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The Flame

We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

A CALL TO PRAYER

Complacency. It happens to all of us. Life happens. We get busy. We get distracted. As your pastor I have recently become complacent in prayer. I've been taking care of everything but the most important thing. I have my own family to care for. There are people in the church to care for. There are much-needed vacations to take. Even in the summer, there is administrative work to be done.

Then in hindsight I remember I have forgotten to pray! Sure, I still pray at meals. I still pray prayers of thanks when I receive a gift or blessing. I pray with Samuel every night when I put him to bed. I pray when I play the piano in the Sanctuary. I pray prayers for the people of Peralta Memorial UMC. But lacking in my life recently is deep prayer. Lacking is the prayer when I come before God for an hour or so and listen. Lacking is the time when I lay myself wide open to the work of the Holy Spirit, when I ask God to help me get my life truly right and in order. Instead I have been going about life for the past couple of months thinking I can do it all just fine. I'm self-sufficient, thank you very much, but I have forgotten to fully rely on God.

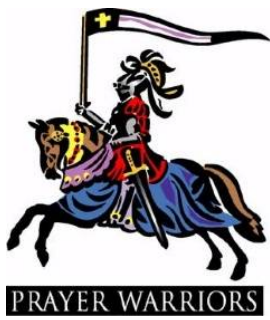
For even the most-experienced and seasoned follower of Christ (pastors included), spiritual complacency is dangerous. Slowly, little by little, spiritual complacency leads us to believe that we are completely right, that we have all the right answers, that we know it all and can take care of it all. Buried somewhere in that self-sufficiency are the seeds of sins that begin to sprout. Spiritual complacency also happens through exhaustion, for as we struggle just to make it through another day, often we'll do whatever it takes to survive and we don't have the time or energy to sit before God.

This August I invite you to join me in taking intentional time to come before God in prayer. It may seem like we have too much to do, but don't let that temptation fool you. When we take time to pray, God takes care of the other things. Come with me before God. Ask God to take the "yuck" out of our hearts and reveal to us our idols. Ask God to give us peace as news headlines roil, health issues and addictions abound, and people around us fight. Ask God to show us what to do, what words to say to whom, and where to go. Ask God to protect and guide our church from all evil and lead us to be part of God's kingdom here on earth.

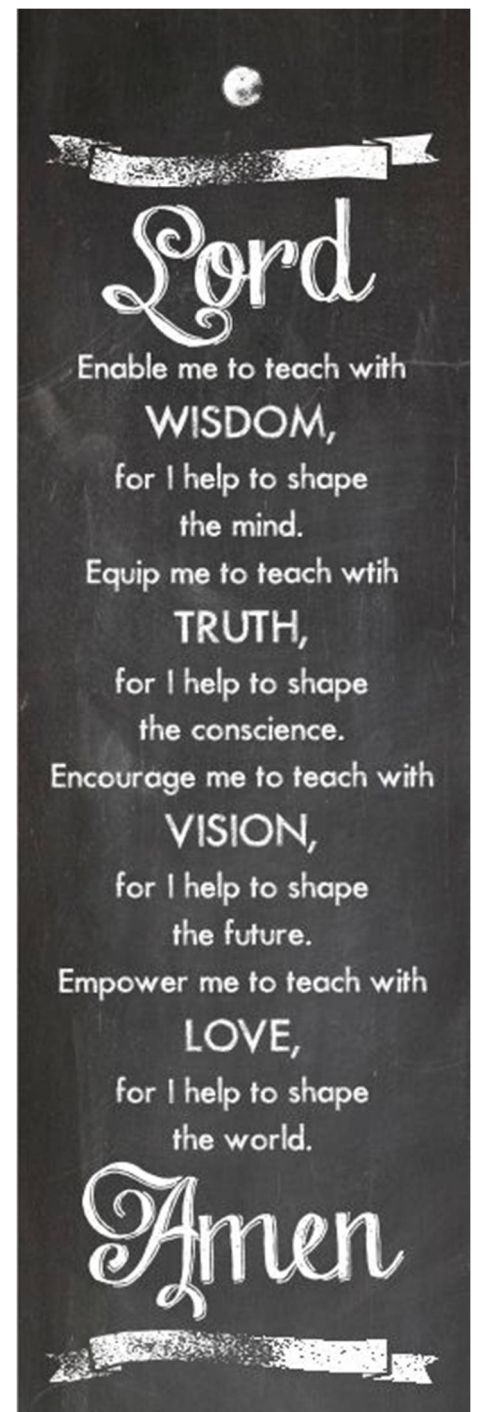
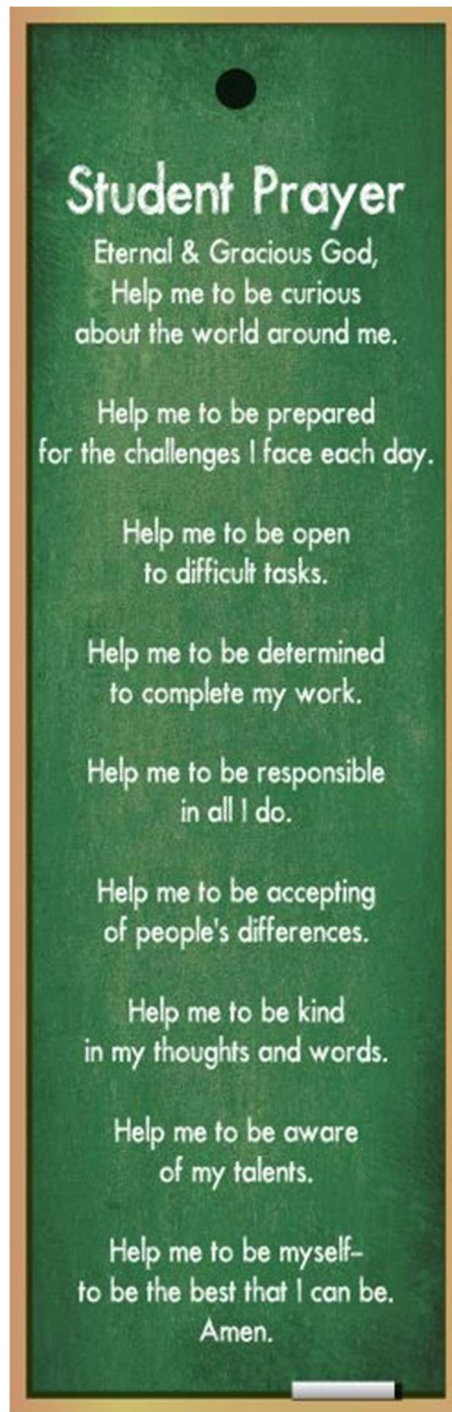
Please join with me in frequent, deep prayer this August. May we drive out our spiritual complacency and see what the Holy Spirit can do!

Pastor David

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7



As the summer vacation (for teachers and students) draws rapidly to a close, may we all take time to pray not only for our students but especially also for our teachers as they strive to teach our next generations "in the way [they] should go, [so when they are] old [they] will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



Please be in prayer for each of these on our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth at 869-4842 or the church office, 865-9334.

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| Pastor David & Family | Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store | Lynn Schultz | Erma Ward |
| Karel & Martha Pekarek | Don & Peggy Gleichman | Dorothy Marta | Mike Heppler |
| Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello | Marj West | Cure for Cancer | Eva Timmons |
| Jim Kubisak | Janette Baughman | 5 year old Diego | J'Amy Creel |
| Joleen Baughman | Karen Fastnacht | Nate Meyer | USA Leaders |
| Michael Garrison | Terry & Cheryl Huber | Our Freedom | Richard & Linda Darnell |
| All Caregivers | Anne Cassidy-Vigil | All military & their families | Randy Ward |
| Mike Romero | Bill Lynch | Debbie Hester-Rael | USA Leaders |

REMEMBER THE AUBREY NOTMAN LIBRARY
IS OPEN BETWEEN SERVICES ON SUNDAY
AND AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME UPON REQUEST



Aubrey Notman
Memorial Library



Gladys Ansley
Is celebrating her 80th birthday
On August 20th!!

Francine and Milt Ferguson request that birthday
greetings for Gladys be mailed to their address at
6 Ringneck, Peralta, NM 87042.

And remember, this is a surprise ---

so please don't say anything to Gladys.

Francine and Milt will give the cards to Gladys on her special day (no gifts please).

Thanks everyone!!!



Summer is coming to an end. School is starting again and so are the Mary Circle/UMW meetings; so **come and join us on August 9, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.**

This is a very special meeting as we have Gloria Clift, the twin sister of Glenna Giles-Gelder as our guest speaker! Gloria will speak on 'Mission Outreach,' including many of her own experiences! Our United Methodist Women's official theme this year is, "Growing in Blessedness," and certainly reaching out in mission promotes such growth! Our hostess will be Glenna Giles-Gelder. Come, invite a friend and together be blessed!

There are many interesting, UMW opportunities coming up this fall including a mission study at St. Johns UM Church in Albuquerque and an annual conference in Alamogordo. Come and learn more about UMW!

For more information, contact Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.



A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The ADULT class meeting in #204 will begin a new study on Sunday, August 7th (9:45 am).

The study topic is United Methodist Questions and Answers – Exploring the Christian Faith (author F. Belton Joyner, Jr.)

If you're interested,
you are more than welcome to join in!!!



CRAFTY LADIES are MEETING 2 TIMES A MONTH until the bazaar-- the first and third Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month--August 2, 3, 16 & 17, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, **but August 16th is "Men's Day" starting at 9 AM with a great lunch at noon. We need your help men, so look for your special invitation in this newsletter!**

We continue to need more workers so if you can, please come and help us! There is work for everyone! We even have "take home" projects! For more information on this, contact Lois or come to a meeting for a little bit of time and we will get you set.

We also continue to need our donations, now including stuffing for pillows, (Poly-Fill) and silver butter knives; also china tea pots. Please bring donations to the church on meeting days. Thank you!!!

For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office.



Fri day Morni ng Bi bl e Study Comes Back on August 19

WE WILL BE MEETING ON FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 10:00- 11:00 AM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

We will continue our study of the book, Believe, starting with Chapter 16. Even though we are in the middle of a study, we welcome new members. This study is written so that it will be possible to join in anytime and still benefit without confusion. A video, which we consider well-done, makes this study more exciting. We have enjoyed our time together and have missed it during the summer, so I welcome everyone back and hope for new participants. For more information or to register contact me, Chris Knox at 865-7864 or see me at church. **(If you are new, I will need to order the book and study book for you, so please preregister soon.)**

Hymn History

All Things Bright and Beautiful-1848



“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

One day, Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander was working with one of her pupils in Sunday School—a little boy who happened to be her godson. He was struggling to understand the Apostles’ Creed. Mrs. Alexander began to mull the possibility of converting the Apostles’ Creed into songs for children, using simple little hymns to explain the phrases and truths of the Christian faith to little ones.

The Apostles’ Creed begins: “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.” For the phrase “Maker of heaven and earth...” she wrote this lovely little song, “All Things Bright and Beautiful.” She based the hymn on Genesis 1:31: “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.”

The phrase, “suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried,” became the basis for Mrs. Alexander’s hymn “There Is a Green Hill Far Away.”

According to one account, the imagery Mrs. Alexander used for that hymn came about as she was driving into the city of Derry, Ireland, to do some shopping. Alongside the road near the old city walls was a little grass-covered hill. Somehow, this knoll helped her visualize Calvary, and from that came the inspiration for the hymn.

These hymns were published in 1848 in Mrs. Alexander’s book *Hymns for Little Children*. She also published many other books and hymnals, including *Verses from the Holy Scriptures* (1846), *Narrative Hymns for Village Schools* (1853), *Poems on Subjects in the Old Testament* (1854), *Hymns Descriptive and Devotional* (1858), and *The Legend of the Golden Prayer* (1859). But nothing has stood the test of time like the powerful combination of the Apostles’ Creed with her own gift for song.

(Story taken from *Then Sings My Soul*, by Robert J. Morgan.)



As many of you know, my family and I have been involved with animal rescue, adoptions, transports and education in Valencia County for the past eight years. I know that as you clean out your homes from time to time, you might have items that HART (Homeless Animal Rescue Team) can use. Items such as: towels, bowls, blankets, newspaper, collars, leashes, litter, food, treats, etc. We can pick up items as well. If you are interested in low cost spay/neuter and shots, then please call 433-9869. Please know there are 2 requirements for this (you have to be a resident of Valencia County and low income –make less than \$40,000).

If you are interested in seeing what I have done with animal education in the schools, go to YOU TUBE and type in my first and last name in the search bar (Robyn Albani)

Many blessings to you! Robin, 980-9289.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 – Lois Meadors
August 1 – Don Taylor
August 4 – Walt Timmons
August 5 – Ken Eubank
August 6 – David Madara
August 7 – Brice Proctor
August 8 – Buddy York
August 9 – Colton Kinnikin
August 13 – Bryce Redd
August 14 – Greg Culver
August 14 – Jonathon Baker
August 15 – Jan Harp
August 20 – Gladys Ansley
August 20 – Kaceton Green
August 21 – Debbie
Hester-Rael
August 22 – Hannah Stockton
August 23 – Kirsty Platt
August 24 – Carolyn Honeyfield
August 24 – Susi Broekstra
August 24 – Josh Gentry
August 27 – Nancy Pettis
August 29 – Chris Knox
August 30 – Breanne Green
August 30 – Carissa Green
August 30 – Naomi Jordan
August 30 – Betty Hennigan
August 30 – Bart Regelbrugge
August 31 – Virgil Proctor
August 31 – Ruben Garcia

August 5 – Rich & Carol Sams
August 15 – Frank & Karen Bonanno
August 17 – Dale & Carolyn Honeyfield
August 20 – Cleve & Shawnda Lumpkin
August 21 – Paul & Mary Valigura (#40)
August 25 – Milt & Francine Ferguson
August 29 – Roy & Judy Carson
August 30 – Karel & Martha Pekarek





Men, you are invited to "Men's Day at Crafts" on Tuesday, August 16

This is something special - a day for men to Shine!

Come to Fellowship Hall at about
9:00 AM until about noon.

We will feed you a great lunch!

We need a few "handy-men" for some of our more masculine projects like putting hangers on pictures, cutting gourds, drilling holes, etc. It will help if you bring some of your tools like, a hammer, saw, drill, hole punch, saw, etc. Some men help us on a regular basis, so we understand the need for the special talents of men! **Thank you in advance and know that you are greatly appreciated!**

For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office.



LOGOS NEWS



As school fast approaches so does our 2nd year in LOGOS.

Our start date this year will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016** and we are excited for another year of this mid-week miracle.

Last year through all the busy work to get LOGOS up and running, it was easy to forget to look at all the amazing happenings surrounding us.

At our last night of LOGOS as we heard what the kids had to say and saw tears in some of their eyes because it was coming to an end, we realized that God had been at work in a big way and that LOGOS did what it was meant to do...touched the lives of children! There were many hugs happening by leaders and table parents in saying good-bye for the summer and so much laughter and fun that happened on that last night. It made us reflect on the purpose of LOGOS which is to build and cultivate Christian relationships with the children and adults and that happened in a big way this past year.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar are:

STAFF TRAINING DAY (THIS IS A MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALL LOGOS STAFF)

Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 8:30 to 1:00
(Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:00)

REGISTRATION/PARENT MEETING

Sunday, August 28th from 12:00 – 2:00
(Conference Room in the Community Building)

We are in need of some Bible Study assistants, a Worship Skills Leader for our Pre-K (this class is only 15 minutes long), Worship assistants and Recreation helpers as well as Table Parents. Please be in prayer for these positions. Each class is 40 minutes long and you do not have to stay for the entire evening if you do not want to. Please help us to be successful again this year in serving the Lord in LOGOS.

Julianne Frasier, Director

Robyn Albani, Co-Director

AfterShock - Youth Group

Turning the hearts of youth and family to God and each other

Cimarron was such a great trip this year. We took 16 youth to lead VBS for the community, and as always we stay at the Cimarron UMC while we are there. The congregation treats us very well, with accommodations, food, and an overall great welcome. The Aftershock youth led an average of 25 kids each day and a God filled time was had by all. We played in the Cimarron river, found a few leaches there, went to Red River and played putt-putt, roller skated and some even went on the alpine inner tubing. On behalf of the entire youth group we would like to thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to serve God and the community of Cimarron through this trip.

'STUPID PARENTS'

We have started a new study that will take us through the next 4 or 5 weeks, we are confident that you will not want your youth to miss out on this one. It is entitled, "Stupid Parents" Why They Just Don't Understand and How You Can Help.

"Stupid: a bad word used to describe someone you don't currently like, who is frustrating you, or who just doesn't understand"

"Parents hate this word, especially when it describes them, so try to avoid it at all costs. And if they don't like the title of this book, explain that you don't think they're stupid; you just wish they understood you better, and this book is supposed to help."

In this study we will learn that if you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're getting. That perfect parents don't exist, (sorry parents, it's true) that you're growing up and you're seeing their flaws. They still feel like they're in their 20s, but every time you out-know them in something, they start to feel their age, and that's uncomfortable. We will check out how you can: Stop the nagging; deal with overprotective parents; Rebuild trust after you've screwed up, and even get them to say yes! There are quotes from Mr. Obvious like: "So do it the first time they ask you!" and parental pop ups like this: "We don't ask you to do things around the house because we hate you, we ask because we need and care for you. We need you to pitch in because this family is a team. Not only does this keep things under control at home, it teaches you responsibility for when you get a place of your own. Part of teaching you to fly is teaching you how to take care of your nest after you fly away."
Mom and Dad

**We are looking forward to our PIE Auction & Silent Auction
scheduled for Sunday, September 25th.**

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Pray For Our SCHOOLS</p>	<p>1 Food Pantry – 10-12:30 EMMAUS, #101, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Crafty Ladies, FH 9:00-2:00 RRFB food delivery; a.m.</p>	<p>3 Crafty Ladies, FH 9:00-2:00 NMSU set up, 12 pm, Auditorium 6 pm – Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>4 Exercise, Fell Hall 9 am NMSU class, Auditorium, 9-1 6:30 GriefShare #103 6:45 – Boy Scouts, Ed Bldg 7 pm, Bldg, Committee #201</p>	<p>5 EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – Youth LT, F.H. Gospel Jam, Fell Hall 3 pm (reserv 2-6) Youth Group at church sponsored Isotopes game – 6:05 pm</p>	<p>8 Food Pantry – 10-12:30 EMMAUS, #101, 6:30 pm Stewardship meeting, 6:30 #104</p>	<p>9 UMW/Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am Trustees’ meeting, #201, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>11 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am 6 pm – Worship meeting #101 6:30 GriefShare #103 6:30 Common Ground #204 6:45 Boy Scouts, Ed Bldg. 7 pm, SPRC #104</p>	<p>12 Bible Study #203, 6 pm</p>	<p>13 9 am – Pastor David’s Disciple group, Sanctuary Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall</p>
<p>14 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship 5 pm – Youth Praise 6 pm-AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>15 Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 (9-1) NMSU set up, Auditorium 12 noon Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg 6:15 pm Emmaus #101, 6:30 Finance Meeting, #104, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Crafty Ladies, FH 9:00-2:00 Men’s Crafting Day 9 am to 12 noon NMSU class, Auditorium 9-1</p>	<p>17 Crafty Ladies, FH 9:00-2:00 6 pm Praise Team 6 pm- Study, #101 7 pm - Choir</p>	<p>18 Exercise, FH, 9 am 6:30, GriefShare #103 6:45 -8:45 – Boy Scouts Auditorium Ad Council meeting, Conf Room, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Bible Study begins, 10 am, Fell Hall Bible Study #203, 6 pm</p>	<p>20 LOGOS Training, Auditorium, Kitchen, Conf Rm 8:30 to 1:00</p>
<p>21 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 5:00 - Youth Praise 6:00 - AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>22 Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 pm Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6:15 pm Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Deadline for September newsletter info</p>	<p>24 6 pm Praise Team 6 pm - Study, #101 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>25 Exercise, FH, 9 am P.a.C.T. @ DF Park, 10 am Staff Meeting 4 pm 6:30 GriefShare #103 Common Ground, #204, 6:30 pm 6:45 -8:45 – Boy Scouts Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>26 Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Bible Study #203, 6 pm</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12-2 pm - LOGOS Registration & Parents’ meeting, Conference Room 5:00 - Youth Band 6:00 - AfterShock</p>	<p>29 Food Pantry, 10-12:30 (9-1) Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6:15 pm Emmaus, #101, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6 pm Praise Team 6 pm - Study, #101 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>September 1 Exercise, FH, 9 am First Place 4 Health begins, 6:30, Conf Rm 6:30 GriefShare #103 6:45 – Boy Scouts, Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>September 2 Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10 am EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:30 pm Bible Study #203, 6 pm</p>	<p>September 3</p>