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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

Exploring God's Grace!

Who goes to heaven and who goes to hell? Can we, as Christians, figure out another's eternal destiny? What can we do to ensure our own salvation? What about people who are baptized and profess to be Christians but then go and do very bad things? What about someone who lives a virtuous, generous life but never believes in Jesus Christ? Is simply believing in Jesus Christ enough, or do you have to do good works, too?

In our sermons this May I'll do my best to answer these questions and more! I will be using Scripture from the Bible, as well as some of the original sermons of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, as my primary sources. I hope that you will come with sharp ears and quick wit, as I look forward to your questions and thoughts. You probably already know much of what we will discuss. However, you may be surprised by some things the Bible and John Wesley have to say. For example, did you know that "God helps those who help themselves" is not written anywhere in the Bible?

At each worship service this month you will receive a piece of paper to take notes. Also on the paper will be my e-mail address. As you listen to the sermon, take notes of anything you want to e-mail to me: questions, agreements, disagreements, etc. I will do my best to respond to your messages, and I'll include some of the best e-mail exchanges in the next week's bulletin.

If you want to get a head start, look up these three terms: prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace. Much of our discussion will center around these terms.

May you have a warm and wonderful May! I look forward to the ways the Holy Spirit will work through us as we explore God's grace together.

Pastor David

What's the big deal over Safe Sanctuaries?

Each Sunday at the start of all our services, you hear a lay speaker reminding everyone that PMUMC is a Safe Sanctuaries and to please escort their children. People have asked lately, "What's the big deal? We are a small country church; it's safe. It's not like we are in the war zone of a big city. Why do we worry about something that has never been an issue at PMUMC?"

Unfortunately, bad things happen to children here in Valencia County, too. Therefore, we have put into place some Safe Sanctuaries guidelines to keep our children as safe as possible. In fact, the New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church requires that all local congregations adopt and follow a Safe Sanctuaries policy. The most important aspect of this policy is that children and the adults who work with them are never isolated or alone. There is safety in numbers.

When kids are not directly participating in children's activities like Sunday School, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School and Youth Group, parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children. This means in situations like worship, church potluck meals, etc., parents are held responsible for knowing where their kids are, what they are doing, and keeping them safe.

So what does Safe Sanctuaries mean for PMUMC? It provides a safe environment for our children and youth and also for those adults who work and freely give of their time to mentor our younger generation. All our workers, paid or volunteer, undergo annual training and a background check. We allow no one to assume a leadership role in our children's ministries until they have been here at least 6 months. We use the 2 adult rule, having 2 independent/unrelated adults as teachers/leaders in all children/youth activities. Children are escorted to and from restrooms during scheduled church activities. We have Shepherds patrolling our Sunday School halls Sunday mornings, adding an extra layer of help and protection for our teachers and their students. We are constantly on the lookout for better ways to make our campus a safe, loving environment for our children and those involved in teaching them.

So the next time you hear Safe Sanctuaries mentioned, know that this is another way God's love is being shared and shown to protect our most valuable resource at PMUMC-our children.



Summer Camp

Sacramento Methodist
Assembly

CAMPERS..... Don't forget that camp registration forms-- including shot records & a copy of health insurance cards -- are due in the church office no later than Friday, May 11th.

Please remember Friday office hours are from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

Since this newsletter should be received in time -- we are announcing again that **April 29th is HAWAIIAN SHIRT DAY at the church.** You are encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt to worship, and then we hope you'll stay after 2nd service to enjoy all the festivities that are planned. There will be a BBQ and potluck (please bring a dish to share) -- a chance to dunk Pastor David in the dunk tank (tickets are available from any of the children) -- join in a GREAT bunch of fun in one of the jumpers (available for children, youth AND adults, too) -- and much more. You won't want to miss it. All proceeds will go to the camp scholarship fund.

For more information call Marlow at 480-3621, Angie at 944-6687.



Vacation Bible School -- June 25 -- 29th 9:00 am to 12 noon

We'll have a high-flying adventure learning about God's unconditional love. All children need to experience His love and the opportunity to meet our Lord Jesus.

Beginning in May after each service on Sundays, we'll have a table in the foyer for VBS registration, and also for volunteer and/or donation sign-ups. VBS flyers will also be available for you to take and distribute to family members, friends and neighbors.

The harvest is indeed plentiful, let's make the angels in heaven rejoice! Thank you for the prayers and the support we always get for our VBS.

Shawnda Lumpkin, VBS Director -- 306-5551



BIBLES TO BE AWARDED

Angie Davis, Children's Ministry Director, will present Bibles to children who are currently in Grades 3 – 6, on Sunday May 20th at both services.

Children who regularly attend Sunday school, Children's Church, or Kids Krazy about the King are already included in the count to receive a Bible on May 20th.

If you have a child, or know of a child, who hasn't been able to attend any of these children's activities recently, please let us know by calling Angie at 869-9490, 944-6687, or the church office at 865-9334. We don't want any child to be left out!!

Parents and children – you are cordially invited to attend either service on Sunday, May 20th. The children will be invited to come forward to receive their Bible. If you cannot attend church that day, we can set an alternate time, or make arrangements for getting the Bible to you (please call Angie at one of the numbers listed).



The school year is about finished, so the last day of Wednesday afternoon tutoring will be May 16th.

The plans for summer tutoring are pending.

If you are interested in tutoring help for your student during the summer, it would be very helpful and beneficial for you to call the church office, or Gayle Stayton at 866-1609 or 261-7579, to let us know. At this point, we are considering taking June off, but possibly resuming tutoring in July to help children prepare for the next school year.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Several of our church kids were selected to compete at the Regional Science Fair held at UNM over Spring break. We are proud of them for their efforts & for being recognized by their teachers and schools to advance to this regional event.

Way to go – Matthew, Shelby and Michael!!!



Our next meetings will be May 1st and 2nd
at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

HELP WANTED...

Persons who crochet...we need your help with making afghans,
baby blankets, scrubbies, etc.

The yarn and/or netting are available and ready for pick up.

We are looking for the following items---JARS, jelly jars of any size; white buttons & dominoes
For Sale: 2 small Indian rugs have been donated. If you are interested and would like to see them, please call Lois at 865-6791.

Women's Shelter

Betty Jean Highland (Coordinator) reports that the needs of the Shelter at this time are: CLEANING SUPPLIES. If you're able to provide cleaning supplies, donations may be placed in the basket in the entry of the church. Thanks!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



MARY CIRCLE – Mary Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall --the next meeting will be on May 8th. Our hostess will be Judy Carson with Marji West leading the devotion. Mary Circle is a great place for Christian fellowship and sharing with an emphasis on prayer. Since April's program was "Prayer and Self-Denial" we are encouraged to give about the price of a lunch back to a special mission project. The project chosen this year is El Ranchitos de los Niños – right here in Los Lunas. Contributions will be held until after May 8th, so our donations can all be included. Mary Circle welcomes all girls and women, no need to

be a part of our church. Please consider joining us on the second Tuesday of this, or another month, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. For more information call Chris Knox at 865-7864, or the church office at 865-9934.

SATURDAY UMW MEETING-The next UMW meeting will be May 19th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A report will be given on the spiritual retreat and the hostess is Margrace Grotfend. All women are cordially invited to join us and bring a friend.

GRADUATION TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!!
God Bless each high school and college graduate.
May your future be filled with success and happiness.



The Church would like to recognize its graduates. So, if you know of a church member/attendeo that will be graduating, please provide the church office with the appropriate information (name/school, etc). THANKS!!
(Graduates will be listed in the June edition of *The Flame*).



We'd like to share some youth testimonies with you – about the events we recently participated in. We hope you will be as blessed reading them, as we were.

At the Albuquerque Rescue Mission:

Dorothy says: “The rescue mission foot washing was amazing! I knew that for mission work I have to be able to wash feet, and I had a HUGE problem with feet. So I decided if I was gonna wash feet, might as well go all out and wash homeless feet. I was the only youth to wash feet, and it was amazing. The feet were pretty nasty, but that was definitely my favorite and most memorable part of the day!!”

Anna says: “During the Foot Washing it made me think, and also see, how lucky I am. Some people really have it hard. But by praying and giving out things to those people it gave me hope for not only me, but also for them. It made my day just to see them smile.”

Pilgrimage to Tome Hill testimonies

From Anna: I had a great time on the walk to Tome Hill. With all the fellowship I got with not only my friends but also with God, that was amazing. Sitting up on that hill made me think that we need to worship and praise God everyday, not just on Easter or Christmas.

From Chris: On the walk to Tome Hill, we had to wake up pretty early...well at least it was early for me. Once everybody showed up, we all left the church parking lot and headed for the ditches. Walk, walk, walk we did. Finally we made it up the hill. Shortly after that we had a short little devotional and prayer by Marlow. After that, I had a little pocket cross from the Youth Retreat that I decided to leave on the cross as a symbol of my sin that Jesus took away.

From Makayla: The walk to Tome Hill was amazing! After our group left the parking lot, I got so excited that I couldn't wait to get up there! I really don't know why. Something in me wanted so badly to get there, but I couldn't figure it out. Right before we went up Tome Hill, we stopped for a little break. I looked up the hill and thought to myself, 'Alright, I can do this!' On the way up, I didn't want to look back. I didn't want to see how far I had gone. I was bound and determined to get there. After getting up, some of us waited for the others to meet at our spot. Marlow did a devotional and prayer. He asked why we went. Was it just because others were doing it? It made me think, and no, it wasn't – at least for me. I didn't say my reason, because it's my own problem. After we got to look around and Luke decided to show me the three crosses, because I never actually took the time to look at them. Amazement hit me then; with all the people leaving stuff up there. I did not want to leave, at all. I felt like I was at home. After that, I really know God loves me to give His only Son up for my sins.

PLEASE READ MORE YOUTH NEWS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE....



From Marlow Frasier – Youth Director

I was very blessed this past Easter with so many good things that the youth are involved in. All the Holy Week activities were really set apart with our annual Pilgrimage to Tome Hill. It was a tad brisk as we left the church just after 6 am and walked the ditch banks about 7 miles to the hill and then up to the top – about another mile. The journey is amazing as there were 19 of us walking and talking and getting to know each other better. God's creation in the morning is wonderful and there is always a lot to see. We picked up two more people closer to the bottom of the hill, and met 3 more at the top. After the devotion and prayer time at the top, we enjoyed a delicious brunch at the home of the Platt's before riding the bus back to the church.

The next day, four of the girls from youth group, and I, left early to go to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission for the annual foot washing event. When we arrived, there were several homeless people asleep on the sidewalk next to the building. We got inside and helped them set up – and boy did they work us- moving furniture, hauling boxes, setting up shoes and socks to give away and even filling up helium balloons to give out to the kids along with Easter baskets. We had a light lunch and then they let the people inside – hundreds of them – coming in to get their feet washed, toes trimmed, and some even received needed medical attention. The people were lined up for haircuts from some of the local hairstylists who set up shop to help out, got their blood pressure checked, received new socks and shoes, and then got free roses, baskets of goodies and a balloon.

Outside is a different world, where you can talk, minister, pray for and witness the world of the homeless. Some people have a ministry where they pack up a lunch and soda and pass them out to the homeless from the trunk of their cars.

I really appreciate the ministering spirit that witnessed and served the people -- from Dorothy, Lana, Anna, and Kendall. Well done girls!!! We even got to see Pastor David in Chaplain full dress – he was in charge of crowd control.

Thank you God, for all You provide to us, and may we strive to serve your children in a greater way each day. Marlow



Sunday, May 13th

**A special day to remember all the women
in our lives who love and nurture us.**



GET REAL

from Family Life ® website – Dennis and Barbara Rainey, Feb 26th

When you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition.... Matthew 6:7

Tommy was a National Guard Reservist called into action during the Gulf War. On the last Sunday before his actual deployment, the church he attended had a special time of prayer, sending him off with their promise of support and encouragement.

As you can imagine, the prayers for Tommy's safety were thick with theology and high-sounding words..."Sovereign God of the universe, we trust that You will protect this young man on his missions, O Lord, and that You will keep him within the shelter of Your wings." All very sincere, I'm sure, but quite flowery and unoriginal."

Then, a little eight-year-old voice piped up from the back. "Dear Jesus, don't let Tommy get killed, okay? Amen." The sanctuary fell silent, as everyone suddenly knew that the prayers they had encrusted in adult euphemisms had really been grown-up attempts to say this one thing. "Don't let Tommy get killed, okay?" It took a child to express what adults couldn't.

....The next time you pray....get real. Get real simple. Be real honest. Get real with God. With total reverence for God; tell Him what you'd really like to tell Him.

Keep these people/situations in our CONTINUING PRAYERS

Naomi Jordan	Janette Baughman	Joleen Baughman
Nellie Watkins	Marj West	Patrick France
Eva Timmons	Michael Garrison	J'Amy Creel
	Karen Fastnacht	Roscille Wright
Sylvia Ward	Lisle Borom	Cure for cancer
Erma Ward	Pastor David & Melissa	Alice Risse (John passed on April 20 th)
Our Church & Ministries	Jim & Melba Derosssett	
Abundant Grace Free Store	Military – and their families	USA leaders, and our freedom

We try to keep this list updated, so if you know of anyone who needs to be added to the list, please call Ruth Romero at 869-4842 or the church office, 865-9334.

Families Fellowship



It has been a good year for Families Fellowship with lots of participation. The last day for a meal to be served on Wednesday evenings is May 30th --- unless someone volunteers to coordinate the meals or cooking. Last day for tutoring is May 16th (see additional article about summer tutoring).

The adult study of Revelation and Kids Crazy about the King will be continuing throughout the summer, beginning at 6:30 pm each Wednesday evening.

A Church Library is Coming!!!

The Administrative Council has approved a church library which will be named the Aubrey Notman Memorial Library. The library is located on the second floor of the Community Building. Chris Knox has agreed to head up this project, with Karen Bonanno helping her. They have set an initial "idea gathering" meeting for Saturday May 12th from 9:00-10:00 am. If interested, you are indeed WELCOME!!



They are anxious to gather ideas from any and all individuals who are interested in a church library, and they need to hear from you in order to best serve the needs of individuals and ministries of our church. Although more members are needed for this committee, coming to this meeting will not obligate you in any way. However, if you would like to serve on this committee, you are most welcome. Karen and Chris are anxious to listen to and consider all ideas. You may call Chris at 865-8654 or Karen at 869-4214.



Remember with gratitude,
the sacrifices made by all
who have served our country
and died for our freedom.

Let us lift up in prayer those serving
in the military now,
especially those who are far from home,
fighting to keep our freedom.
And for their families who also make
sacrifices while they are away.

May we also remember
our own loved ones who have passed on,
treasuring our memories of them.



May 1 – Margaret Zartman

May 1 – Sam Blaine

May 3 – Virginia Peasley

May 3 – Scott Keys

May 4 – Stephen O’Conner

May 5 – Jean Babb

May 5 – Jim Kneifl

May 7 – Thomas Selisky

May 7 – Crystal Harris

May 10 – Cindy Russell

May 14 – Ashlee Chamberlain

May 14 – Jacklyn Inman

May 15 – Teddy VanCuren

May 16 – Case Roy McNabb

May 17 – Wayne Sharp

May 18 – Rowena Kerry

May 19 – Glenn Keys

May 19 – Clint Kallenbach

May 20 – Stella West

May 21 – Dorothy Vaughan

May 21 – Butch West

May 22 – Jenna Hiott

May 22 – Heather Parker

May 22 – Cooper Eubank

May 24 – Marsha Bedell

May 25 – Nate Knowlton

May 25 – Dallie Saiz

May 27 – Diana Ward

May 27 – Sara Sams

May 28 – Bill Grotefend

May 28 – Jarryn Shaffner

May 29 – Rudy Navarro, Jr.

May 30 – Steve Davis



May 15 – David & Katie Saiz

May 17 – Corey & Kelly Townsend

May 17 – Matt & Joleen Atencio

May 20 – Wayne & Lanna Sharp

May 21 – Gabe & Michelle Candelaria

May 23 – Don & Corene Honeyfield

May 26 – Jim & Melba Derossett

EXPANSION OF THE FRIENDSHIP WALK IS BEING PLANNED

You'll have an opportunity
to purchase one of the
32 available stone spaces
beginning in May.

Look for more information
in the May
Sunday bulletins,
or call the church office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>April 29th</p> <p>Hawaiian Shirt Day – wear your shirt to church</p> <p>BBQ and fun times after 2nd service ... jumpers, dunk tank, etc. All proceeds will benefit the summer camp scholarship fund.</p>	<p>April 30</p> <p>Food Pantry – 10 am-12:30 pm Auditorium set up for Tuesday Emmaus, 6:15, #101 Scouts, FH 6:15 pm</p>	<p>MAY 1st</p> <p>Crafty ladies, 9 am Fell Hall Cooking class, Auditorium 9-1:30 Seniors Bridge #103 12-2:30 Rejoice, 6:30 pm Sanctuary</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am Families Fellowship 4 pm Tutoring 5:30 Meal 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 – Revelation study 6:30 Kids Crazy about the King 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Day of Prayer Weight Watchers 4:30-8 Auditorium AA, Fell Hall, 7 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Emmaus, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>7:50 Praise Team 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 – Youth LT, FH 5:00 – Bells, Sanctuary 5:00 - AA , FH 5 pm – Mid High Youth 6:00– High School Youth</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Food Pantry 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:15 Scouts, FH & Ed classrooms, 6:15 pm N.O.W. - Conf Rm 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8 UMW, Fell Hall 9:30 am Seniors Bridge #103 12-2:30 Worship, #104, 6 pm Trustees #103, 6:30 pm Lay Leadership, #101, 7 pm Rejoice, Sanc, 6:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Families Fellowship 4 pm Tutoring 5:30 Meal 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 – Revelation study 6:30 Kids Crazy about the King 7:00 Choir SPRC, 7 pm, #102</p>	<p>10</p> <p>WW, 4:30-8 pm, Auditorium AA, FH, 7:00 Stewardship #103, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Library meeting, Fell Hall 9 am GriefShare 10-12 #101 Threads of Love, Fell Hall 10:30 am</p>
<p>13 – Mother’s Day</p> <p>7:00 – Men’s Breakfast 7:50 Praise Team 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Sanctuary reserved for recital – 2-5 pm 5:00 - AA , FH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Food Pantry, 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:15 Scouts, FH & Ed classrooms, 6:15 pm Finance #104, 6:30</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Seniors Bridge #103 12-2:30 Ad Council Conf Rm 6:30 pm Rejoice, Sanctuary 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Families Fellowship 4:00 Tutoring (Last day) 5:30 Meal 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 – Revelation study 6:30 Kids Crazy about the King 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>WW, 4:30-8 pm, Auditorium AA, Fell Hall, 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Auditorium reserved 1 pm to set up for Saturday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>UMW, Fell Hall, 8:30 am Auditorium reserved for event until 6 pm</p>
<p>20</p> <p>7:50 Praise Team 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 – Bells, Sanctuary 5:00 - AA , FH 5 pm – Mid High Youth 6:00– High School Youth 6:00 – ACTS, Conf Rm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Food Pantry, 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:15 Scouts, FH & Ed classrooms, 6:15 Deadline to submit articles for June newsletter</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Seniors Bridge #103 12-2:30 Rejoice, Sanctuary 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Families Fellowship 5:30 Meal 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 – Revelation study 6:30 Kids Crazy about the King 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>WW, 4:30-8 pm, Auditorium AA, Fell Hall, 7 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>GriefShare 10-12 #101</p>
<p>27</p> <p>7:00 Men’s Breakfast 7:50 Praise Team 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 – Bells, Sanctuary 5:00 – Music leaders’ mt. 5:00 - AA , FH 5 pm – Mid High Youth 6:00– High School Youth</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY Holiday – church office is closed Food Pantry, 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:15 Scouts Pack meeting - FH only 6:15 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Seniors Bridge #103 12-2:30 Rejoice, Sanctuary 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Families Fellowship 5:30 Meal 6 pm Praise Team 6:30 – Revelation study 6:30 Kids Crazy about the King 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>WW, 4:30-8 pm, Auditorium AA, Fell Hall, 7 pm</p>	<p>June 1st</p> <p>Emmaus, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>June 2nd</p>