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**Scripture Thought:**



*A Heartwarming Thanksgiving Story*

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

*Happy Thanksgiving to all!*  
 Kim

## *From the Lay Leader* *November 2018*

### **“And You Thought Your Family Had Issues...”**

It seems like every day I hear something from a friend or acquaintance regarding family issues. If you have a family of more than one person, then you have issues. Sometimes the issues seem down-right petty, while others are major struggles. I began thinking of how families in the Bible coped with problems. When you think about it, today's families are no different. Maybe the article below will help us in dealing with some of our issues and realize things aren't as bad as we think! Here we go, the Top 10 Dysfunctional Families of the Bible:

1. **FIRST FAM:** Wifey (Eve) tricked Hubby (Adam) into disobeying God. Then things got really bad when one of their boys (Cain) killed the other one (Abel). Then Cain ran away to avoid prosecution. His was the first picture on a milk carton.

2. **NOAH'S FAM:** Noah saved his family from the flood and then got naked and plastered. Evidently, sailing around on a flooded earth in a barge full of animals was a bit stressful. He didn't appreciate the fact that one of his boys (Ham) mocked him for his naked drunk condition. So, Noah cursed his son. There is no record that Ham attended Thanksgiving dinner with the family that year.

3. **ABRAHAM'S FAM:** God promised a child to an elderly couple (Abram and Sarah). Abram was not ready to wait on Sarah to get pregnant so he had sex with his maid, Hagar. (With the name “Hagar” she must have been a real cutie.) Hagar got pregnant, had a son (Ishmael) and then made fun of Sarah for not being able to get pregnant. Hagar and Ishmael left because they were no longer welcome in that happy family.

4. **LOT'S FAM:** This brainiac tried to give his daughters over to a bunch of homosexual hooligans.

5. **ISAAC'S FAM:** Jacob (one of Isaac's twin boys) swindled Esau (the other twin) out of his birthright by lying to dad with the help of his mother Rebecca. Esau—understandably—then wanted to kill his brother, Jacob. So, Jacob ran away to live with his crazy Uncle Laban, who tricked him into marrying his less-than-gorgeous daughter, Leah. Then as a good will gesture, Laban threw in his hot daughter, Rachael, to smooth things over.

6. **JACOB'S FAM:** Jacob had 12 boys and decided to give the youngest one, Joseph, a designer coat. That didn't sit well with the other brothers. So instead of leaving him out of family football they decided to throw him into a hole and kill him. The older brother, Reuben, was more reasonable and talked them into merely selling him as a slave to a band of Egyptian thugs. They told dad an animal killed him.

7. **KING SAUL:** Israel's first king (Saul) was jealous of the popularity of a shepherd boy (David) and became obsessed with killing him. Saul's son Jonathon protected his best friend David, choosing his friend over his dad. Dad and son

became estranged. That was not a display of family unity.

8. **KING DAVID'S FAM:** King David had a fling with his next-door neighbor, got her pregnant and killed her husband to cover it up. The baby died. Then one of his sons (Absalom) betrayed him.

9. **SOLOMON'S FAM:** The “smartest” guy in the world had a palace full of wives. (nuff said)

10. **JESUS' FAM:** Jesus' parents (Mary and Joseph) left their son (Jesus) behind on a road trip to Jerusalem. They somehow missed the fact that the Son of God was no longer with them on the way home. They turned around and went back for him. They found him in the temple and made him get back in the wagon.”

(Top 10 taken from Roger Fields, Kidz Blitz Ministries)  
I've always heard laughter is the best medicine. I hope as you read the list above, there was a hardy chuckle or at least a giggle. We're all in this together. Let's lift one another in prayer for strength and direction to cope with family issues that plague us all.

### *Treasurer's Report*



*October 26, 2018*

*“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”*

**2018 Budget \$49,293.00**

Needed through 10/21/18 for budget	\$41,406.16
Received to date for budget	\$42,194.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 787.84
Paid out to date for budget	\$ 34,626.12

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**

### *JIF Class*



Thanks to George for his informative lessons on Paul's Letter to the church at Galatia. George helped us to understand this Book in our Bible.

Our world had to begin somewhere. Come and search with us as John begins a series of lessons on the Book of Genesis.

All are welcome on Sunday mornings at 9:45.



The UMM will meet at the church at 8:30 AM on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Gerald*



As we pause to give thanks for all our many blessings this month, let's take time to remember those struggling with their lives. It might be natural disasters or a life disrupted by some other means. Please help any way you can, be it by prayer, financial contributions or assembling Senior Christmas gift boxes. We will also be collecting personal hygiene items to donate to Pathways. They are currently building dormitories that will let mothers and families stay together.

We will not be hosting a community dinner this year. Wishing you a most blessed thanksgiving,

*Beth*



**SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS**

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,  
Waynesville, Saturday,  
November 17th at 5:30PM.

## Colorful Ladies of Faith

Our last gathering for this year will be on the third Thursday, November 15th.

We start at 10:00 am and share lunch at 12 noon. You are welcome to join us as we fellowship and color together. Our next meeting will be on January 17th.



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email [jlf21@charter.net](mailto:jlf21@charter.net). Thanks, Judy

### Flowers for Faith



Thank you to all who beautify our sanctuary with flowers each week.

The 2019 flower calendar will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the near future. Be thinking of a Sunday that you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone.

### Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.



**WE GIVE THANKS** for the faithful people of Faith. Happy Thanksgiving!



## November Servants:



*Greeters:* Conchita Poovey

*Educational Entrance:* Committee of the UMM



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex. A special thank you to Eduardo and Tracy for spearheading this project and helping to make our worship services more meaningful for all.

## November Celebrations



7-Rachel Burnette  
19-Justin Scarbrough  
19-Lucille Taylor



13-Dare & Doyce Rogers

