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Dates to Remember:

- World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3rd
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, Oct. 10th
- Columbus Day, Oct. 11th
- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31st



APPRECIATING YOUR PASTOR

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

FAITH

The Coronavirus has drastically changed our lives. In fact, it has caused people to see the world from a different perspective. We value the time we spend with family or face-to-face interactions with friends. We reminisce about times when we were free to eat in a restaurant, go to a concert or the theatre, worship together within the walls of the church or even give someone a hug. Some have been forced to leave their jobs, children were forced to learn from home, and prices on everything have increased. This pandemic has demonstrated that He lets the sun rise for all people, whether they are good or bad. He sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong (Matthew 4:5). For there is no respect of persons with God (Romans 2:11).

The story of Job tells us that believers may experience hardship and troubles too. The Book of Job is a story that details the life of one man whose life was severely changed because of the tragedies he faced. He was an everyday man, rich in possessions and filled with faith. He was married and had a large family, seven sons, and three daughters. The Bible describes Job's financial stature as making him greatest in the eastern region. He owned thousands of sheep and camel and hundreds of oxen and donkey, and he had many servants (Job 1:2-3). But of all that he owned; his greatest asset was his faith.

Job's faith was so impressive that he earned the attention of God - and Satan too. In the first chapter of Job, we see an account of God questioning Satan about his schemes. Satan confesses to roaming about the Earth, and God asks if Satan had considered His servant Job. The question sets Job up for an intense season of suffering, one that breaks him physically, emotionally, even spiritually, but he never forsakes his faith. All this occurs as a test, allowed by God to show Satan Job's faith (Job 1:11-12). (Crosswalk.com).

Job's story continually displays the strong faith exemplified through trusting God. Because, in an intense season of Job's losses - his own sickness, death of his children, fear and uncertainty, he never lost his faith. This pandemic tried to break us physically, emotionally, and even spiritually, but we never lost our faith.

Praise God! Our Faith in God is still strong. As we enter the Fall season, the winds may blow and leaves may fall, but God is an ever-present help in our time of trouble (Psalm 46:1). You can trust Him!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Don't worry—I am with you.
Don't be afraid—I am your God.
I will make you strong and help you.
I will support you with my right hand that brings victory.
Isaiah 41:10 (ERV)





Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_y__ h_v_
 b__n s_v_d thr__gh
 f__th, __nd th_s_s n_t
 y__r __wn d__ng; _t_s
 th_g_ft_f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s_lt_f w_rks, s__th_t
 n__n__m_y b__st.

__ph_s__ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

- 1. 5 x 3 =
- 2. 7 x 4 =
- 3. 4 x 6 =
- 4. 2 x 10 =
- 5. 9 x 5 =
- 6. 6 x 6 =
- 7. 9 x 3 =
- 8. 3 x 8 =
- 9. 10 x 4 =
- 10. 11 x 8 =

| KEY | | |
|--------|--------|--------|
| A = 28 | J = 50 | S = 88 |
| B = 35 | K = 21 | T = 45 |
| C = 14 | L = 63 | U = 64 |
| D = 25 | M = 15 | V = 32 |
| E = 33 | N = 24 | W = 80 |
| F = 72 | O = 77 | X = 56 |
| G = 40 | P = 54 | Y = 20 |
| H = 36 | Q = 9 | Z = 48 |
| I = 27 | R = 16 | |

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things



- 10/2 Octavia Dukes
- 10/2 John Peoples
- 10/2 Twili Harris
- 10/4 Rosalie Whitehead
- 10/5 Vaughn Bradley
- 10/5 Chinyere Achuko
- 10/7 Charlotte Jackson
- 10/7 Tamala Reid
- 10/8 Althea Bates
- 10/8 Audrey Simmons
- 10/11 Joshua Bradford
- 10/12 Darryn Vanterpool
- 10/12 Daryle Vanterpool
- 10/13 Arthur Harris, V
- 10/13 Ezra Harris
- 10/15 Tina Cornelius
- 10/15 Shonda Hampton
- 10/16 Randy Brooks
- 10/19 Rev. Collin Figueroa
- 10/20 Tiffany Ward
- 10/20 Marcus Sills, Jr.
- 10/21 Deborah Morrison
- 10/21 Jaiyele Hampton
- 10/24 Michele Cornelius
- 10/24 Syrita Robbins
- 10/24 Alexandra Ethridge
- 10/25 Jeanne Owings
- 10/25 James Tarver
- 10/29 Isabella Gray
- 10/30 Mary Bevely-Goodwin



- 10/6 Careese Warren
- 10/9 Marc & Gale Fleming, Sr.
- 10/9 Herbert & Nicole Jackson
- 10/11 Marvin & Rev. Lauren Harris
- 10/15 Louis & Sophia Alston
- 10/19 Theo & Shannon Williams
- 10/22 Jay & Lisa Ethridge
- 10/28 Sean & Tangela Kirkpatrick
- 10/28 Joe & Melanie Walker

