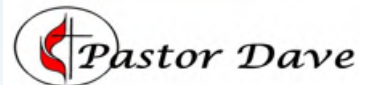


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The Pastor's Post

My Crystal Ball Says ...

In some ways it would be good to be able to predict the future. We could insulate ourselves from some of life's hazards. We could possibly even take advantage by knowing when to jump in or out of the stock market, slow down on the interstate because there's a patrol-person ahead, or our hot water tank is going to quit.

In truth, my I have no idea what 2021 will bring. COVID-19 could become even more contagious and problematic, or not. Our retirement plans may go "belly-up," or not. Politics, racism, and sexual identification could actually cause people to try harder to get along, have meaningful discussion, and draw closer to Christ, or not.

Here's what I do know: Jesus Christ could return before this newsletter actually reaches you, or not. Jesus said not even He knew the date of His return, but He would come like a thief in the night at an unexpected time. I don't believe it's because He wants to catch us doing something bad, but He is giving us time so that He might catch us doing something good.

To take a growth-step forward this week, try this schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, add 5 minutes to Bible reading; Tuesday and Thursday pray 5 minutes for someone you don't like; Monday through Friday take 5 minutes just listening to God; Saturday write a note to one person whom you are grateful to know, and then send it to them. Draw close to Jesus and He will draw close to you. Blessed to be your pastor, Pastor Dave

Bible verse to remember ...

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. NIV

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Francis Asbury, August 20, 1745-March 31, 1816

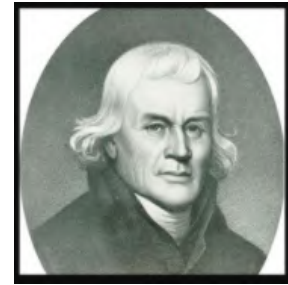
Asbury was one of the first two bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

He felt called by God as early as age 7. His family, persecuted for their religious beliefs came to America where he was ordained by John Wesley. He preached open-air sermons at courthouses, camps, public squares, and wherever he could find an audience.

Many deemed him to be a terrible preacher, but greatly responsible

for breaking down racial and gender barriers.

Asbury said, "We should so work as if we were to be saved by our works; and so rely on Jesus Christ as if we did no works."



Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. NIV

Streaming Message

Christian Endeavor is live-streaming the Sunday service on Facebook, and the services are captured and available for future viewing at Youtube and on our website (CENEWARK).

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to check us out. It's a non-stressful way for them to visit and consider joining us for corporate worship.

Contact Clif Smith at tech@cenewark.org for more details.

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HERE'S THE QUESTION: IF YOU COULDN'T FAIL, WHAT MINISTRY DO YOU HAVE A PASSION AND LONGING TO TRY?

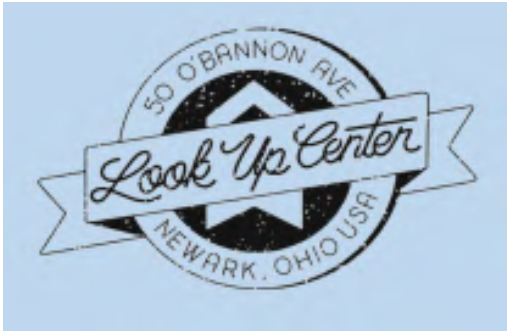
WHAT'S STOPPING YOU. LET'S TRY IT TOGETHER.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS and LETTERS

Dear Pastor: I know God loves everyone, but He never met my brother.

Tina was proud of the prayer she learned in kid's group: "Give us our deli-bread! Father, Son, and the Whole East Coast."

Gents 3-speed bike and two ladies for sale, in good running order.



Anniversaries & Birthdays at CE

01/28	Mitchell McKee
02/07	Willa Anderson
02/24	Harrison Lynch
02/27	Mary Wiard

Look Up Center successes:

Gave a car to a single-mom with two children and a sick father;

Gave a wedding dress to a young bride who couldn't afford one;

Gave away over 500 coats, hats, gloves, and 200 blankets;

Provided skilled trades opportunities to 13 students;

Delivered over 1,000 Thanksgiving meals throughout Licking County on Thanksgiving morning; (see photo below)

Hosted the First Annual Christmas Pop-Up Shop event which provided toys, PJs, outerwear, and Christmas dinner for 87 families and 212 children.

The Look Up Center is a God-designated Essential Business, meeting the needs of our local community. We have been partnering with them for a little over a year, offering mentoring for their skilled-trades students, making in-kind and monetary donations, and lifting them in prayer as they faithfully answer God's calling. To inquire about what you can do, schedule a tour, or learn more, check them out at www.lookupcenter.org, or contact Lori Hubble at Lori@LookUpCenter.Org. Tell them Pastor Dave sent you, and they'll put you to work and prayer.

Percilla (4) Adaline and Caraline(3), Anthony and Brandi Dickson making Thanksgiving meal deliveries. What a great tradition to be part of! This is such a blessing to help our community.



Alexandria & Christian Endeavor UMC's Pastor's Bible Study

Anniversaries/Birthdays

at Christian Endeavor

01/28	Mitchell McKee
02/06	Simon Shaw
02/27	Mary Wiard
03/08	David McKee
03/21	Annette Pagura
03/27	Bonnie Polinko
03/29	Ruth Spence
03/30	Dave Pagura

Questions that make you think:

"How long is NOW?"

"In the word "SCENT," is the "S" or "C" silent?"

"Why does our nose run but our feet smell?"

"Why is there a "D" in FRIDGE, but not in refrigerator?"

"Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?"

"When atheists go to court, do they have to swear on the Bible?"

"If glass blowers inhale, do they get a pane in the stomach?"

"Why does caregiver and caretaker mean the same thing?"

"Why when "skate on thin ice" do we get "in hot water?"

"Are eyebrows facial hair?"

The Alexandria Bible Study is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, EXCEPT for evenings when the Alexandria Women's Group is meeting.

The Christian Endeavor Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

The studies usually last about an hour and ten minutes or so. We dive deeper into the subject from the previous Sunday's Scripture reading and message.

If there are other questions you have about Scripture or a current topic, don't hesitate to contact me. I may not have all the answers, but I'm sure we can have fun trying to figure it all out.

The Word of God for the People of God

Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" NIV

Sermon Schedule for Lent 2020

February 26	Ash Wednesday	Where Do We Begin – the End
March 1	1st Sunday	What Could Happen If ...
March 8	2nd Sunday	A Most Surprising Paradox
March 15	3rd Sunday	"'Course He Isn't Safe ...'"
March 22	4th Sunday	Looking to the Cross
March 29	5th Sunday	Border between Now & Then
April 5	Palm Sunday	The Humble Servant
April 9	Maundy Thursday	The Ever-Lasting Supper
April 10	Good Friday	The Refrain Never Changes
April 12	Easter Sunday	Mourning becomes JOY

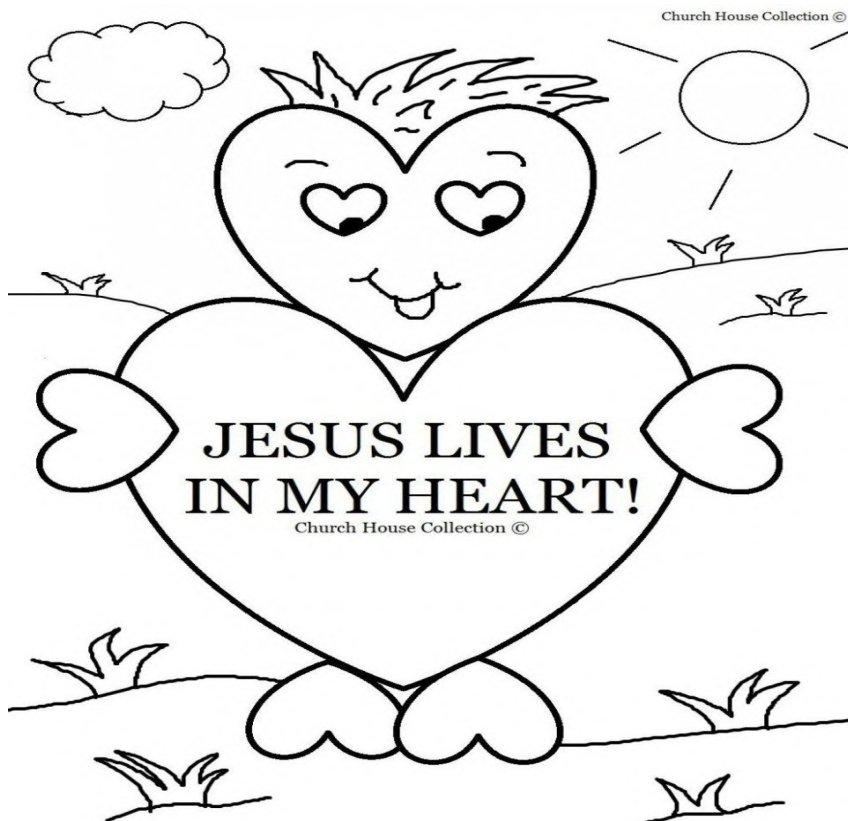
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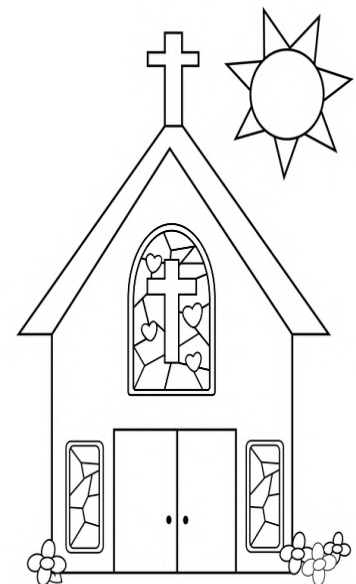
"Our mission is to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to glorify God, grow disciples and change the world one person at a time."

COLOR ME AND WIN A PRIZE

Give your finished drawing to Pastor Dave



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Are You Looking for Answers

SO ARE WE! Let's search for them together.

There's so much we don't know or understand about the Bible, ourselves, society. Have you ever thought, "I believe God really is good, I just don't why He allows evil." Ever ask yourself, "I want to be better; so, why do I keep stumbling over the same stuff all the time?"

We're just everyday people, just like you. Why don't you join us at Alexandria UMC, 9:30 AM, or Christian Endeavor UMC, 11:00 AM this Sunday.

Contact Pastor Dave at 614-204-3349 or dapagura@insight.rr.com

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