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“Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be Voice of Hope”

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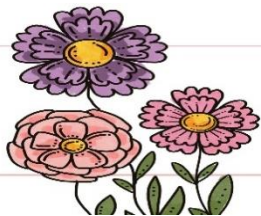
Get Involved with Trinity

Ever wondered how things get done at Trinity? Basically, a church is like any organization. It has a vision based on a set of values that creates its mission. To carry out the mission, however, requires many people organized into committees to drive the church’s vision and values. Some committees are dictated by *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* as permanent while others are created as *ad hoc* or established committees as needed. In almost all cases the Pastor is an *ex officio* member of each committee.

Basically, there are five established committees required by *The Book of Discipline*. These include the Church Council, the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (PSRC, called SPRC at Trinity), the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, the Finance Committee, the Trustees. Each committee, led by a “professing member” of the Church, focuses on specific Church needs and must demonstrate spiritual and experience skills as qualifications for the job. Trustees are responsible for Trinity’s corporate, fiscal, and property needs. The Finance Committee is responsible for the annual budget, communicating about fundraising, and disbursement of funds. The Nominations Committee, led by the Pastor, seeks to find and develop Trinity’s leadership. Finally, the SPRC leads the congregation, recommends staff compensation,

Trinity has several established committees (Congregational Care, Methodist Men, Music, Priscilla Circle, and Newsletter) composed with a leader and often with *ad hoc* subcommittees devoted to particular missions (Blessings in a Bag, Hooks & Needles, Line Dance, and House of Hope).

Overseeing this organizational structure is the Church Council. The Council, led by an elected member leader meets regularly to hear reports from Trinity’s committees and staff members to review progress in meeting benchmarked goals and objectives. The Newsletter will provide a monthly report of the Council’s meetings beginning with the April Council meeting (see page 7), as well as other established committee activities.



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On Incremental Changes

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. (Matthew 13:31-32)

The smallest things can make the biggest difference. Over the last few months, I've cultivated a habit of journaling. The early Methodists valued journaling as a way of growing in the love and knowledge of God.

The problem is that I'm left-handed. For decades I have cramped my hand or smudged the page. Making a mess made me feel like I might as well not write at all.

I watched YouTube videos on how lefties can improve their writing with mixed results. Then I decided to try a tool I'd always been too scared to use: *A left-handed fountain pen!*

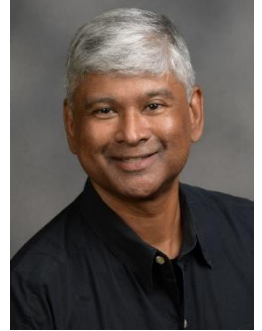
I thought I'd make an even bigger mess, but once I felt that pen gliding across the paper, my writing immediately improved. Now I can read what I've written! It might not look like 18th-century penmanship, but it's way better than my last four decades!

Imagine what a little faith in God can do! As Jesus points out above, a tiny mustard seed can grow so large that families of birds can make their home. Just imagine how God might bless the world with the incremental changes we make to our faith practice!

Can we pray a little longer? Or a little more often? Can we develop a habit of scripture reading? Or walking in prayer? Could we join our voices with our neighbors in Church when we sing, creating a shared melody? Could we take two minutes of our day to tell someone we love them?

Practicing and expressing our faith, even in the smallest ways, can have a life-changing impact on others AND ourselves! If there's something you've always wanted to try, but thought it too scary—try it! God just might surprise you!

Anil



It's Always Hard to Say Goodbye

Social scientists and communication researchers often say that you really don't know how you feel about someone until you know they are leaving you. This observation is tied to most people leaving another after a meal and that feeling of distress your stomach says to you as it growls is that the relationship is important enough to cause growling. Most often, this is equated with love. At the April 21st Church Council meeting it was announced that *Joyce* and *John Grubb* would be leaving Trinity after 20 years and 3 months of service. You could almost hear the Council's combined groan!

Joyce and John will leave for a new life around Jacksonville, Florida, the first week in July. We will miss them both as they have become essential parts of Trinity's life from Sunday music to special music, to broadcasting Trinity to the local community and more.

While we wish Joyce and John the best as they move on to the next stage of their lives, we also know that it will be extremely hard to find someone to come in and take over the music and media ministries. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is beginning the task of finding people who will be as devoted to Trinity as Joyce and John. More to come as the search process gears up.

From the Media Department

The Work Behind The Scenes

When you attend a service at Trinity, much of the service is led by what appears on the screen. We're fortunate to have some skilled people operating the slides and videos that appear there. At the 9:15 a.m. service, Avery Baker is the one operating the projector computer. At the 11:00 a.m. service it's Cynthia Beam. We are also blessed to have Tiffanie Fields who often substitutes if someone is absent. Additionally, Grace Singh has just started to operate the screens and we look forward to her becoming a regular in the Media Booth. For each of these individuals, running the slides during a service takes concentration, knowledge of the software, and awareness of where we are in the service.

But there is much more to presenting the correct information on the screen than what happens during a service. There is the preparation of the slides and videos. On a weekly basis, it takes anywhere from one (1) to two (2) hours to create a program for the service, get everything in the proper order, and add new items—hymns, choruses, pictures, etc.

The next time you're attending a service at Trinity and watching the slides or videos on the screen, say a little prayer for those operating the program and for those who created it. All of us in the Media Department will appreciate it!

John



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Pastor: Rev. Anil K. Singh
Congregational Care: Rick Decker
Office: Anne Pappas
Communications: Randi Schwartz
Nursery: Sandi Mulvaney

Music: Joyce Grubb
Organist: Dr. MJ Montague
Choir Accompanist: Carol Paul
Facilities: Doug Evans
Media: John Grubb

1 KINGS | 11 OT



King David's death and King Solomon's ascent to the throne are covered in this book, followed by the division of the kingdom after its first 100 years. The book contains the famous stories of the prophet Elijah and his psychological battles with King Ahab. Ahab's pagan terrorist wife Jezebel plays a central role.

Both Books of Kings cover the history of kings in Judah as well as Israel, using a back-and-forth, chronological style. So while the kings' names are listed below, their kingdoms are not; however it is very clear in the books themselves.



NUMBER OF CHAPTERS:
22



TYPE:
HISTORY



DATE WRITTEN:
550 BC



PERIOD COVERED:
975-850 BC



AUTHOR:
UNKNOWN;
stories appear to be written during the Great Exile to Babylon

BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	SUBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 1-2	Solomon Made King in Spite of Drama
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 3:1-15	Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 3:16-28	Solomon Decides Who the Mother Is
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 4	Solomon's Officials, Provisions, Wisdom
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 5-8	Solomon Builds the Temple
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 9	God Appears to Solomon
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 10	Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 11:1-40	Solomon's Problems: Wives, Adversaries
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 11:41-43	Death of Solomon
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 12:1-24	Solomon's Son Rehoboam is King
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 12:25-33	Jeroboam Sets Up False Idols
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 13	A Prophet Speaks Truth about Jeroboam
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 15	Kings Abijah, Asa, Nadab, Baasha
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 16	Kings Ela, Zimri, Omri, Ahab
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 17:1-1	Prophet Elijah Calls a Drought
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 19:19-21	Introducing Elisha
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 20	Ahab Defeats Ben-Hadad
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 21	Ahab Commits Murder and Repents
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 22:1-40	Death of King Ahab
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 22:41-53	Kings Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah

Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 2:3	1 Kings Rank: 1 Overall: 1,399

2 KINGS | 12 OT



The remaining history of the kings plays out. Elijah becomes the second person taken up to heaven without suffering death, and then Elisha takes over as the greatest prophet. It is a very dark period, as all God predicted about kings being unfaithful, greedy, and selfish has come to pass. The only means to get the people to repent is through dual smack-downs: both kingdoms fall to invaders; only Judah repents.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 1	Elijah Calls Fire from Heaven
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 2	Elijah Taken Up to Heaven
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 3	Moab Sacrifices a Baby
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 5	Naaman Healed of Leprosy
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 6-7	Elisha Performs Two Miracles, Escapes Death
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 8:1-6	Mother of Raised Son Returns
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 8:7-29	Ben-Hadad's Murder; Kings Jehoram & Ahaziah
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 9:1-29	King Jehu and Violence
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 9:30-34	Death of Queen Jezebel
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 10	Ahab's Family and Servants Killed
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 11	Wicked Queen Athaliah
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 12	King Joash Repairs the Temple
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 13	King Jehoahaz Hears Elisha
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 14	King Amaziah and Jeroboam II
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 15	Seven Kings of Judah and Israel
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 16	King Ahaz Defiles the Temple
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 17	King Hoshea and the Assyrian Invasion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 18-19	Good King Hezekiah Stays Faithful
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 21	Kings Manasseh and Amon
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 22	Good King Josiah Tries to Stop Idolatry
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 23	Death of Josiah; Kings Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 24:1-7	The Babylonian Invasion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 24:8-20	Kings Jehoiachin and Zedekiah
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 25	The Destruction of Judah

Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Kings 2:3	2 Kings Rank: 1 Overall: 1,314

Love thy Neighbor.... How Is that Accomplished in the Age of Technology?

The title is a question and this article isn't going to actually answer the question, but hopefully it will cause you to think about what technology has done to our relationships. (Note: this may not be a technology friendly article.)



We live in a time where technology is the norm. Just about everything we do involves technology, but at what cost? Let's delve right into it! Look around when you are out and about, or maybe even in your own house or at a family gathering, and what do you see? A bowed head and a phone in hand. Trust me, no one is praying with that bowed head, everyone is checking their messages, reading something on social media, or playing games. What they aren't doing is *talking* to each other. My daughter and I exchange a single text message every morning and we say, "Good morning, I love you!"

Some would say that's really nice, but that's it, we don't talk on the phone and when we are together very little is said because of the phone in our hands and its technology. My grandkids are at that age where technology is all they know. I recently visited them and the whole time they were on their phones. How can I show my family love when they don't even look up from their phones? If I can't show my family, how am I supposed to show my neighbor the love spoken of in the Bible?

As a Baby Boomer, I grew up in a different era, most of us at Trinity UMC grew up in a different era. A time when people reached out to people in person, made phone calls, and random visits were common practice—and not just when someone was sick. The onslaught of technology and social media has had a huge (dare I say, negative) impact on relationships. I know the "techies" will say you can express it through a message, text, email, etc., but like Don Frye's message last month about hugs and how we need them, we need to say the words "I love you" or express care and concern to people in person. *Reach out and really talk.*

Technology isolates us. It may even make us feel disconnected from humanity. Studies have shown that the lack of human contact even causes depression. Technology may even cause eyestrain and difficulty in focusing, but those are different issues; let me get back to the lack of expressions of love caused by technology. Think about it, when was the last time you just picked up a phone and called someone or when was the last time you unexpectedly visited someone or had someone visit you? We have isolated ourselves so much whether through technology or privacy issues we don't dare visit unannounced, we don't reach out and make personal connections. We live in our social media world. I would love to say it's the Millennial generation that does this, but it has crept into all of our generations.

Remember the old saying "Stop and smell the roses." We don't even see the roses nowadays! Better yet, don't just "Stop and smell the roses," why don't you pick a rose and take it to someone and share some love with them. I guess if there is an answer to the title question, it is this: lay aside technology and lift your head and heart and reach out to people the old-fashioned way, in person!

Rick



Church Council

[Editor's Note: As part of our communication plan, the *Newsletter* will begin reporting to the congregation the activities of TUMC's Church Council. According to the *Book of Discipline*, "The **church council** shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference" (§ 244).]

Trinity United Methodist Church's church council met on April 21st at 3:00 p.m. to review current and future implementation of the various programs and departments of the church. After opening with prayer, the previous meeting's minutes were approved, and the Council turned to hearing reports from the Facilities and Financial Committees.

Facilities. Doug Evans, Director of Facilities, reported several projects were in various stages of approval and implementation, with the focus on eliminating some window leakage, remote control of building thermostats and window tinting of the Memorial Garden windows to reduce energy consumption. He also noted that under the new communication contract internet speed has been increased to 250 MPS.

Finance. Jim Williams and Dale Forbes reported on financials, noting that as per normal practice TUMC has started paying its apportionment fees, paid the first insurance installment, and that finances obtained a net gain for the month. They also noted a need for additional committee members and asked the Nomination Committee to begin the process identifying potential members.

Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Jennifer Baker reported on Martin County's *Scholarship Night* and noted that thousands of dollars of scholarships were awarded. She also informed the committee that Joyce and John Grubb will be leaving TUMC at the end of June (see notice on page 2). A search committee is being formed to find a new Director of Music and someone with the skills to replace John's contributions.

Council Chair. Barry Brunner reported the Easter Sunrise Service went off without incident and estimated between 1,500 and 1,700 people attended.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. Sue Nance reported on outreach into the local community to grow the church, noting the Line Dancers as an example growing the congregation by creating events that interest the local community.

Pastor's Report. The pastor reviewed and commented on data regarding attendance and other benchmarks.

Congregational Care. Rick Decker reported that the Prayer Line is now up and ready to be announced on the first Monday in May (prayer line number: 772-334-3411). He also reported the creation of a missing member postcard that will be used to maintain contact with members who miss services.

Priscilla's Circle. The Tea and Fashion Show is sold out.

Methodist Men. Don Frye reported on the Easter Sunrise Service and working on a way to restart the Chili Cookoff next year. He noted the next meeting will be May 4th.

Communication. Randi Schwartz reported approval by the Trustees to begin a "Food Forrest" on the TUMC campus, tied to the herb garden at Wesley's home.

Administrative. Anne Pappas reported that the 2025 Sunrise Service application has been submitted and approved. She also reported attending a membership class and will be implementing some new ideas from that class.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. with prayer.



Priscilla Circle

What Is the Story Behind Our Celebrating Mother's Day?

Mother's Day was not initiated by women wanting breakfast in bed or some pampering for a day. It was a day that Anna Jarvis worked very hard to be recognized for her own mom. Her Mother, Mama Jarvis, also known as Ann Reeves Jarvis, cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. At the conclusion of this conflict, she organized a "Mothers' Friendship Day", the goal of which was to foster reconciliation between former Union and Confederate soldiers by having them come together along with mothers from both sides.

At about the same time Ann Reeves Jarvis was working with mothers in the spirit of peace, Julia Ward Howe, another activist as well as abolitionist and suffragette, worked to have June 2nd be celebrated as Mother's Peace Day. Together they wrote a Mother's Day Proclamation calling on mothers to work toward world peace.

These two women and others were responsible precursors to Mother's Day in our culture. However, celebrations of motherhood go back deeper than that. Celebrations sometimes involved worship of a mother deity, such as the Goddess Isis in Ancient Egypt, or Cybele and Rhea in Ancient Greece. In other cases, celebrations were only tangentially about mothers: Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom, for example, was originally dedicated to the "Mother Church," but was later broadened to honor human mothers, too.

Around the world, Mother's Day is celebrated in various ways and on different dates throughout the year. Proof of the impact of Anna Jarvis is the fact that many countries now observe the holiday on the same day as the United States.

The origin of Mother's Day as we know it began in the early 1900s. When Anna Jarvis' Mother died in 1905, she started a campaign for this official holiday to honor mothers. The first larger scale celebration of the holiday was in 1908, when Jarvis held a public memorial for her mother in her hometown of Grafton, West Virginia. Jarvis continued to push for formal recognition of the holiday and finally in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation making Mother's Day an official holiday to take place the second Sunday of May.

The Priscilla Circle Sisters wish to recognize and honor all mothers in our congregation on Sunday, May 12, 2024, by providing red and/or white carnations following each service. We recognize each of you for the important contributions you make to our Church family and this community. Continue your efforts to spread God's love and peace on a daily basis. God Bless Each of You!

Sandy



FAITH

AT-A-GLANCE

FIRST

First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 5:24: Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

LAST

Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 14:12: This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Habakkuk 2:4:** “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his **faithfulness**.
- **Psalms 37:5-6:** “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will do this. He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.”
- **Psalms 40:1:** I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Romans 10:17:** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
- **Hebrews 11:6:** And without **faith** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- **2 Corinthians 5:7:** For we live by **faith**, not by sight.



God’s Important Messages about Faith:

In the Old Testament, people felt that following the law was more important than having faith. In the New Testament, it was made clear that everyone whom God approved of in the Old and New Testament had faith as their primary motivation.



BIBLE STORIES SHOWING FAITH:

Hebrews 11 mentions all the foremost Old Testament stories about Bible heroes’ faith, including Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Almost all heroes in the Old Testament became heroes by exercising faith.



1 KINGS



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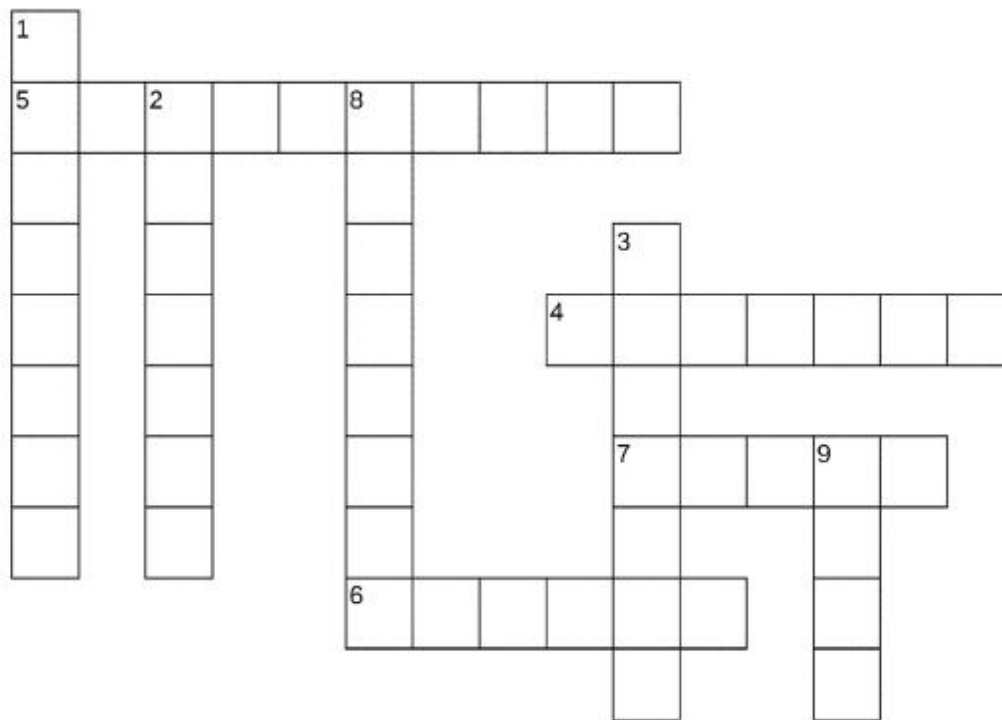


TIME PERIOD COVERED:
975 BC to 850 BC

OVERVIEW

The Book of 1 Kings continues the stories that began in 1 and 2 Samuel. First Kings covers the reign of David's son, King Solomon, until his death in chapter 11. Following, Solomon's son Rehoboam causes an uproar when he increases taxes against the request of the people and the advice of elders. The kingdom splits into two and remains separate kingdoms until the Babylonian invasion and exile, around 400 years later.

The book also covers the stories of the Prophet Elijah and briefly describes whether each king did good or evil in the eyes of the Lord. Most did evil!



Across

4. Elijah the prophet pronounced this punishment on the land to King Ahab (17:1)
5. Solomon asked God for a ____ heart as king (3:9)
6. When Solomon first used his wisdom, he was trying to determine a baby's ____ (3:27)
7. This famous queen of this land came to visit Solomon, having heard of his wisdom (10:1)



Down

1. David's second son who tried to overthrow him (1:5)
2. David's son and choice to be the next king (1:30)
3. Obey all the laws of the Lord and you may ____ (2:3)
8. Name of Solomon's son who succeeded him on the throne (12:1)
9. Name of the god the false prophets were serving when Elijah proved them wrong (18:26)

From the Music Program

Great Is His Faithfulness!

*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged (Deuteronomy 31:8, NIV)*

There's an old adage that says, "April showers bring May flowers." It's as though April is making a promise which will come to fruition in May. It's so beautiful when it happens!

God's faithfulness is like that. He makes promises to us and keeps them all. He stays true to His promises and is unwavering. God is our Promise-Keeper!

If you read through the poetry of the wonderful hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, you will see God referred to as being faithful, changeless, compassionate, forever the same (summer, winter, springtime, autumn). He created the sun, moon, stars, nature. He delivers new mercies each morning. He gives love, pardon for sin, peace, strength, hope, blessings that never stop and His holy presence. *All I have needed He's provided! Each is a fulfilled promise!*

Here are some of the promises God made to His servants in the Bible:

Abraham: God promised him that he'd be the father of many nations, and gave Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age (Genesis 17)

Noah: God delivered him and his family during the flood because they were obedient to Him (Genesis 7)

Job: During the worst suffering, Job remained steadfast in his faith in God. God comforted and blessed him even more (Job 42)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: These three servants refused to worship an idol as they were commanded to do, so were thrown into a fiery furnace as a result. God protected them and they were not burned at all (Daniel 3)

Paul: God promised to protect Paul in Acts 18:10 and Paul had a year in a safe place. He did many supernatural works through Paul as a witness to His glory.

There are plenty more of God's promises in the Word and we can count on every one of them! Do a Bible search and see for yourself how much He loves you and promises good to you. All we have to do is follow Him, serve Him, thank Him, and love Him in return. Every time you see a flower, remember that God's promises come true. May flowers are the proof!

Joyce














LEARNING LOOKUPS

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 & 2 KINGS

First Kings continues the stories of Samuel 1 and 2. First Kings covers the reign of David's son, King Solomon, known as the wisest and wealthiest man alive. It contains the stories of the important prophet Elijah, who appeared at the Transfiguration with Jesus 800 years later. Second Kings covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, good and evil. It ends with the Babylonian invasion of Judah and the end of the line of kings.

1. **Solomon had more wisdom than people from the east or from this country.** (1 Kings 4:30) 
2. **This prophet asked God to light a fire on a totally drenched altar.** (1 Kings 18:36-37) 
3. **This is what the evil King Ahab called Elijah, just before Elijah performed a great miracle and called off a three-year famine and drought.** (1 Kings 18:16-18) 
4. **This place is where the prophet Elijah asked God to perform the miracle of lighting the drenched altar.** (1 Kings 18:19) 
5. **This is the place where the prophet Elijah killed hundreds of false prophets of Baal.** (1 Kings 18:40) 
6. **This man is recorded as one of the worst kings of Israel because he inspired almost all the kings that followed him to worship idols.** (1 Kings 13:33) 
7. **This evil mother destroyed her whole family so she could be queen.** (2 Kings 11:1-3) 
8. **This evil king was one of two who sacrificed their children to a false god.** (2 Kings 16:1-4) 
9. **This prophet watched his best friend be taken away before dying.** (2 Kings 2:11-12) 

Choose from:

Ahaz Athaliah Egypt Elijah Elisha Jeroboam
Kishon Valley Mount Carmel troubler of Israel

Methodist Men's Ministry

The Methodist Men's Ministry met April 6th in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and fellowship. After breakfast Lowell Kafer and Don Stacks passed out a draft of a new photo brochure with the theme "Walk with us along the paths of faith & fellowship" that includes pictures of the Trinity United Methodist Church campus and the various events, activities, and our outside facilities.

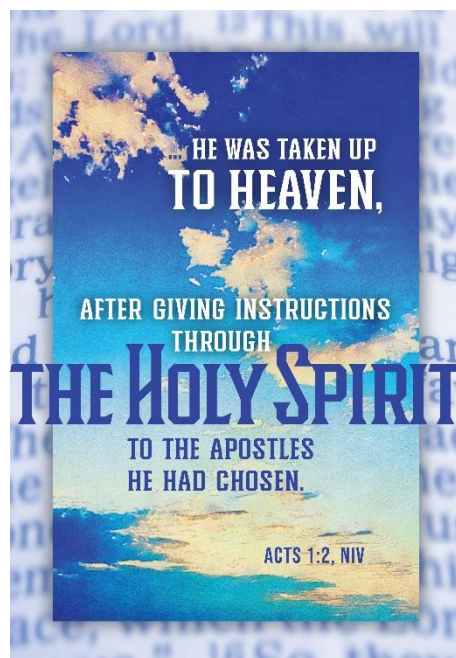
Levi Miller provided a devotion and prayer, and the group was informed of the well-attended Easter Sunrise Service (several thousand participated), Jim Williams presented the financial report, and discussion turned to helping the Priscilla Circle with their May 18th Tea and Fashion Show. Several of the men have volunteered to serve hot and cold tea at the event.

Looking to the future, scheduled events for 2024-25 will include four Pancake Breakfasts and four Picnics. After the meeting several members went down to the Chapel by the Lake for a photoshoot for Lowell and Don.



Methodist Men review the prototype TUMC Brochure

Barry



Spring Tea and Fashion Show

It's time for the 2024 *Spring Tea and Fashion Show*! This fun event hosted by the Priscilla Circle has a new date of May 18th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The event features a fashion show and door prizes. Ladies, share with mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, and friends. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and the proceeds benefit the Priscilla Circle missions. The Men's Ministry will serve tea and there will be a delicious variety of finger sandwiches, scones, and sweet treats. Get tickets for you and the ladies you love. Tickets go on sale on Sunday, April 7th. Step into spring and enjoy it in style with the spring tea and fashion show!

Sold Out!



Becky Binder

Meet A Member: Doug Evans

I was born and raised in Philadelphia, where I pursued education in electronics and solid-state electronic design engineering. My career commenced as a technician in television and appliance repair before transitioning to the electronic security industry, where I dedicated forty years to building automation and system integration engineering.

Throughout my professional journey with United Technologies, Grinnell Simplex, Tyco, General Electric, Figgie International, and Ingersoll Rand, I excelled, assuming increasing responsibilities. I traveled globally, addressing security challenges for private and government sites, overseeing teams of engineers, and implementing innovative solutions.

In 1978, I married Anne, and together we have two adult children, Dana (44) and Christopher (42), residing in Florida. Since Anne's stroke in March 2021, leaving her with permanent left-side inability, I have been her devoted caregiver. We do not yet have

grandchildren, as neither of our children has married.

Active members of Trinity United Methodist for twelve years, I contributed significantly to the church community. While I sang with the choir for twelve years, I shifted focus to caring for Anne and participating in the praise team for six years, as of late attending early church services when I can. My leadership roles include serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Worship Committee, and as Church Council Chair.



In recognition of my dedication and expertise, I was appointed as the Director of Facilities for the church in 2022, following a year and a half of volunteer service in facilities management. Currently retired, I continue to engage part-time in church activities, demonstrating my commitment to service and community.

Doug

Too Busy To Worship?

Hmmmm. Yes. Very busy. Full schedule. Bills to pay. Kids to feed. House to clean. Car to wash. Lawn to mow. Laundry... Not to mention work demands.

It's a wonder we make it! Time management, it's what's for dinner. Oh, let's not forget washing the dishes....So what's a person to do?

It's all about priorities.

Is your salvation and everlasting life on your agenda? A priority?

So, we must find a way to prioritize learning to live like Jesus.

That shouldn't put demands on your busy schedule. It's a lifestyle. It's a mindset. It's living through your heart.

**WORSHIP DOESN'T
NEED A STAGE OR A
PLATFORM.
SIMPLY, A HEART
YIELDED TO JESUS.**

No, this doesn't sound compatible with survival in *this* world. This world is full of deceit and anger. If emulating the behavior of our Savior isn't enough, then what is?

Surely your job won't save you. But it will provide an opportunity for practice. Surely accomplishing your personal chores isn't a pathway to heaven. But this will also provide an opportunity for practice. Practice is caring about others in your household, and preparing and maintaining a place at the table is something Jesus would appreciate!

Too busy to worship? How about practicing living like Jesus. That takes no extra time from a busy schedule. Top Priority? Emulating the unprecedented love of Jesus Christ. Next, share this knowledge with others.

Imagine, creating this practice in your busy life can only add peace to your life, the lives of friends, family and even the lives of strangers. Holding a door, helping with a shopping cart—little things bring big rewards...especially when helping someone in need. Hold a door open, for Christ's sake. LOL. It is for Christ's sake we learn to be like Him. It is for *our* sake, that Christ has set out the parameters for living as a Disciple (a student).

Priorities? Perhaps deliberately placing principles in your life that carry on the work Christ has done would be the highest priority, and then the rest falls into place. Break out those fruits of the spirit and have a picnic. Developing these is the highest priority of all and will manifest the peaceful flow of life for you, personally.

Too busy to worship? I guess it depends on what you call worship.

Randi



Information Neglect?

It seems that in our busy day-to-day lives, we spend a lot of time giving attention to a vast variety of information. We are now able to keep up with news from around the world twenty-four hours a day. We can see who has written what on a wide range of social media. We check our emails several times a day. We can evaluate the status of our checking accounts and our credit cards online at any time. We might even search to find the status of our local weather.



None of these activities are wrong in and of themselves. Much of the information we gather is information that helps us live our daily lives. In all this, the most important source of information, the source by which a person might live a fulfilled, blessed, and satisfied life is far too often neglected.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus indicated that natural food was important to the well-being of any person. However, it was even more important that an individual live his life guided by the word of God—the Bible. This would make the Bible the most important source of information pertaining to life that is available to you today. Are you opening the Book? Try to read the Bible at least 15 minutes every day; 30 minutes is even better; and, if you can find the time, 1 hour is even better. I get up at 5:00 every morning, I put a pot of coffee on, and then I walk the dog depending on how I feel determines how long our walk is. Then it is me and the Bible until Carol gets up. God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...the courage to change the things I can...and the wisdom to know the difference.

Don



FAITH Worksheet

AT-A-GLANCE



Write **OT** on the beginning line if the book is in the Old Testament. Write **NT** on the line if the book is in the New Testament. Then fill in the blanks to make each passage read correctly. Counting the letters helps!

___ Romans 10:17 — So faith comes from _____ and hearing through the word of Christ.

___ Hebrews 11:6 — And without _____ it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he _____ and that he rewards those who seek him.

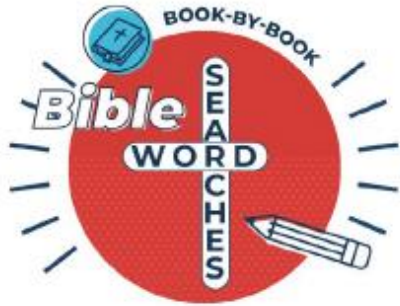
___ Psalm 37:5-6 — Commit your way to the _____; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

___ Psalm 40:1 — I waited _____ for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

___ 2 Corinthians 5:7 — For we walk by faith, not by _____.

WORD BANK

exists hearing Lord patiently
sight faith



2 KINGS



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #12



WRITTEN BY:
Unknown



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
850 BC to 575 BC

OVERVIEW

The Book of 2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off. Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven. Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.

The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable, good and evil. It ends with the Babylonian invasion of Judah, when Solomon's temple was destroyed.

ELIJAH was swept up to heaven in a **WHIRLWIND** (2:1)

ELISHA was able to keep a piece of clothing from Elijah and **DIVIDED** the river Jordan (2:14)

Elisha requested a **DOUBLE** portion of the **SPIRIT** when Elijah was taken (2:9)

Elijah multiplied the oil of a **WIDOW** so she could pay her debts (4:1-7)

Elijah raised a boy from the dead whose mother was a **SHUNAMMITE** (4:36)

Elijah told **GEHAZI** to take his staff and lay it on the face of the dead boy (4:31)

Army commander **NAAMAN** was struck with **LEPROSY** (5:1)

Naaman was told to wash in the dirty river **JORDAN** seven times to be healed (5:10)



Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

G	R	M	B	C	K	Z	G	U	Q	E	H	S	Q	S	C
W	E	U	J	J	G	Y	D	F	A	A	J	R	M	N	N
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E	X	D	V	O	E	J	H	K	U	D	P	L	E	O	C
S	G	E	O	E	E	W	E	A	X	B	B	Y	P	V	Y
H	Y	P	E	W	I	D	A	U	Z	N	L	I	R	J	G
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A	L	S	B	Y	G	K	A	V	I	O	C	K	Y	D	Z
M	B	P	T	N	X	A	Q	W	P	P	T	J	E	A	U
M	N	I	J	L	N	O	L	S	S	A	C	T	U	N	Y
I	H	R	I	A	Z	R	L	S	A	E	L	I	J	A	H
T	A	I	G	S	I	K	T	X	K	E	L	I	S	H	A
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L	N	E	B	U	C	H	A	D	N	E	Z	Z	A	R	K

King **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** was the king of Babylon when they invaded Judah (24:1)

King **ZEDEKIAH** was **BLINDED** by the Babylonians when they invaded (25:7)

May Happenings

Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:15 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:15 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- Children's Sunday School (9:15 a.m.)
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- Prayer Time (10:30 a.m., Bob Engle Room)
- 1st Sunday:
 - Communion
 - House of Hope Donations
- 3rd Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4th Sunday: New Member Sunday

Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (13th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers rehearsal (6th, 13th, 5:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays

- Priscilla Circle (15th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings in A Bag Packing (12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (10th and 24th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Bible Study (4:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Women's Bible Study (10:30 a.m.)

Saturdays

- 1st Saturday: Men's Meeting (8:00 a.m.)

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