first Communion, and learning about being disciples of Jesus. Any children, 2nd grade and older, are welcome to attend. If interested, please call Pastor Cary as soon as possible.

'LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES' GROUP

Throughout the summer, a men's and women's small group, "Life's Healing Choices", have been meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. During these meetings there has been some in-depth discussion about life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups...and how the healing power of Jesus can give us a new-found freedom in our faith journey! Please note, these groups finish up their final two sessions on September 14th and 28th. We hope to offer this course again sometime in the future.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord's healing touch: Nicole Beaver, Terry Harman, Pastor Michael, Eva Michael, Ben Myers, Elwood Myers, Maxwell Jolbitado, Gail Lesight, Janet Justice, Dr. Pete Nichols, Nicholas Johnson, Marlene Petry, Don Zigler, Dorothy Stevenson, Nabeel Qureshi, Thelma Bohn, and Leroy Coshun.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the catastrophic disaster in Texas; for those who lost their lives, those recovering from injuries, first responders, and all those uniting to assist in this rescue operation!

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Aaron Fuhrman, Ellie Giziński, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayer list updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary and it is started fresh at the beginning of every month. We welcome your prayer requests and know the Lord absolutely delights in hearing from us!

COUNSELING

If crisis or short term counseling is ever needed in the healing process for individuals and families, please know

Pastor Cary is available. The following protocol are the guidelines he follows:

1. Please call his cell phone at 301-514-6432 to schedule an appointment.
2. If the counseling is for an adult male, couple or family then the meeting will take place in the parish hall or another preferable location.
3. If the counseling is for a child under the age of eighteen then a parent or legal guardian will be requested to attend.
4. If the counseling is for an adult female then the meeting will take place in one of two ways:
 - a. At the parish hall with a family member or friend present or...
 - b. At their home with a family member or friend present.

**If none of the above are possible then Pastor Cary will gladly make a recommendation..
5. For long-term and/or specialized counseling, Pastor Cary will evaluate and make referrals to Christian Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Pastoral Counselors whom he trusts.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Amanda Coshun and Michael Topper. They will be wed on Saturday, September 2nd, 2017. May the Lord richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Michael Topper in their new adventure!

PLEASE NOTE-UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Yard Sale in the Parish House, from 7am-2pm
- *Mt. Union Country Roads Hayride at 4:30pm and a potluck meal to follow around 5:30pm-Rain date: 10/29
- *New midweek fellowship opportunity-begins this fall!

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