



A Note from your Pastor!

Kindness to Spare

The following is a reflection that was originally published several years ago in the *Corbin News and Advance*. I was a monthly contributor to the religion section of that weekly publication during my service as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Corbin, KY.

During my college days in Jackson, Tennessee, I experienced first-hand the unlimited nature of God's providence. At the beginning of our month-long Christmas break, a friend and I were traveling the lonely two-lane roads which wind through the back country of West Tennessee, and into Kentucky. I had traveled these roads many times without incident; however this night was to be the exception. We were about 15 miles outside of Paris (TN) when the left front tire went flat.

Disgusted, and muttering anxious words under my breath, I stomped back toward my over-filled trunk to find the spare. After unloading all of our clothes and books onto the rain-soaked road, I fumbled around in the crevasses under the trunk board for the spare tire and necessary tools. To my surprise everything was there, however as my friend Carol Ann pointed out, the tiny excuse for a spare which Nissan provided was not the safest bet for the two and a half hours of wet pavement between us and home. Agreeing with that late-night wisdom I stood in the rain and looked around, praying for plan B to present itself.

About 20 yards in the distance sat a remote house with light streaming through the window. Carol Ann and I stopped at the end of the driveway to the sound of three or four barking dogs. We could not see them through the dark Tennessee night, but of course they all sounded very large and ferocious at the time. We decided to press on and hope that the dogs were either chained or penned. We finally reached the front door, and to our relief it opened. Standing there was a young father and his school-aged daughter. After explaining our circumstance, Jeff was quick to come to our aid. He offered a used tire with the correct size and specifications which he was certain was lying in a heap that sat behind his barn. Jeff also offered to put the tire on my wheel for me. So at 9pm on a rainy December night, a man who I had never met before drove me 15 miles to the garage where he had worked all day, while his wife and three children drank hot chocolate with my friend Carol Ann. He wouldn't take a penny for his efforts.

At the end of Christmas break I stopped by Jeff's house to thank him once again, and to give his family a large country ham as a token of my appreciation. The house looked very different in daylight, very ordinary. A month before however this very house had become a port in a storm for a couple of college kids who were trying to get home for Christmas. One possible way to view God's providence in our lives is to realize that no matter how remote or inconvenient the situation, we can never find ourselves in a place God hasn't already been. In times of distress and doubt God's presence is felt through the acts of others who have been touched by divine love, and who are willing to go out of their way to show that love—many times refusing to take a penny in return. May it always be so.

Peace and grace to you, Jim

Lenten Services

**April 5 and April 12th - 12:00 noon - Court Street United Methodist Church Lenten Service and Luncheon
our church bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m.**

Lunch With Pastor Jim

Westminster Canterbury 2017

The following dates are scheduled for lunch with
Pastor Jim Hunter.

Everyone who would like to be a part of this event is welcome.
Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. in the Fauber Room next to the café.

April 3 May 8 June 5

WOMEN ON A MISSION



Dinner/Meeting
Thursday, April 6th.

Dahlia Restaurant
Bedford Avenue
6:00 p.m.

Call or email Nancy Sale if you
can attend.

We have mission projects to discuss,
so make your plans to attend today!

Circle 1

Our ladies will gather on
Monday, April 10th.
11:00 a.m.

Guest Speakers will be
Clif and Bundy Potter
(Bring a dish to share for lunch)



Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, April 15th
8:00 a.m.
Carol's Place in Forest
Come join us!



CALENDAR



PENCIL IN THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Sunday, 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Communion)
Monday, 3rd	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch with Pastor Jim - WC
Wed, 5th	12:00 noon	Lenten Service-Court St. Methodist (church bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.)
Thurs, 6th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	6:00 p.m.	Women on a Mission-dinner/meeting at the Dahlia
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Palm Sunday
	12:05 p.m.	Diaconate Punch - Host: Bill Cook
Monday, 10th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Circle 1 - bring a dish to share for lunch
Wed, 12th	12:00 noon	Lenten Service-Court St. Methodist (church bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.)
Thurs, 13th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Sat., 15th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Carol's Place, Forest
Sunday, 16th	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Easter Sunday
	12:10 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, 17th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Book Discussion Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 19th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Group
Thurs, 20th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 23rd	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, 24th	7:00 a.m.	McNeely Group
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed, 26th	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Group
Thurs, 27th	4:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 30th	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Come Grow With Us



SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of
Life* by Richard Rohr

RENOVATORS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.
Stories of Repentance and Grace

THE FORUM

Religion and current events are discussed in
the Brooks Education Wing downstairs.

ADULT STUDY

The Formations - Meets in the Parlor
The Resurrection and the Life

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Peakland Baptist
Church
Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 20th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, you can call 1-800-GIVELIFE, or you can sign up on their website www.givelife.org.

Women on a Mission will help volunteer and supply snacks during the blood drive, and Tom and Leslie will serve their wonderful barbeque.

Sign up today and save a life!



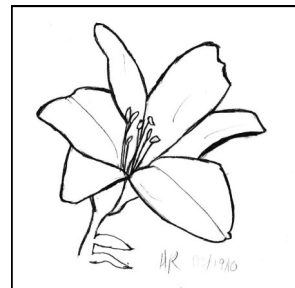
IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Sarah Kaboli grew up in a Christian church. Her Father, one of its leaders, was imprisoned. Their church was closed often; police murdered two of their pastors. This was Sarah's childhood in Gorgan, Iran, "a city a lot like Lynchburg." She escaped one night when her mother gave her a plane ticket and told her she was going to Turkey. Alone and speaking no Turkish, Sarah survived by teaching English to Turk children, learning their language, then helping other refugees. She escaped again, moving to Texas with her older brother's family. There, through her church and Facebook, she befriended a woman from Goode, who invited her to visit. Sarah loved the area, moved, discovered our church, loved the people here, and joined. She now manages Paisley Gift Shop in Boonsboro Shopping Center and lives nearby with her two younger brothers: Samuel works at Milano's; Daniel is a former pastor seeking a church. Today, say hello to Sarah. If you ever doubt how blessed you are, ask her to tell you the rest of her story.



Holy Week at Peakland

Palm Sunday

*Sunday, April 9th
Service at 11:00 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday

*Thursday, April 13th
Service at 7:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday

*Sunday, April 16th
Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.
(bring flowers to adorn
the Cross)
Easter Service, 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:15 p.m.*



April, 2017



*and *Anniversaries*

03	Paige Riley	16	Eleanor Ashwell
04	Patti McCue	17	Gus Lamond
05	Marge Sellick	24	Jack Flippin
06	Dana Garrard	25	Peter Arrington
07	Doris Cann	27	Gideon Cheek
07	Amy Sawyer	27	John Shields Cook
09	Bill Cook, III	27	William Agee Cook
09	Sydney Moon	27	Betsy Garrard
12	*Richard and Monica Bowhay	28	Taz Daughtrey
13	Georgeann Snead	28	Martee Morland
14	*Ron and Becky Rash	30	Karen Painter
15	Jean Reynolds Cook	30	Jim Ray

CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Jim Hunter, II	Pastor
The Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III	Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Debbie Burton	Music Director
Mr. Allan Heer	Organist
Mrs. Donna Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Judi Handel	Financial Assistant

VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.