



GLEANINGS

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LOVE

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Growing up the book of the Bible most frequently studied in my Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes (and yes, I was at church Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday nights J) was Acts.

The format for most studies was to read the text for that week’s lesson, then answer fill-in-the-blank questions.
Boring.

What IS NOT boring is the excitement of Acts when read with open questions: *What did the flames look like in chapter two? How long did they last? When the apostles decided they needed to designate deacons for part of the ministry did people feel offended? While preaching prophetically did Peter gesticulate wildly? What was the expression on Paul’s face at the stoning of Stephen?* And I could go on, and on, and on!

And here is what is EXCITING NOW: We are writing the next chapter of Acts with our very lives!

This new thing of HB and AP, this delightful experience of God among us now. is the actual living out of new “last days” (Acts 2). *Are you working with God in catapulting Donelson more completely into Kingdom living???* Where we live and breathe and have our being is every bit as vital to the Holy Spirit as Jerusalem on Pentecost. So . . .

A new chapter begins! Your ticket to ride is your baptism, so let’s get on board and ride!

Grace, +Melisa

We exist to serve God through Jesus’ life changing model of love, acceptance, compassion and justice.

Making Space

We are clearing out and cleaning up our church to make space for people and outreach ministries. Old pianos which are no longer being used are being offered to the congregation. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the church office, 615-883-2321 or d.byrd@apmumc.net by July 28. You may make a love offering to the church to obtain your piano. You are responsible for moving the piano from the church by August 5. After July 28 they will either be sold or removed from the church.

Cable Piano, originally in fellowship hall, located in Rest in the Curve area



Piano located in sanctuary loft area



Fischer Piano located in Gathering Room



Fayette S. Cable Piano located in Blast Room



Desk for Free

We wish to give away a large wooden desk which is located in the Rest in the Curve area to anyone interested. It is in good condition. If you wish to obtain it contact the office by July 28.

Church Life

Book Club

There will be no July meeting due to the holiday. Come and share with the book club which meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the McDonough Room. Carolyn Sullivan is the facilitator.

An outline of books to be discussed so you may obtain them from the library.

August 1: Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey

September 5: Between Shades of Gray by Ruth Sepetys

October 3: My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

November 7: They Left Us Everything by Plum Johnson



Pray for Pastor Melisa, Hickory Bend UMC and Andrew Price UMC

Let us pray for strength, guidance and wisdom for Pastor Melisa as she serves both Andrew Price and Hickory Bend. May God bless the ministries of both our churches as we move forward in a new relationship with each other. Let us continue to pray for our churches to be a voice in the world and Donelson.

Project Our Children

If you are interested in assisting with Sunday School for the Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Kindergarten-2nd grade children, please contact Debbie Byrd in the office, 615-883-2321/d.byrd@apmumc.net. We are partnering with teachers from the NEEC church on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Box Tops for Education

Hickman Elementary receives 10 cents for each box tops clip donated. You may donate your education box tops in the labeled container in the area across from the nursery.

Lunch with the Pastor

In July there will be no lunch with Pastor Melisa. The next lunch will be on August 9 at 1:15 p.m. at Ellendales's.

Thank You

Thank you all for your never ending support in all of my endeavors. As I start this new chapter of my life, I will treasure my memories here using the amazing picture frame you all gave me and I will continue to grow my faith with the devotional book. Thank you all for being a positive, reassuring force in my life. God Bless all of you.

Love, Alli Newman

Prayer Requests for July

Please pray for Rev. Melisa, our church family and our staff.

Sharers Class

Thelma Pearson
Rev. Jeff Fryer
Pete Scalf
John Pugh
Mark Shenker
Mike McCroskey
Wanda Grooms
Donald Smith
Benny Parsons
Melva Anderson
David Lloyd
Dwayne
Vicki Pruitt

Builders Class

Jeff Tomlinson & Family
Bill & Sylvia Mooney
Bessie Richards
Marc Phillips
Richard Burton
William Alexander
Susan McElhaney
Anita Dungan
John Leath
Suzy Merkle
Robert Mullins
Diane and family
Betty Briggs
Ashlee
Martin
Linda Phillips
Kathy and Family
Frank & Jeannie Alley
Korndle Goodwin
Nina Bogle

Other Prayer Concerns

Peace in the World
World Christian Churches
US Military
Our Country
Caregivers
Inmates at Riverbend
Don Choate
Keri

McDonough Fellowship Class

Deta Hopkins
David Tragle
Tom and Ruby Rogers
Jean & Clyde Ingram
Margaret Maggart
Estelle Groth
Jennifer Grissom
Cindy Stafne
Anleah
Mary Jean

Prayerfully Remember

McKendree : Don Choate, N 272, Melva Anderson,
Manor 134

Sycamores Terrace Retirement Community: 1427
Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37210,
Lois Overfield, Apt. 126

Providence Place: Virginia Rogilio, 1020 Charlie Daniels Pkwy., Apt. #402, Mt. Juliet,
TN 37122

Provision Living: 4131 Andrew Jackson Pkwy, Hermitage, TN 37076, Pete Scalf,
Unit 107

Summit Hospital: Oliver Jamison

At Home: Rubye and Tom Rogers 615-883-3633; Anna Manson;
Margaret Maggart, Fite Living Center, 5 Fite St., Cartersville, GA 30120;
Jane Marshall; Betty Briggs



Loving Our Neighbor

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God. The next is to love your neighbor as yourself. I have been blessed to witness people's testimony to obey these commandments during the past few weeks.

Pastor Melisa, Frances McGill, Corey Arp, Zack Valder, Ralph Foley, Chuck Bernyk, Lynn Holt, Alisa Mueller, Debra Dungan, Jim Turner, Steve Harman, Linda Cowell, and myself have given prayer, time, money, and our talents to transform 2 classrooms into a place of beauty for children of the Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church (NEEC). We have repaired, cleaned, painted and organized that space for the children because we love God and children.

Lessons have been planned to assist the NEEC in their desire to teach their children about God and Jesus. Project Our Children is about showing unconditional love to children. There is no greater expression than loving your neighbor.

It is our differences that make us God's children. He didn't create us all the same. We love differently, we speak differently, we dress differently, and we view the world differently. The one unifying element is we all love and worship the same God.

Other glimpses of God have been the generosity of volunteers for Rest in the Curve and people who donate clothing, shoes, food, and money to offer our neighbors a better life.

David Cook showed me another glimpse of unconditional love this week by cleaning the garden beds, purchasing and planting plants. He does this out of his unconditional love for people and God. Feeding hungry people is what Jesus asked us to do. Produce and herbs from the garden will benefit guests to Rest in the Curve and Second Harvest Food Bank.

A team of faithful people go to Second Harvest every week to assist our neighbors as they choose food for their family. One of our members faithfully picks up our donations and purchases cases of crackers to donate each week. Tom and Nona Sarver pick up excess pizzas from Pappa John's the week our team works which benefits guests who come to obtain food.

Our faithfulness in feeding others is us living out the commandments to love God and neighbor. Many of you donate time, money and food to serve others.

We offer lunches to people who come on our campus. This year we have provided 1109 lunches to hungry people. Children attending VBS missions organized 90 lunches for our guests.

We supply food over the weekend for 77 children at Hickman Elementary through a program called FUEL. Without this additional food most of these children would go hungry over the weekend. Your generous donations and the time of the volunteers who assemble and deliver the food is another glimpse of God's love.

It is never enough to think we cannot make a difference in our world. We make a difference every day. It only takes one small act to make a difference. God has called all of us into a ministry of love and service. By doing something we are showing God's love to the world. People rarely remember what you say but they always remember how you treat them.

Serving others and showing respect to each other is our testimony to the love within our souls. Jesus called us to love each other. Are we loving others as we have been called? This is our continuing challenge. We must love each other and stay in relationship even when we don't agree, especially when we don't agree. It is only by attempting to understand each other that we fulfill God's commandment to love him and his children, our neighbor.

We are doing many acts of kindness here at Andrew Price to benefit our neighbor and each other. I am very proud and honored to serve with and among you.

Peace and Blessings, Deaconess Debbie Byrd



Church Life

A Conversation About the UMC

Pastor Melisa invites you to a four week conversation with a focus on what it means to be The United Methodist Church. The dates are July 19, July 26, August 2 and August 9 from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Please register by July 12 on paper forms which are located in the information shelf in the foyer or on line at <http://apmumc.org/Happenings/AConversationAbouttheUMC.aspx>. Please return your paper forms to the office.



Attendance and Giving for June and July 2

	Worship 9:15	Sunday School/Small Group	Giving
June 4	90	78	\$ 5,340.00
June 11	87	81	\$ 2,196.79
June 18	104	81	\$ 2,867.00
June 25	88	75	\$ 3,976.74
July 2	101	88	\$10,777.00
		E-Giving	\$ 2,321.96

Condolences



Rual Newton passed away on June 15. A Celebration of Life Service was held on June 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mount Olivet Funeral Home Chapel with The Rev. Melisa Derseweh officiating. A private interment followed the service. Please keep the family and friends of Rual in your prayers.

Becky Reed passed away on July 4, 2017. Please keep Bo Reed and his family in your prayers. To date arrangements are indefinite.

MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Committee Meeting

There will a mission committee meeting on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the McDonough Room.

Hickman Elementary School Supplies

It is time to start shopping for back to school supplies! This congregation has been so generous to give school supplies to our Pencil Partner - Hickman Elementary. There are grade level supply lists on the table in the foyer if you would like to purchase supplies for a student. You can bring the supplies to the bin for Hickman Elementary outside of the nursery. Supplies are needed throughout the school year. Please contact Christy Earl, c.earl@apmumc.net, should you have questions.



Glasses for Lions Club

Please remember to leave eyeglasses in the Lions Club collection box which is located in the foyer. Recycled eyeglasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

Rest in the Curve

Rest in the Curve is open every Saturday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. We offer a clothes closet and a nonperishable lunch for our guests. Contact the office or sign up in the foyer to volunteer.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank. Donation bins are located in the narthex at the front entrance and the hallway leading to the Education Wing. The AP Team works the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The team works July 27. If you wish to be a part of this ministry you may contact the office.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8:15 a.m. McDonough Fellowship Sunday School Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Small Group 1:15-3:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Fellowship (FH) 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA)</p>	<p>3 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-8:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:15-8:15 p.m. Music City Bronze Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree)</p>	<p>4 Office Closed Due to Holiday 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting Women, 1st Steppers (Shade Tree)</p>	<p>5 Gleanings Published 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00-9:00 pm Moonlighters Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>6 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Alanon (McDonough) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA, Shade Tree)</p>	<p>8 8:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Day 9:00-11:00 a.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Prayer Meeting (Anna Gay Room) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Rest in the Curve 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 3:00-6:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Worship and Choir Rehearsal (Sharers Room) 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA)</p>
<p>9 8:15 a.m. McDonough Fellowship Sunday School Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Small Group 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Children & Youth, Study: What is a UM 1:15-3:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Fellowship (FH) 2:00 & 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA)</p>	<p>10 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-8:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:15-8:15 p.m. Music City Bronze Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree)</p>	<p>11 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 11:00 a.m. LOC (Library) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting Women, 1st Steppers (Shade Tree)</p>	<p>12 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) <u>No Lunch</u> with Pastor Melisa 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:30 p.m. Mission Meeting (McDonough) 7:00-9:00 pm Moonlighters Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>13 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Alanon (McDonough) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 Emmaus Board Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>14 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA, Shade Tree)</p>	<p>15 9:00-11:00 a.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Prayer Meeting (Anna Gay Room) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. National Association of UM Scouters (FH & McDonough) 10:00-11:00 a.m. Rest in the Curve 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 3:00-6:00 p.m. Nashville Ethiopian Evangelical Church Worship and Choir Rehearsal (Sharers Room) 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00 p.m. Young & Sober (AA)</p>

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