

Thankful

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church



The Valley Viewer

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Pastor's Point of View

Greetings Dear Friends!

During the past several Sundays we have been focusing on Biblical Stewardship, what it is, and how to live it out in our daily lives.

On October 20th, in my sermon on the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30, I quoted a poem that several people commented on, so I have posted it below. I don't know the original author and I have slightly edited it to make it more current.

HANDS!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$20.

A basketball in Steph Curry's hands is worth millions.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

A football in my hands is worth about \$25.

A football in Tom Brady's hands is worth about \$100 million dollars.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket in my hands is good for a little exercise.

A tennis racket in Serena William's hands is a championship winning.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is like a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.



Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will

Produce salvation for the entire world.

It all depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends on whose hands it in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families, your relationships, and your life in God's hands, because...

It all depends on whose hands it's in!

When you put your life in God's hands, there is no better place to be and it is amazing what He can do in you and through you when you give your all to Him! It's called, living a life of gratitude!

Happy Thanksgiving! *Kyle*

From Ms. Emily...

November is the month of gratitude. As the leaves change and we look toward the holiday season, many of us take reflective pause to give thanks for God's grace working in our lives. It is from this place of gratitude that we look for opportunities to embody the spirit of Christ and serve others in our community, and where better to start than with our young church members?

Our young people are the hands of our mission and the future of this church, and I believe it is our responsibility *to inspire* them to serve, which is why we have decided to declare this **November: Youth Mission Month.**

We are inviting our middle and high school youth to take an active role in the ministry of this church by meeting on Sunday afternoons in November to learn

more about mission work, Christian giving, and the life changing power of selfless service. Our first session will be after church on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 pm and we will be serving lunch (pizza) to participating youth members and exploring ways to serve in our community where it is needed now. If you know of any youth members who may be interested, please encourage them to bring a friend and attend.

This will be a great introduction into community service work and a future resource for kids who need community service hours for school.

For our younger friends (3-12 yrs), we will be offering a 'Kids' Night In' and a **Parents' Night Out** on Friday, November 1st from 6-8pm. We will be welcoming children in our community to come and spend the evening with us from 6-8pm for food, fun, and fellowship. Registration is now open for kids from preschool to middle school age and we are encouraging parents to email me at: eperks@teaysvalleypresby.com, call the church office, or message us on our Facebook page (@TeaysValleyPresby).

If you have any questions about any of our children or youth programs, please let me know! I am officially back from maternity leave and am in the office regularly. I am also still accessible by phone and email.

Once again, so much of what we want to offer in our children's programs is made possible by our faithful volunteers. We can't do it without your help, and I appreciate each of you immensely.

Blessings, Ms. Emily

Happy November to younow is the time to start gathering your many blessings - stop and think about everything you have -
Number 1 - the Lord God who loves you and watches over you - a home - a car - food on a table - your clothes - precious family - neighbors, etc. and He shares His



church and church family ... which I have to tell you if you didn't come to the Fall Festival, you missed a great time - it was moved inside because of the promise of rain but it turned out to be dry and Batman & Batgirl came in their huge pretty Batmobile -- Janet Sims furnished and cooked hot dogs - Sara & Dianne furnished buns (320), Ann M. furnished Coleslaw, Rose furnished Onions, Nancy A. Furnished ketchup & mustard, Pat made chili sauce for hot dogs, Bill & Rose furnished chips Linda & Bob, Andrea, Janet and her kids, I never should have started naming helpers because I cant remember everyone...Did I say Dave & Kyle, Bruce & Barbara, a large Praise Band from Norwood Christian Church in Huntington, they had a cupcake walk, many games, etc. Oh and Jon & Andrea Lupson brought Miss Naomi whom we have been waiting to see and she is precious and looks just like her grandma, Patty Newman. It was great when Mrs. Emily brought Amos who is just adorable to church for the first time on October 13th....With all our new faces we are all continued to be all lifted up and blessed ... our last OWLS meeting was a great gathering at Ginos in Nitro ...great food and good time and our next one is a week later than usual, on October 22 at Olive Garden in Barboursville, hosted by Pat Hedrick ...Did you know October 13th was Pastor Appreciation Day ? ? ? I missed it until now and the 16th was National Boss Day . . . and Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3, and didn't that go fast??? This all-important American holiday, in a 1789 proclamation, President George Washington called on the people of US to acknowledge God for affording them the opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness by observing a day to "public thanksgiving and prayer," as it became a yearly tradition. It became a national holiday in 1863. In that year, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln made his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. It was not until 1941 that Congress designated the fourth Thursday in November, creating a federal holiday. All this taken from the Old Farmer's Almanac.

Luv, CM

Christian Community Cupboard: Financial Contributions

During November, the Christian Community Cupboard will be collecting money to purchase holiday turkeys for the people we serve. Our goal is to provide each family with a voucher good for a 10-12-pound turkey. Please make your check out to Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, indicate that it is for Holiday Turkeys and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church.

Our church will once again provide volunteers to staff the Christian Community Cupboard the first two weeks in December. This year we will have 5 work days, including **Tuesday Dec. 3, Friday Dec. 6, Tuesday Dec. 10, Friday Dec. 13 and Tuesday Dec. 17.** Volunteers will need to be at the Cupboard from 9:15 until just after noon. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as you can which days you would like to work.

The Christian Community Cupboard provides an important service to families in our community. They depend on our support, so please take these opportunities to serve our neighbors in need during the holidays.

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O.W.L.S.



On Tuesday, October 22nd, 15 OWLS met for lunch at the Olive Garden in Barboursville. Pat Hedrick was our host. Not only did she read a nice devotional but she gave everyone Halloween Trick or Treat candy. There was much lively discussion and everyone seemed to be having a good time. More than a dozen cards were signed to be sent to cheer someone. Nancy Hill prepares all of the cards and mails them. Next month, the OWLS will have a catered Thanksgiving -type meal at the church on November 19th. Bill and Rose Hensley will host this event. The cost will be \$13 (\$12 for the meal and \$1 gratuity.) Come and join us. Reservations must be in by Friday, November 15th and can be made by contacting Nancy Alker, Dianne Harrah or Sara Sowards, Stay sweet and Love GOD, your Family and your Church. Stay active.

All are welcome to attend OWLS functions, you don't have to be retired or old to enjoy the fellowship of Older, Wiser, Livelier, Sexier people.



We are currently seeking an accompanist who is passionate about music ministry!
For more information, send us a message or give our church office a call at 304-757-6073.

Seeking an Accompanist

AT
TEAYS VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For More Info
Call: 304-757-6073



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8am – PCS Developmental 9:30am – Van to Cupboard 6pm – Parents’ Night Out	2
3 Communion 60th Anniversary <i>Daylight Savings</i> 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship 4pm – Youth Mission Month	4 6:30pm- Boy Scouts 6:30pm – Evangelism Ministry	5 6:30 pm - Hannah Circle	6 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	7 6:30 pm - Discipleship Ministry 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	8	9
10 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship 4pm – Youth Mission Month	11 Veterans Day 6:30pm- Boy Scouts 6:30pm- Mission Outreach	12	13 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	14 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	15	16
17 Bucket Brigade 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship 4pm – Youth Mission Month	18 6:30pm- Boy Scouts 6:30pm- Worship Team	19 11:30 am – OWLS Catered	20 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	21 9am – Presbytery Meeting 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts	22	23
24 9am – Sunday School 10am- Worship 4pm – Youth Mission Month	25 6:30pm- Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

CHURCH EVENTS / NEWS

SHARRING CHRISTMAS



The Mission Outreach Ministry Team is planning to **Share Christmas** with several different missions this December. TVPC will participate in the community “Angel Tree” program organized by the Salvation Army and the Nazarene Church. Families registered to participate in this program during October. TVPC should receive the names of our 30 “adopted” children in early November. Once again, those names will be posted on a fir tree in the Narthex. The tags will have the child’s name, age, gender and his or her needs and wants. We encourage each TVPC family to choose a child and shop for their desired items. The gifts will be returned, unwrapped, in a Christmas bag to be given to the Nazarene Church and Salvation Army to be wrapped and distributed. The gifts will need to be returned to TVPC in early December. Please watch the bulletin for dates for this mission.

Mission team members are also planning a special treat for the residents of the Manor. We would like to give each of the 41 residents a Christmas tin of homemade cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex during November for volunteers to bake cookies. The team is planning an evening gathering at the Manor to give the residents their Christmas tins of cookies and enjoy some fellowship together. Updated information about these plans will be in the Sunday bulletins.

Many thanks to Chris Key for organizing the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoe Box mission. Please see the sample box in the Narthex and plan to help with this special mission. For any questions, speak with Chris.

REMINDER...We will be continuing our collection of oatmeal packets for the students at George Washington Elementary for the rest of the

school year. We currently have enough donations to provide the 170 packets of oatmeal for November and December. As you see sales on the boxes of individual oatmeal packets, please consider purchasing some boxes and bringing them to church. You may leave them on the counter outside the church office.



The **Evangelism Ministry Team** would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help in so many different ways for our 4th annual **FALL FESTIVAL**. The weather was a challenge this year, but the move inside did not seem to hamper any of the enthusiasm for the event. There were more families registered this year than last, 56 families and 230 total people participating.

Again, many thanks to everyone from preparing and serving the food, cleaning up before and after, help with the activities and registration, and the warm greetings for our guests joining us this year.











Please welcome our new members of TVPC: Tom and Jackie Kish

Tom and Jackie Kish were born and raised in Akron, Ohio. They were married in Akron on July 13, 1985. Both attended and graduated from The University of Akron, and Tom continued with his master's program. In 1995, due to a job transfer, they moved to Charlotte, NC. After spending 25 years there, and having no family in the area, they moved to Hurricane in 2018 to be closer to family.

Tom worked for Continental Tire Company as an International Sales Manager. Later, Tom worked for Missionary Athletes International, a sports ministry, in the capacity of Controller, with offices in Charlotte, Chicago, and Los Angeles. He continued doing accounting and tax work in Charlotte.

Jackie has been an administrative assistant for over 45 years, most recently retiring after 10

years in 2011 from Mecklenburg County Health Department in Charlotte. Her experience includes local government in Akron and Charlotte. Jackie also worked as a legal secretary, and as a real estate assistant in Charlotte, NC.

While living in Charlotte, they were members of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, and later, as members for 8 years at Calvary Church in South Charlotte.

Tom and Jackie are now retired. They have no children. Tom enjoys golfing when time permits. Both enjoy reading, movies and having dinner with friends. Jackie has always enjoyed shopping and decorating their homes.



Next month we'll be featuring another new member: Elizabeth Mosteller!



Hannah Circle

All women are invited to join us for an evening of Bible Study, refreshments and fellowship. Our next meeting is November 5th.



- 11/04 Bob & Lois Allen
- 11/21 Luther & Barbara Cope
- 11/27 John & Claudia Moody



BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Barb Davis
 11/06 Bruce Davis
 Mike Hayes
 11/08 Mel Mattison
 11/15 Brandon Thornton
 11/19 Ray McKinney
 11/21 Emily Perks
 11/22 Jocelyn Ripley
 Glen Yeager
 11/23 Bob Ripley
 11/27 Jane McKinney



Recent Prayers

CHLOE BARNETTE – 8 year old burn victim
 (friend of Karren)
 ALICE BROYLES —healing
 PAUL CALLAHAN – neighbor of Bonnie Prisk
 LINDA CHAFIN – Health concerns
 BEN & TINA COBB – Pray for continued
 recovery
 CAROLYN DAVIS – Health Concerns
 PAT HEDRICK – Surgery recovery
 MICHAEL HENSLEY – treatment for cancer
 NANCY HILL – recovery
 CATHERINE KING –various health problems
 CHRIS LILLY – recovery from surgery (Pete &
 Bobbie’s son)
 JOEL MOSTELLER – upcoming surgery
 MARK NEWMAN
 ELIZABETH SCHUSTER FAMILY
 STU SCHWALM – Marci’s dad, back pain
 JESSE SCHRADER – treatment for tumor
 ANTONIO SELARIO Becky King’s son-in-law-
 recovery
 SHARON SHREVE – asking for strength and
 guidance
 RAY and BARB STRINGER
 DORIS WALL – cancer (Sandy Walker’s Sister)

PRAY for our nation and our military
 PRAY for Missionaries and Christian Refugees

*If you have a prayer request, please contact:
 Pastor Kyle – 540-405-1042;
 Bill Hensley – 304-757-8599
 Or Dianne Harrah – 304-549-0026*

Community Events:

Letters to Santa - Hurricane

The Main Street Gazebo will be home to a special red mailbox where kids can have their letters specially delivered to the North Pole. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for Santa’s reply.



Website Basics Seminar – Putnam Co. Library

November 7, 2019 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Your website is often the first impression you make with potential customers. Learn about what makes a good quality website and what motivates visitors to do business with you. Explore the following topics in this website basics workshop:

- Content development
- Branding
- User Experience
- Necessary Web Page



WV Kids Consignment & Furniture Sale

November 14-17 (Valley Park – Hurricane)

Go to WVKids.net for more information. You can sign up to sell you gently used clothing, and/or sign up for the New Mom/Grandparent sales!

Contact Information for Ministry Teams

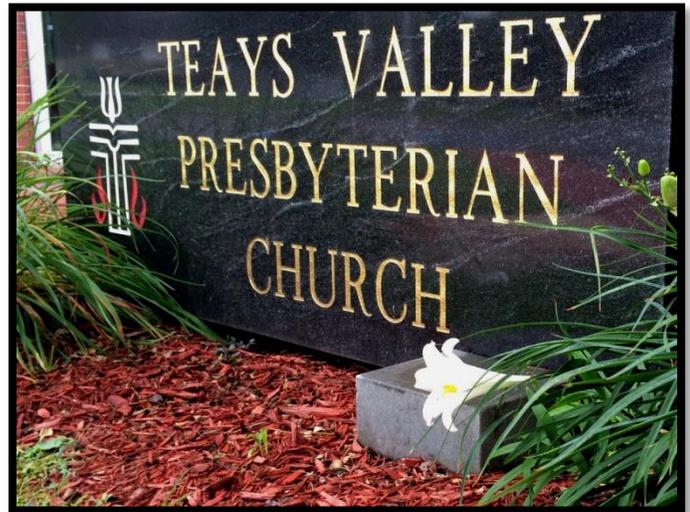
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Cub & Boy Scouts
Mondays at 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Praise Team Practice

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Girl Scouts
Thursdays at 6:30 pm

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