

THE MESSENGER

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REFLECTIONS FROM PREACHER JOHN

“GOD’S GRACE”

1. Grace is something Jesus gave to us when he died on the cross and rose on Easter Morning.
2. Grace is something we receive by faith that saves us from sin.
3. Grace is something we are to give to others.

In our Wednesday Night Bible Studies (6:30 PM), we have been studying Max Lucado’s Lenten series on Grace. There are 7 sessions. On March 26th, we will start the 3rd. session. Copies of the previous sessions are available by the front door of the church. It’s never too late to attend.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20) By the power of the Holy Spirit, when Grace happens, Christ moves in us, Christ (the hope of glory) resides in us. Have you ever really imagined that Christ lives inside the Christian? “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God (I John 4:15).

No other religion makes such a claim. We claim that the living presence of Jesus Christ is in his followers. Muhammad does not indwell Muslims. Buddha does not inhabit Buddhists. Yet, Jesus comes to take up residence inside us.

When we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive a new heart. “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.” (Ezek. 36:26) We have received a spiritual heart transplant. When the Almighty hears your heart, does he not hear the still-beating heart of his Son?

Max Lucado showed us in Session #2 that, Grace is something we are to give to others. The Bible story of a woman caught in an act of sin was brought to Jesus in John Chapter 8. All of us in Bible Study had to wrestle with Judgment vs. Grace, and God’s Law given to Moses vs. Grace, and moving from guilt to grace. We had to take a hard look at how the Accuser (Satan) is at work among us and how the Advocate (Jesus Christ) is in us, working among us, and asking us to share Grace to others.

Hope to see you on the next Wednesday for Bible Study.



April 13th

The children will be singing in the 11:00 service. All children are invited to participate in the Palm Branch Parade at the beginning of the service.



Church wide Easter April 16th at Barbourville Park shelters 5 and 6 at 5:30. Each child needs to bring one dozen dyed, treat-filled plastic or confetti eggs for the hunt. This is a "Family Fun" event, so adults need to stay with their children.



Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 17th at 6:30



Easter Sunday, April 20th
Sunrise Service at 7:00
Breakfast at 7:45



Flowering of the Cross at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Worship Services

Golden Cross Sunday, April 27th supports the health and welfare agencies in the Annual Conference. John Wesley believed that the biblical concept of stewardship meant proper care for the body as well as the spirit. Your Golden Cross offering helps children and seniors at Burlington Family Services and Glenwood Park Retirement Village receive that care.



C.O.M.E. and District Conference, May 4th
Steele Memorial United Methodist Church
Luncheon from 12:30 – 2:30
District Conference begins at 3:00

Dear Members and Friends:

When we completed the new addition to our church in the 1990's, our mortgage payments were \$7,362 per month.

A few years ago when interest rates dropped, we were able to refinance through Huntington Federal at a much lower interest rate and our monthly payments were reduced to \$5,140. At that time it was decided to continue making the higher payment with the additional \$2,222 per month applied directly to the principle of the loan.

Should we continue with the original payment of \$7,362 per month, the new addition and the new parsonage would be paid off in 8 years or less. Any extra money received for the "Tree of Life" or designated for the Building Fund Principle would further reduce the number of years on the loan.

Unfortunately, as you can see in the bulletin each week, our contributions have been down this winter. We must collect \$9,170 each week to meet the church budget and continue paying the extra money on our mortgage.

As with any "Household" budget, certain items must be paid each month. Salaries, utilities, insurance are examples. *But we must also be responsible and examine ways to cut back on spending.* We have asked committees to be conservative in their spending until our contributions improve.

At the March 17th meeting of the Administrative Council, it was decided to suspend the current practice of paying the additional money on the mortgage until such time as our contributions reach the necessary level.

The Council wants to assure everyone that all our bills, salaries and apportionments are being paid on time. Everything is current.

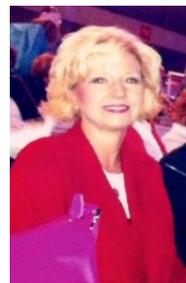
However the result of this reduction in our monthly mortgage payments will mean the life of our loan will be increased past the hoped for 8 years.

We are fortunate to have church members and friends that support the missions of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church. We ask that you continue praying for our church and our members and friends.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. John Sauvage, Pastor

Frank Hayes, Chairperson of Finance Committee



SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION--
Each year the UMW recognizes a woman from our local church group for her support, service, and dedication to

missions. On Sunday, March 16 we recognized GINA CREWS for her faithful service and work, not only in UMW's mission projects, but also in our church's caring ministries and mission work in the Western District. Gina has been a faithful member of UMW and Steele Memorial, with a deep-rooted love for mission work and helping others. Her caring and loving personality is also reflected in her work as a nurse. Whether helping the UMW or the youth group make fleece blankets for the St. Mary's Infusion Center, or collecting needed items for mission projects, or teaching little cherubs to sing, you will find her "involved" with a ready smile on her face, the love of God in her heart, and an extended, helping hand to others. Our congratulations to GINA CREWS for her hard work and dedication in serving God, and her call to service in missions.

"Steele Memorial Church-Wide Easter Egg Hunt"
Wednesday, April 16



Barboursville Park @ Shelters 5 & 6
5:30

Each child needs to bring one dozen dyed eggs or treat filled plastic eggs!

Remember to bring a container to collect eggs in during the hunt!

Parents will need to stay with their children during the Egg Hunt.

****Have your eggs at the park by 5:30.****

Parents will hide the eggs at 5:45.

Cookies and juice will be served after the HUNT.

How **EGG**-citing!

Hello from the **YOUTH** of Steele Memorial! We are so excited for this coming spring and the events that it will bring! We have had a wonderful winter that has included events such as the winter jam concert, the youth ski trip, and a get together with another youth group for a night of refreshments and fun. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to serve our Lord through events such as these and by reflecting on his word week in and week out. We have been working our way through a small group study conducted by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddle Back Church entitled "uncommon courage". This has been a great study and we are excited to continue to learn each opportunity we get. We went as a group to see the movie **God's Not Dead**, followed by a time of food and fun at the church. We are anxiously awaiting the warm weather and the joys that it will bring as we seek to do the Lord's work week in and week out! Best,
Nate Davenport



BUSY BEES: Hello church family! The bees are very excited to welcome spring time to the hive!

We had registration in late February/early March and once again, our classes are full for the 2014-15 school year. This month we are learning about the changing weather as spring time approaches. We will also be celebrating moms with a special day this month. Our Bible Story is Easter and our mission project is collecting supplies for Royal Family Kids Camps. Graduation is fast approaching. Our programs will be May 8 & 9 and our last day of school is May 22. We pray everyone has a blessed summer and thank you for supporting us throughout this school year!!

SINGLES AND MORE SS CLASS: We are pleased to report that the 2013 Candy and Nut sale was once again a success. A check for \$2,500 has been given to our church. This will be applied toward the church's building fund debt. We appreciate everyone who made this possible by your support of our annual class project. We look forward to providing fresh nuts and candies for your 2014 baking and holiday use again this fall. Also our last check from Kroger Cares was for \$357.31. This was from 16 folks using their Kroger Cares card. The church receives 5% of what members spend at Kroger when they use their cards. In 2013 the church received \$1131.30 from the use of the Foodfair Community Cards. This year the church has received \$247.10 from Foodfair. Using these cards is an easy way for the church to receive help with the budget. Together, we can make a difference. Thanking you, Steele Singles and More Sunday School Class

ANNUAL WOMEN'S EASTER BREAKFAST: - The women of the church have been invited to attend the 40th Annual Women's Easter Breakfast that will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church of Barboursville. This is a parish event and an opportunity to fellowship with other women from area churches. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Reservations may be made with Joyce Owens (304-736-3633) or Joyce Spencer (304-736-4522).

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet Thursday, April 10 at 12:00 with Karen Turman (1400 Union Avenue). Ladies, you are asked to bring a salad and cookies to the meeting. Lydia Circle welcomes any lady who is interested in joining a circle.

ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 with Vicki Smith (8 Pembroke Lane). We will continue our study JUST LIKE JESUS, Chapters 8 and 9. Also, if you would like to make an Easter basket for ECCHO (children 10 years old and younger), bring it to the meeting so we can send those to ECCHO for distribution. Come join this blessed Christian women's fellowship!

UMW will be supporting ECCHO (soups, mac and cheese, toothpaste); and the MISSIONS COMMITTEE in their collection of items for the TYRAND COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES. (Check the bulletin for the list of suggested items to donate as we prepare for the

CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT to be held here at Steele Memorial May 4).

MISSIONS: Our MISSION basket still has plenty of room left in it! Please help us fill the basket this month as we collect for Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. located in Randolph County. This mission project offers emergency assistance with rent, utilities and prescriptions; food pantry, Christmas baskets and Thanksgiving meals; thrift store providing clothing and household items; Christmas store providing toys, underwear and other items and school supplies throughout the year; home repair program; day camp program-Bible school for children (K-6); bunkhouse is available to youth groups and adult groups for spiritual retreats and mission studies; labyrinth available for those wanting to take a spiritual walk; approved agency with the Randolph County schools allowing students to get volunteer hours; and approved disaster shelter. **NEEDS LIST:** New toys, underwear, gloves, socks, canned vegetables of all kinds, applesauce, fruit cocktail, flour, dry beans, cereal, canned pork-n-beans, macaroni, peanut butter, 70-sheet spiral notebooks, blue, crayons (24ct), loose leaf paper, highlighters, rulers, book bags, erasers, scissors, folders, pens, and pencils, hammers, nail aprons, paint brushes, paint rollers & pans, work gloves, tape measures, chalk lines, drills, saws (hand or electric), shovels, posthole diggers and rakes, paper towels, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, bleach, window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, garbage bags, copy & computer paper, paper clips, staples, postage stamps



MEET THE STEELE MEMORIAL ALL STARS FOR JESUS STAFF

by: **Andrew and Luke Damron**

Last month, we introduced several of the 25-member All Stars for Jesus staff as part of an assigned writing project, and we are spotlighting 7 more members of the team this month! Meet...

Katie Damron: Katie aka "Our Big Sis" has two wonderful parents, Tim and Becky. Her dad is a Cardiologist, and her mom is a teacher/stay-at-home mom. Katie's older sister, Sarah is 21 and studying to be a teacher. Her brothers, Andrew and Luke, are twins who are smart and full of energy. (She really did say this!) They are 12 years old. Katie likes to read and hang out with friends and family and spend time outside when she has free time. She is the assistant teacher in the Preschool/Kindergarten All Stars for Jesus class and works with this same age group each summer during Vacation Bible School. Katie also is a member of the MU Chapter of NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.) She also loves to cook. Katie is a full-time student at Marshall University studying to be a Speech Language Pathologist. She

works as a Student Ambassador for the College of Health Professions. Katie is also a CD Ambassador and part of a research group for stuttering, focusing on the bullying that people with stutters endure. Her favorite piece of knowledge that she has ever been given is that...God knows and loves her and will never give up on her!

Stephanie Taylor: Stephanie is an assistant teacher at Steele Memorial Busy Bees Preschool and has worked there for 8 years. She helps in the three year old preschool class at the "Hive." She is married to her husband, Randy. They have been married 16 years and have a son, Ben. He attends Village of Barboursville Elementary and is in 5th grade. Ben is a good friend of ours. He is also a Safety Patrol at the VOB. They have a dog whose name is Hope. Stephanie loves to hang out with her family. She likes to ride her bike, run, and work in the yard. Stephanie also enjoys Nascar Racing. Mom said you can't truly describe Stephanie without including the word..."Flip Flops!" You will have to ask her about that one! Stephanie teaches the 5th Grade All Stars for Jesus class and has worked in the All Stars program for 5 years. She is also known as the "Craft Lady" at Vacation Bible School!

Megan Carroll: Megan is an assistant teacher in the 4th grade All Stars for Jesus class with Stephanie Fetty and Maggie Chenoweth. She also helps with the Celebration Choir at All Stars. Megan's parents are Reid and Sue Ann Carroll. They also attend Steele Memorial United Methodist Church. Reid is an account representative for Wesco Corporation. Her mom is a Special Education teacher at Altizer Elementary, and Megan's sister, Danielle, is an Emergency Medicine Resident in Wilmington, Delaware. Megan is a member of Steele Memorial Girls of Faith. She is an assistant teacher in the Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School Class. Megan loves reading, hanging out with friends, and watching television. She has attended Steele Memorial her entire life and loves her "Church Family" very much!

Maggie Chenoweth: Maggie's parents are Becky and Bob Chenoweth. She has a dog named Pip. Maggie plays the flute in the Barboursville Community Orchestra and enjoys tennis. She is a proud graduate of MU. Maggie has a BS in Secondary Education and a BS in Applied Math with a Minor in Computer Science. She earned her Masters in 2012 in Math and taught classes at MU. Maggie also worked as a research assistant (NASA Grants.) She returned to her high school Alma Mater, Cabell Midland High School, to become a math teacher. Go Knights! Maggie is very active in the Children's Ministry at Steele Memorial. She is an assistant teacher in the Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday school class at Steele. She is also an assistant teacher in the 4th Grade All Stars for Jesus Class. Maggie is the creator of the "new" Steele Memorial Website...steelememorial.com. She updates important information from the bulletin and newsletters. Be sure to check it out!

Jenny Black: Jenny is married to Jack Black. They have two sons, Jeff and Chris. They also

have 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Jenny enjoys cooking, flower gardening, and decorating. She also enjoys visiting the residents at Midland Meadows Senior Living. Jenny helps plant and care for the flowers outside of the church. She is the Sunday School Superintendent at Steele Memorial and sings in the choir. Our mom said Jenny is the glue that holds the Sunday School Department together! She is a faithful team member at All Stars for Jesus. Let us end with this quote from Jenny, "I love my church family very much and what our church stands for in this community, a lighthouse on the corner for everyone."

Teresa Pickett: Teresa was raised in Parkersburg, WV. Her mother was a stay-at-home mother, and her father was a chemical operator at a plastics manufacturing plant. After graduating from PHS, she attended WVU, where she earned a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering. That is where she met her husband, Jim. They moved to Huntington to pursue careers. Teresa worked for a local medical device manufacturer for 19 years. She had a variety of responsibilities, including complaint handling, metrology, quality systems, supplier quality, and regulatory compliance (including FDA inspections.) Teresa also had the opportunity to represent the company in a major facility expansion and coordinate several new product transfers from the Research & Development group in Fort Worth, Texas. Sounds cool! Teresa and Jim have 2 daughters, Rachel (15) and Audrey (9). Rachel attends CMHS, participates in the Marching Band (flute), and plays piano. Audrey attends Our Lady of Fatima Parish School and enjoys basketball, ballet, and plays the flute & piano. Teresa enjoys reading, working puzzles, cross stitching, and gardening. She also enjoys having more time for baking/cooking since resigning from her job a couple of years ago. She has a part time contract job with her former employer, is a "counter" for the church, volunteers for the band boosters at Audrey's school, and helps with All Stars for Jesus on Wednesday evenings. She likes to stay busy and wouldn't have it any other way!

Jill Stewart: Jill has been married to her husband, Jim, for 31 years. She has two children, Dustin and Alissa. She also has a son-in-law, Bryan. Ms. Jill also has a grandson, Grant Hinchman! Grant is the LOVE of her life. Jill enjoys quilting, cooking, and snorkeling in Cancun, Aruba, and the Virgin Islands. She also loves vacationing with all her family in Canaan Valley. The girls enjoy horseback riding while the guys golf in the summer. In the winter, they ski and enjoy the hot tub! Her family also enjoys the Outer Banks each year. Jill's favorite hobby is rocking her grandson. She enjoys working with all children but especially All Stars for Jesus, Nursery, and Vacation Bible School. Jill has volunteered in the All Stars program for 11 years and VBS for 9 years. Ms. Jill has been our teacher for a very long time and stayed on this year just to see us graduate from the All Stars for Jesus program. She shared this, "I love Luke and Andrew, and they both have their own personalities. They are both very smart and quiet. They

can give me a look, and we understand each other. Sometimes I think they can read my mind. I think that is God's way of speaking through me to them. They have grown up right before my eyes. I am so proud to be around such generous, compassionate, and kind young men. Can't wait to see where God leads them."



ASBURY WOODS SUMMER

CAMP SCHEDULE: Information about summer camp at Asbury Woods is posted on the bulletin board by the stairs. The schedule for the different age groups and what campers need to do to prepare for camp is included in the information.

Day Camp is June 22-26—Grades K-2nd

Sunday, June 23, 2:00-6:00

Mon-Tues: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Staying all night Wednesday is optional

Cost: \$135.00

Early Bird Prices: \$90 if paid by May 1

\$110 if paid by June 1

Deans: Gayla Flora (304-690-1590) & Brooke Flora

Elementary Camp is June 22-26—Grades 3rd-5th

Registration: Sunday, June 23, 2:00 – 4:00

Cost: \$195

Early Bird Prices: \$150 if paid by May 1

\$170 if paid by June 1

Deans: Allyson Ashworth (304-972-9190) & Alan Ashworth

Middle School Camp is July 6-10—Grades 8th-12th

Registration: Sunday, July 6, 3:00 PM

Cost \$195

Early Bird Prices: \$150 if paid by May 1

\$170 if paid by June 1

Deans: Schauna Thacker (304-634-9684) & Kayla Holtzapfel

Senior High Camp is June 29-July 3—Grades 9th-12th

Registration: Sunday, June 30, 3:00

Cost: \$195

Early Bird Prices: \$150 if paid by May 1

\$170 if paid by June 1

Deans: Leann Haines, Bert Fulks, Steve Hensley (304-522-0357)

For more information about camps:
asburywoodsumc@gmail.com

Refunds: If you must cancel a registration, a full refund will be offered if you cancel 30 days or more before the start of camp. Up to one week before the start, a 50% refund will be offered. No refunds available less than a week before camp.

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Beth Moore Bible Study	2	3 Preschool Adv. Council 6:30	4	5
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent United Methodist Foundation Sunday Early Worship 9 AM Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	7 Cub Scouts & Sea Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	8 Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00	9 All Stars 5:30 Youth 6:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	10 Lydia Circle 12:00 at Karen Turman's Troop 88 6:00 Esther/Ruth Circle 7:00 at Vicki Smith's	11 Singles & More SS in OFH 6:00	12 Annual Women's Breakfast at 1 st UMC Barboursville 8:30
13 Palm Sunday Early Worship 9 AM Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Youth Group 6:00 No Evening Worship	14 Cub Scouts & Sea Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	15 Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00	16 All Stars Easter Egg Hunt Barboursville Park 5:30 No Activities at the church	17 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:30	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast 7:45 Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Flowering of the Cross No Evening Services	21 Cub Scouts & Sea Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	22	23 All Stars 5:30 Youth 6:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45	24	25 Troop 88 Lock-in in gym & youth room	26 
27 Golden Cross Sunday Early Worship 9 AM Sunday School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 VBS Meeting after Worship Service Youth Group 6:00 Evening Worship 6:30	28 Cub Scouts & Sea Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:30	29	30 All Stars 5:30 Youth 6:30 Bible Study 6:45 Choir Practice 7:45			

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Mandy Saunders	2	3 Lou Jimison	4	5 Madison Kazee
6 Amy Jarvis	7 Tennessee Justus	8 Maggie Chenoweth	9 Whitney Sullivan <i>Chris & Amy Jarvis</i>	10	11 Eric Lingenfelter Susan Wagoner	12
13 Brayden Lingenfelter	14 Alexandra Kimball	15 Jay Forjone Denver Stevens Robby Baker Drew Holtzapfel	16	17 Greg Gesner Eddie Smith	18 Chris Kelley Debbie Lingenfelter Madison Call	19
20 Randy Taylor	21	22	23 Rosie Wooddell Kathy Howard Jeff Snell	24	25 Pam Dutton	26 David Hedrick
27	28 Becky Chenoweth Rachel Pickett	29 Sarah Howard Myranda Davis	30 Debbi Canady Mollie Bannister			

Acolytes

06: Alex Kimball
Ireland Ball

13: Alexis Bannister
Audrey Pickett

20: Jackson Fetty
Kyleigh Snell

27: Evan Jarvis
Bode King

Parking Lot Greeters

06: Linda Kelly
Mike McClung

13: Kelly McGuffin
Donnie Barbour

20: Larry Dickens
Monica Jackson

27: Gary Cox
Kim Stanley