

Circuit Writer

Feeding the Spirit, Mind and Body

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FROM THE PASTORS HEART...

School days, school days dear old Golden Rule days
'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic;
Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick
You were my queen in calico;
I was your bashful, barefoot beau
And you wrote on my slate, "I Love You, Joe"
When we were a couple o' kids.

Some of us will remember this tune from our youth... I am not sure many of our younger church family have ever heard it sung! "School Days" is an American popular song written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards. Its subject is of a mature couple looking back sentimentally on their childhood together in primary school. While it has been recorded by many artists through the years, most are only familiar with the chorus above. It paints a nostalgic picture of young girls and boys looking forward to returning to school. I was one of those kids that always looked forward to school – I loved stocking my book bag with freshly sharpened pencils, a new pink eraser, blank sheets of paper just waiting to be used and cutting apart and ironing brown grocery bags which we used to cover our text books!!

During the 1960's, with the "Cold War," I clearly remember practicing air raid drills where we would get under our desks in the event of a bombing attack from the Russians. (The Cold War was a period of geopolitical tension between the Soviet Union with its satellite states (the Eastern Bloc), and the United

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Church Events

- 9/1 Children's Sunday School resumes (during worship)
- 9/2 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 9/10 West End Alliance - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 9/14 Social Hall in Use by Member
- 9/17 Echoes - 10:30 am (Social Hall)
- 9/18 Bible Study - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 9/21 Relay Yard Sale - 7 am (Social Hall)
- 9/22 Social Hall in Use by Member
- 9/23 October Newsletter Deadline 12 pm
- 9/30 Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- Food Pantry (every Wednesday) at 9 am
- Bible Study - every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Workroom
- Choir Practice (every Thursday) at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

States with its allies (the Western Bloc) after World War II.) Never, in my wildest imagination would I have predicted today's school children having "active shooter drills!" One thing is certain, however, my parents and grandparents regularly prayed for our safety which is something not only can we do today, we must pray for our children, their teachers and staff of every single school. Recently whenever I drive past a school, pre-school or day care center, I find myself saying a quick prayer asking God to surround the school and students with his warrior angels. This is something we all can do. If praying extemporaneously (off the cuff) is not your forte, saying the Lord's Prayer is just as good.

We are at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. If you would rather have a script to pray for our schools, teachers, staff and children, consider using the following prayer from Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, Florida:

A PRAYER FOR THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Gracious and Eternal God,

At this start of a new year of education and ministry, we first give thanks for the many ways that you are a loving parent and teacher to all of us. Your love reminds us that we are all your children, and students under your tutelage. You guide us toward a life of wholeness and decency, instruct us with the principles of holy living, and correct our missteps with grace and love. We are privileged to learn the lessons that you teach us, and to influence our own youth through our example.

We pray for our area schools and all our teachers, who have the noble task of educating the most impressionable among us. Grant them perseverance in the classroom, wisdom in their counsel and endurance for the year ahead. May they receive from us the affirmation they richly deserve but rarely receive.

We pray for school administrators and staff. Lead them through the challenges of underfunding, rapidly changing technology, and lack of community support. Guide our political leaders to provide the resources our schools desperately need.

We pray for the families of our community. Call them into a deeper level of involvement in the education of their kids and in support of their schools. Help them find balance between busyness and family time. We acknowledge the widespread poverty among many families in our area; guide this church in ministering to them.

We pray that all our school campuses will be secure and healthy. Stem the tide of gun violence and reduce the presence of bullying. Surround our children with role models that encourage decent behavior and healthy choices. May our children flourish in an environment that is safe, fun and intellectually energizing.

We pray that our schools may be places of learning beyond the goals of standardized testing. May our children discover a passion for subjects that encompass the broad scope of the human enterprise. Cultivate within them an interest in the arts. Teach them teamwork and cooperation through organized sports. Help them learn to be respectful to themselves and to others. And may they learn to be global contributors to a rapidly changing world.

We pray for the ministries to children and youth in our church. Thank you for the faithful work of our ministry volunteers, and grant them the wisdom and love that will make a deep and lasting impact. We pray for all our children and youth, that they would find their truest identity in the grand, ongoing story of your love.

God, you have placed a sense of eternity in our hearts, that we cannot fully see all that you have done from the beginning to the end. Help us rise to the great responsibility of being faithful stewards of our children. May they forge ahead into the bright future you have envisioned for them. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Rabbi, teacher, and Lord, You are loved, Pastor Tizzy

Heaven's Surprise

By Rod Hemphill

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp –
The Garden Club Gossips, the thieves
The liars and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:3



Bible Reading Plan

In 2019 we'll be reading the Bible from start to finish, from Genesis to Revelation.

Sun, 9/1	Ezekiel 9-12
Mon, 9/2	Ezekiel 13-15
Tue, 9/3	Ezekiel 16-17
Wed, 9/4	Ezekiel 18-20
Thu, 9/5	Ezekiel 21-22
Fri, 9/6	Ezekiel 23-24
Sat, 9/7	Ezekiel 25-27
Sun, 9/8	Ezekiel 28-30
Mon, 9/9	Ezekiel 31-33
Tue, 9/10	Ezekiel 34-36
Wed, 9/11	Ezekiel 37-39
Thu, 9/12	Ezekiel 40-42
Fri, 9/13	Ezekiel 43-45
Sat, 9/14	Ezekiel 46-48
Sun, 9/15	Daniel 1-3
Mon, 9/16	Daniel 4-6
Tue, 9/17	Daniel 7-9
Wed, 9/18	Daniel 10-12
Thu, 9/19	Hosea 1-7
Fri, 9/20	Hosea 8-14
Sat, 9/21	Joel 1-3
Sun, 9/22	Amos 1-5
Mon, 9/23	Amos 6-9
Tue, 9/24	Obadiah 1, Jonah 1-4
Wed, 9/25	Micah 1-7
Thu, 9/26	Nahum 1-3
Fri, 9/27	Habakkuk 1-3, Zephaniah 1-3
Sat, 9/28	Haggai 1-2
Sun, 9/29	Zechariah 1-7
Mon, 9/30	Zechariah 8-14

NO ONE CAN HAVE FAITH
WITHOUT HEARING THE
MESSAGE ABOUT CHRIST.

ROMANS 10:17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Peggy Barkley	Fern Moran	Those in the Armed Services
Dave Botkin	Elizabeth Poe	The United Methodist Church
Kelly Botkin	Jim Rohr	Our Local UM Churches
Phil Carletti	Peggy Rohr	Our Community
Ron Carletti	George Sanderson	Our Nation
John Clatterbaugh	Katherine Sheets	
Carmen Collins	Leta Wimer	
Fitz Fairfield	Tommy Wood	
Jonathan Gillette	Family of Phyllis Pilson	
Jerry Harman	Family of Hazel Sensabaugh	
Wendy Harman	also...	
Linda Hutton		
Marcella Landram		
Skip Low		
Leon Miller		

Never stop praying,
especially for others.
Always pray by the
power of the Spirit.
Stay alert and
keep praying for
God's people.

Ephesians 6:18 (CEV)

MEMORIAM

Phyllis Augusta (Redifer) Pilson
October 7, 1933 - August 10, 2019
*Joined Marquis Memorial UMC
on September 22, 1957*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Harold and Jane Sellers following the death of Harold's sister, Helen Miller on Friday, July 26th.

Charlie and Ginger Johnson and their family following the death of Charlie's sister, Hazel Sensabaugh on Monday, August 12th.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards and calls for my birthday. They were much appreciated.

~ Neal Hewitt

BIRTHDAYS

7 Ginger Johnson	24 Georgia Carter
Declan Stover	Loretta Cline
8 Keith Painter	Evelyn Smith
9 Leslie Hager	25 Travis Dull
13 Lindy Gough	Terry Rohr
Dorothy Guffey	28 Caryn Ergenbright
Sophia Stewart	29 Warren Faught
20 Allen Shirkey	
23 Lois Carletti	

ANNIVERSARIES

♥ Congratulations to following couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month:

Sept 10th - Keith & Barbara Painter - 8 years
Sept 11th - Lance & Megan Luckey - 6 years
Sept 29th - Charlie & Ginger Johnson - 40 yrs

VISITS FROM THE PASTOR

I am beginning to schedule home visits to church members who are not homebound. If you would like a visit from your pastor, please contact Caryn in the church office. You do not need to be in crisis for me to visit!! On this note, I am learning that you are a very self-sufficient, independent congregation who take great care of your families and one another. I often learn of Emergency Room and Hospital stays after the fact. While I am perfectly fine with this, I want to be sure you know that I am more than willing to be present for you in these circumstances for support and prayer. It has occurred to me that y'all are reluctant to call me because you don't want to "bother" the pastor. Please do not hesitate to keep me informed of ER and hospital visits – if you do not need me to be physically present, I can be lifting you and your families in prayer. You are loved... Pastor Tizzy

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Please share this information with family members in case of an emergency.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference date has been set for Thursday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Committees should begin planning for and preparing reports at your earliest convenience. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

For the month of September, we need:
Canned Meat (spam, chicken, tuna, etc.)
Sides (instant potatoes, rice a roni, etc.)
Canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)

MISSION COMMITTEE

Everyone has been generously donating since January. Because of your support we were able to reach our goal on kits. We've also had a good supply of school items, thank you. So during the month of September were not asking for anything. Thanks again for all your effort to support the mission.

Coming in October, we will have a "Sock It To Me Sunday" more information to come.

~ The Mission Committee

ECHOES

Echoes will meet Tuesday, September 17th at 11 a.m. at Country Cookin' for a Dutch Treat lunch. All are invited to join for fun and fellowship.

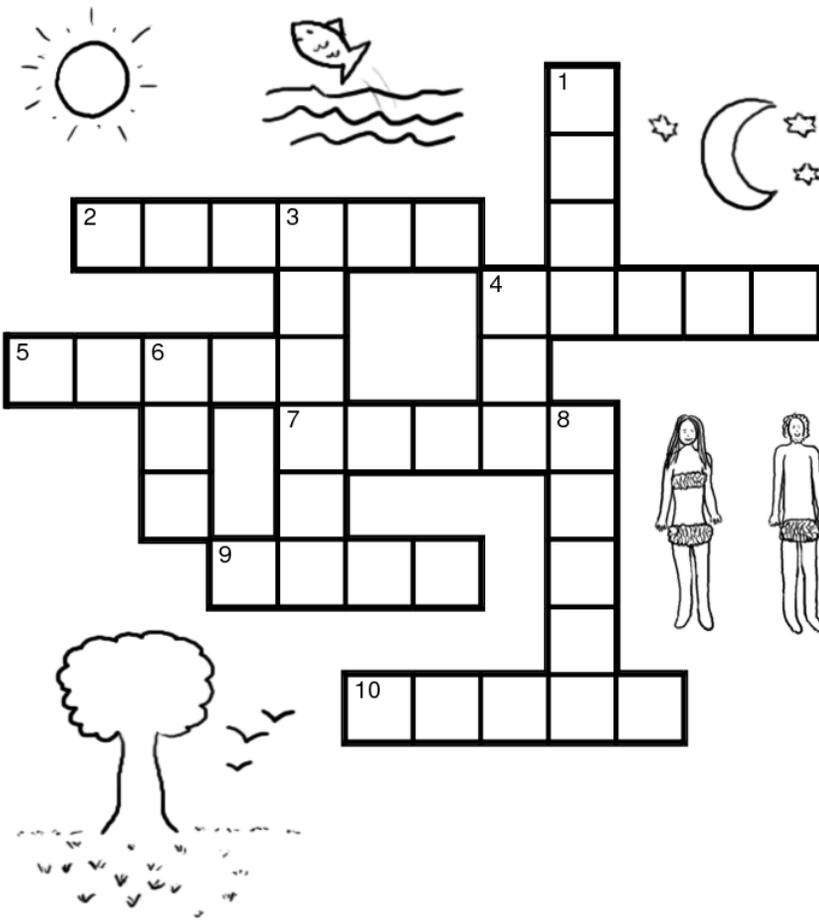
TRUNK AND TREAT

The Truck and Treat Community event is just around the corner (October 31st). Now is a good time to start stockpiling candy, candy and more candy as well as coming up with ideas for family friendly trunks/costumes suitable for all ages. Stay tuned for additional details!

~ Marion Fauver

Creation Activity Worksheet

by SundaySchoolResources.co.uk



Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (6)
- 4 The earth was this before the creation (5)
- 5 God created these on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created these on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (6)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

- ANIMALS
- BEGINNING
- CREATION
- EARTH
- GARDEN
- GOD
- HEAVENS
- LIGHT
- MAN
- PLANTS
- SEA
- STARS
- WOMAN

