Parson to Person

At the end of Second Samuel, II Samuel 24:24, David makes an amazing confession. It is time to make a sacrifice yet he does not have what is needed. The necessary items are offered to him by someone else for free. David says, "I will not offer to the Lord my God burnt offerings and sacrifices that cost me nothing." He believes that what he gives to God should cost him something. It's a powerful reminder that faith can be costly as we give hearts and souls to God.

I appreciate all that is being done in Lexington United Methodist Church to reflect that truth from the Old Testament and the greatest King of that time. We are making some changes in our examples of faithfulness. People are coming to Church and making the Sabbath important. In this busy world with this place and that place to go, we truly need to connect to the Sabbath. Though we might be out of town, being in church on Sunday is vital, not just for the church, but for our church members. What kind of followers of the Lord would we be if we did not make worship and Sunday School a priority? Remember: Young eyes are watching. If parents don't put a premium on Sabbath…young people never will. I'm so thankful for the people coming to Church and Sunday School. These are the lifeblood of our fellowship.

Thank you as well for volunteering to serve the church and Christ. Ushers are needed, Habitat for Humanity folks are needed, and other positions. One of the things changing will be the adding of a part-time secretary so Diane can focus on her Administrator duties. Something this will require is more volunteer receptionists. We will need these folks from 9:30 to Noon and from 1:30 to 4:00. Please let us know you are willing. Contact Diane and volunteer. The Children need you in Sunday School. When we make the Sabbath a priority we don't have to worry about whether we will be out of town or not. Please contact Katie Vitters. All of us desire a strong church. The strong church asks of its people to serve the Lord. I also want us to open our gymnasium to the public at least one day per week. We need someone to see this as a ministry and be here to open and watch and greet those who come. There will be rules and this individual will help make sure good care is taken of our building.

Pray about the budget process. I have asked Finance not to try and hold the line this year, but to move us forward. I am going to talk about the budget and explain why we give as we do to the matters that we give so all can understand it and see money at work. I believe that the mission budget should be a tithe of the total church budget so we have work to do.

Finally, let me thank you for seeing our purpose to wake up and seize the moment God is giving us to make a difference in Lexington.

-Ken Timmerman

Sermons for October

Oct. 4 – "Extension of Grace"
Romans 12:1-13
Oct. 12 – "Blessings"
Romans 12:14-2
Oct. 21 – Weston Pendergrass, preaching at 8:30 and 11:00
Ken Timmerman, ANEW
"Eyes That Do Not See" Matthew 11:11-19
Oct. 28 – "Citizens of Heaven"
Philippians 3:12-20

A Stewardship Word:

As a father I have always wanted to provide the best I can for my child. Yet, I must also teach my child that in receiving there must be a spirit that wants to give back. Our world today teaches us to hold on to what we have lest someone might take it. When we think about how we spend our money and time where does the church stand on the list? The church is seen by many today as the place where radical things are said. Instead of "getting even", the church to speaks of forgiveness. Instead of "trying to get ahead of everybody else and keeping up with the Jones's", the church talks about all people being the same in the eyes of God. Instead of "shaming people", the church speaks of compassion for folks. Instead of the church being a "business", God calls it a family. Instead of trying to be "number one", the Lord says humility is best. Where do we find the words of "real life?" I believe they are found in the church and in the Scriptures. When I think of what I will offer to the Lord my God it will always seem difficult, but later will it be the easiest sacrifice I have ever made. Think about it. -Ken Timmerman

Prime Timers

Join Prime Timers for lunch at Grecian Gardens on Tues., Oct. 2 at 11:30. Contact Sammie Brown at sbrown8885@sc.rr.com or 351-0784 to make your reservation.
Also, save these dates:
Tues., Nov. 6 for lunch at Texas Roadhouse
Tues., Dec. 4 for the annual Prime Timers Christmas Lunch at Lexington Country Club.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us Weds. night for supper at 5:30pm! This week's menu (Oct. 3): Pulled Pork BBQ, Seasoned Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Slaw, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Beverage; $6 Adult, $4 Child, $20 family max. No sign ups needed!

Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given for the glory of God and in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary by Tommy & Sandra Brabham.

Sunday, September 30

8:30am Trad. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Coffee Time (Asbury Hall)
9:45am Sunday School (Classrooms)
11:00am Anew Worship (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Trad. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:15pm Confirmation info mtg. (parlor)
5:00pm Stephen Ministry (MC106)
5:15pm Refuge-Youth Meeting (off site)

Monday, October 1

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)
6:30pm Caring Connections (Parlor)
6:30pm Q&A with pastor Ken (Parlor)

Tuesday, October 2

10:00am Staff Meeting (MC106)
11:30am Prime Timers Lunch (off site)
5:30pm Al-Anon (Parlor)
6:30pm Boyscout Meetings (classrooms)
6:30pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm Tuesday Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 2305 (209/210)

Wednesday, October 3

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Asbury Hall)
9:30am Walking Group (Wesley Hall)
9:30am Weds. AM Bible Study (MC106)
10:30am Ladies Study (Parlor)
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Asbury Hall)
5:30pm Fellowship Supper (Wesley Hall)
6:00pm Youth Choir (Choir Room)
6:15pm 40 Days of Prayer (MC009)
6:15pm Bible Art Journaling (MC106)
6:15pm BreakOut (Room 209)
6:15pm High School Youth (MC015)
6:15pm KidsWay (Preschool Hall)
6:15pm Middle School Youth (Youth rooms)
6:15pm Seamless (MC005)
6:15pm Total Money Makeover (MC003)
6:15pm Why I Am a United Methodist (MC007)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 4

9:00am Shepherd's Ctr. Classes (all rooms)
2:30pm Prime Timers Cards (Asbury Hall)
6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders (Asbury Hall)
6:30pm Finance Meeting (MC106)
7:00pm Pack 507 Den Mtgs. (classrooms)

Friday, October 5

7:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)

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Elle Willis-shunt replacement 9/5

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Jim Gregory-back surgery 7/19
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W.T. Scruggs-cancer
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