

We were all so proud of the youth last Sunday evening. It has been a joy for Alison and I to work with you and the parents in the Lads to Leaders program. Thank you all who had a big help in encouraging the young people. We will begin soon working on next year's program. We are also excited about our plans for the summer months. We will be telling you soon about our plans for the youth. Be sure to grab a youth calendar for the month of May Be sure to tell your mom you love her today. DOUG

¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 20:12





Is it your lucky day? On NBC's Tonight Show, Johnny Carson several years ago read an item from the lost-and-found column of a Midwestern newspaper: "Lost dog--brown fur, some missing due to mange, blind in one eye, deaf, lame leg due to recent traffic accident, slightly arthritic. Goes by the name of 'Lucky." Some people have more luck than others. Luck is an interesting thing. Some people think luck is involved when they strike it rich in Vegas. Some people think luck is involved when they receive a promotion, make the big play in a game, or score a free meal. Today, everyone is thinking about luck, four leaf clovers and maybe even a lucky rabbit's foot. When good things happen in our lives, is it luck that's at play, or is it something greater? I am a firm believer that those who follow God's word don't need luck. Someone once said, "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." That's a great saving. This life is not about how lucky we are, but instead about how blessed we are. Next time you find some good fortune coming your way, thank God for the blessings He's given you. Instead of rubbing that rabbit's foot, say a prayer to God. We know that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..." (James 1:17). Our blessings come from God, not a leprechaun. Thank God for His love and blessings. DAN

> May 15, 2022 **Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation** May 15, 2022 **Becky Barnes**



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WHAT'S SHE WORTH?

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On an isolated Pacific island, it was the custom for a young man to announce his intention of marriage to the entire village. After the announcement, he and the whole community went to the young woman's home. Her father would come outside and then, in front of the whole community, the father and the future groom would barter. The main item of value on the island was the cow. Therefore, a suitor would offer the father a certain number of cows for his daughter. The typical marriage would bring two cows to the bride's father. On rare occasions, he might get three. The record was four cows, going to the father of a bride who had finished school. Johnny Lingo was the island's most eligible bachelor. He came from a wealthy family. Talented and good looking, Johnny was the dream of most young girls on the island. One day, Johnny announced that he had selected a wife. He announced that her name was Lisa. Everyone was shocked. Lisa seemed rather plain and was very shy. The community thought Johnny could have done better. Some even suggested that Lisa's father might have to give Johnny a cow or two. The community gathered at Lisa's house for the bartering. Johnny's opening bid for Lisa was eight cows! Her father almost fainted, but managed to say 'yes.' That evening, Johnny and Lisa were married. They departed to another island where they were to live. For a full year no one saw Johnny or Lisa. Then on their first anniversary, they returned to visit their parents. From the moment they arrived at the dock, the news spread. Everybody said, "Come and see Johnny and Lisa! You won't believe it!" Everybody came, but nobody noticed Johnny. All eyes were on Lisa. She had been transformed! She was a vision of loveliness. She was poised, warm, friendly, and confident. At the end of the day, as Johnny and Lisa were preparing to return to their home, one of Johnny's friends pulled him aside and said, "I want to know the secret of this amazing transformation." Johnny said, " I will tell you. From the time Lisa was born, she had been treated as though she was not worth very much. She had begun to believe that about herself. But I announced to the community that she was an 8-cow wife, and I have treated her just that way. She has become the vision of herself that she sees every day in my eyes." If you want an 8-cow wife or husband, start treating her or him that way. Give it a year and see what happens. If you want a wife and mother worth a lot, start treating her as such. ADAPTED

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS



From Dan's desk:

We want to say thank you to all mothers in the audience today. We appreciate and love each of you. You have been and continue to be a blessing to our congregation. We know that God will crown your efforts with success. Mothers give so much of their time and energy to their children and we are grateful. It was a joyful experience to see first hand what the young people of the congregation, their parents and Doug and Alison are doing not only in the church but in the community as well. The video presentation reminds us of all the good that has been done over the last year by the youth of the church. We love and appreciate you so much. Parents are to be commended for bringing their children and encouraging them to participate in the activities that are planned each week. Thanks to those who brought food last Sunday evening and those who helped in arranging for the event. It was a wonderful evening and we are thankful for all who came to support the youth. We hope you will join us for worship again this evening at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





JANE GRUMBLES has been undergoing heart tests this last week. DIANE WILCHER fell and broke ribs. She is home recovering. EDDIE STANALAND (son of Cecil & Virginia) had serious foot surgery this last week. LARRY BASKIN is improving fol-

lowing a foot and leg injury from a recent fall.

SAM ELLIS has prostate cancer and will begin treatment soon.

WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY "Mothers have a special way

Of saying, 'I love you',

A love that God has given them,

A love that will hold true

For Mothers sacrifice so much,

Providing for the home,

Creating there an atmosphere

"HE'S A SON"

A story is told of Roosevelt from the early days of W.W. II. He was waiting to board a plane on which he had a reservation. He overheard a private at the ticket window begging for a ticket: "I'm going overseas in three days. I want to see my Ma before I go. I can go home and back only if I travel by plane!" He was told, however, that there were no seats available on the plane. At that moment Roosevelt stepped up and said that he would surrender his ticket and his seat on the plane for the private. A fellow officer protested: "But General, this is a matter of rank!" Roosevelt gave a masterful reply: "That's right. He's a son. I'm only a general."The highest rank which God could bestow upon us is to call us his children. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 Jn. 3:1). As children we are given the closest possible fellowship in a relationship with God. We are given all the privileges of heirs. We are granted the status of family name and recognition. We are also given the awesome responsibility to live up to the expectations that go with being a child of God. If it is a matter of rank, deference goes to the child of the King, and "that is what we are." **Jack Sibley**

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sandy Singleterry is back home recovering from back surgery Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional cancer treatment for cancer. Diane Wilcher is recovering from a broken rib. She is home. Loretta Young has been undergoing rehab at Legacy at Town Creek nursing facility. Cody McAdams (23 years old and friend of Mike Whitely) suffered a heart attack and has asked for the prayers of the church. Gerri Peeples, (mother of Sheryl McLen) has dementia and has asked for our prayers. Ann Maxwell (friend of Gary & Toni Warren) is having surgery May 17th and asked for prayers. **Oleta Lambert (mother of Mark Lambert) in Mabank nursing home** Pat Gillyard (Arnold Shellenbarger's mother-in-law) has breast cancer seriously ill. Sharon Holmes friend of several in the church here has cancer and is at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Deborah Hagemeier has cancer and asked for our prayers. Sharon Grizzle (friend of many) has cancer and asked for our prayers. Betty Ross (friend of Bill and Linda Hawkins) fell and has a long recovery William Hawkins son of Bill and Linda is having health issues Tamam Al Ali (friend of William Hawkins) health issues Bryce Stewart (former member) has cancer and requests prayer. Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.

Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Marlene Thompson, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, George Lester, Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Martha Sims. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. The Elders