



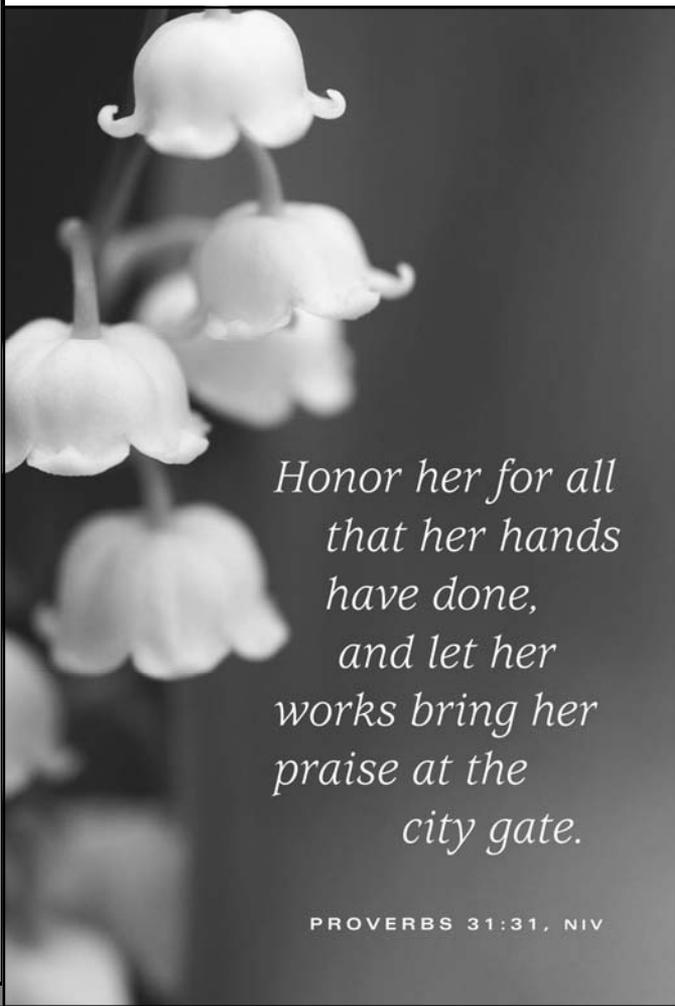
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MAY 2013



*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

*Listen to "A Place of Grace"
every Sunday at 11:00 AM on 560 WFIL.*

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From The Pastor's Heart

I was looking at my calendar for May 2013 and I thought about there are at least three special days that we love to remember during this month. Of course there is Mother's Day, as we honor our Moms in many different ways. My favorite way is take mom to the Phillies game. Then there is Memorial Day, when we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to serve our country. The third day we remember is Pentecost which is the birthday of the church. It's time when, after remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, we celebrate the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to us.

When you think about it, this is one of the least celebrated special days in our society today but has the most impact in our lives. The Holy Spirit now can reside within us to empower us, comfort us and guide us to live out the Christian life in a spirit-led adventure. Now that's worth celebrating!

We see this in Acts chapter 2 when Peter, who once wavered in his faith, became a man that the Lord used in some powerful ways. He went from being tenuous to fully committed after encountering the Holy Spirit in his life. He went from lacking full trust before the cross to bold faith after his encounter with God's Holy Spirit within him. As we celebrate Pentecost in the year 2013, we too can experience the same presence of God to live a life of spiritual power and inner peace. Our next sermon series is dealing with that subject as we continue to explore our core values here at First Church. Our series will be helping us to better understand and explore our passion for holy living called "The Meaningful Life Series."



In preparing for this journey I have been recently reading a

book entitled “The Hole In Our Holiness” by Kevin DeYoung. Some people look at holiness all too often as the jimmies on an ice cream cone or extra toppings on a pizza. Some view holiness as an optional thing we can choose from when we are buying a new car, while others look at holiness as something unattainable that can never be experienced by real people. Throughout time, the Lord’s call to “be Holy for I am Holy” says the Lord is pretty clear! So how do we connect with a Holy God in a broken and fragmented world today?

Isaiah, a mighty follower of God, in the beginning of his ministry connected with God. In fact he said, “I saw the Lord.” At that moment, he saw the amazing power of God, and then himself in a new way. God cared for his soul. Then Isaiah responded by asking to God to use his life. This all took place during one of those difficult times for both Isaiah and the people of his times, but the Lord took care of them.

◆ I am a man of unclean lips, & ◆
 have seen the King, **LORD** I live among people
 THE **ALMIGHTY**
 ◆ of unclean lips, & my eyes ◆

Isaiah 6:5

As we watched yet another national tragedy take place at the Boston Marathon, my heart was saddened as I watched the horrific acts against innocent people during this amazing event. My heart was moved as I saw a picture of the bomb scene right across from the grandstand. I remember standing in that same spot about 8 years ago during the Boston marathon. Life is precious and we live among broken lives.

Isaiah chose to live a holy life 2900 years ago in response to seeing the Lord. My prayer is that we would too as we journey together! Would you join me in the days ahead? There are many places we find in God’s Word that the Lord is calling us to a deeper loving relationship with Him and others. Join us every Sunday in one of our worship services at 8:30 am or 10:45 am or tune WFIL 560 am on the radio on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am.

In His Love and Service,
 Pastor Sam

ATTENTION!

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

It has been a tradition at FUMC to have a special offering on Mother's Day (this year, May 12th) for the Fellowship Fund of United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. Our conference has requested that each member give \$2.50. You will receive a letter with an enclosed envelope for this purpose. This offering will go entirely to the Fellowship Fund of all New Jersey United Methodist Homes. Please return your offering by/on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2013. Jesus taught (Matthew 25:40) *"..inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done unto me."* We pray you will be blessed as you give freely to this fund.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 9th, we will be recognizing our 8th grade, high school, college and grad school graduates. Students or parents are asked to submit **IN WRITING** or by email (maria@fumccollingswood.org) the information about graduation. Please include the name of the graduate, middle school, high school or college and any info about future or continuing education. Please submit the information by Sunday, June 2nd.

- We are stopping the drive for toiletries for the Women's Ministry of Fellowship House on Mother's Day.
- We will start the drive for Options for Women on May 19th instead of Mother's Day. We will be using envelopes instead of the baby bottles this year.



Followers Bible Study will end on Tuesday, May 21st.
They will start up again in September.



The Women's Bible Study will meet on May 1st and May 8th
but will not meet the rest of the month.

Their summer schedule is as follows:
June 12th & 26th, July 10th & 24th, August 7th & 21st.

All of the gatherings will be in the
Stokes Dining Room starting @ 7:00 pm.

WNR NEWS

Wednesday Night Revive ends for the children
(Grades K-5) on Wednesday, May 8th.

Parents In Progress, a support group for parents of children with disabilities, will hold its next meeting at First United Methodist Church in the parlor on Tuesday, May 7th beginning at 7:30 pm. If you are the parent or caregiver of a child of any age affected by disability, please join us for this time of sharing, prayer, encouragement and support from other parents who have "been there." Find out more about this ministry, sponsored by Handi*Vangelism Ministries International, by visiting www.hvmi.org or by talking with Ken or Joan Steward jsteward@hvmi.org, ksteward@hvmi.org, <http://hvmi.org/missionaries/steward.html>

The logo features the word "UP" in a large, bold, black font with a white outline, tilted upwards. Above the "UP" is a black arrow pointing up, flanked by two black stars. To the right of "UP" is the word "coming" in a smaller, black, lowercase font. Below "UPcoming" is the word "EVENTS" in a large, black, serif font.

May Events

- May 2, 7:00 pm** **Job Seekers Group** shares leads, ideas, challenges and provides encouragement and support.
- May 11, 8:00 am** **Men's Breakfast** – good food, fun and motivating speaker. Larry Gibbons will be sharing.
- May 12** **Mother's Day**
Join us as Ms. Lucy DuBose shares her special message with us at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Lucy has been a part of the Fellowship House family for 9 years as the Addiction Services Director and has offered outstanding service, including developing a uniquely Christian pathway out of bondage to alcohol and drugs to the community of Camden.
- May 25** Check out our booth at the **Collingswood May Fair!**
9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

June Events

- June 6, 7:00 pm** **Job Seekers Group** shares leads, ideas, challenges and provides encouragement and support.
- June 8, 5:00 pm** **Grill Off** – Grab your best grilling or side recipe and join us for a bit of competition, great food and live entertainment.
- June 16** **Father's Day**
Join us as our Connections Pastor, Rev. Leon Fraley, brings us a special message at 8:30 and 10:45 am.
- June 24 - June 28** **Summer Vacation Bible School**
A week of fun in the Son at SonWest Roundup. Ages 3 – 5th grade enjoy games, crafts, music and Bible stories from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- June 30** **Vacation Bible School Celebration Day**
One special, exciting service! See and hear what happened during the SonWest Roundup week!

A wooden signpost with three signs hanging from it. The top sign is rectangular with a rough, hand-drawn edge and contains the following text:

We're excited about
First United Methodist Church's
Vacation Bible School to be held
June 24th - June 28th, 2013

The middle sign is larger, has a decorative top edge, and contains the following text:

This year's program is **SonWest Roundup**,
a week of fun in the Son! As they participate
in fun filled activities, children will find ultimate
truth in Jesus! We will have a great time with
**lively songs, hilarious skits, creative
crafts, exciting games, Bible stores and
tasty snacks** - all of the things that make
Vacation Bible School so much fun for children.
SonWest Roundup can be an inspirational
and educational experience for your entire
family. **Classes for children begin
Monday, June 24th - 9:30 am -12:30 pm
and parents are invited to join in
Friday, June 28th and Sunday, June 30th.**
(More info to follow.)

The bottom sign is rectangular with a rough edge and contains the following text:

Call us today at 856-858-1186 for registration
information. Bring this flyer with you to our
registration booth and receive a prize! Plan now to
join us for a great time at **SonWest Roundup!**

the **ryver**
youth ministry of fumc

a ministry of students
loving God, loving people,
connecting with our neighbors

This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are three main times that we meet (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below). But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

the ryver (Sunday night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm)

If you're new, this is the best place to start! We have a ton of fun through interactive games, connect with God through worshipful music, and our lives are changed through our talks about God, the Bible, and life - both in large and small group settings.

the ryver wide (Wednesday night, 6:45 - 8:00 pm)

These nights have a very laid-back atmosphere, which allows us to care for each other and talk about the things that are most important to you. What matters to you? Bring it - the conversation table is wide open!

the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! This is where we really dig deeper into the Bible and learn how to live as followers of Jesus, as well as get involved with the whole church family

COMING EVENTS

SUMMER TRIP STUFF:

THE STORY dates:

Sunday 5/5 – 1st team meeting
(4:15 pm) **MANDATORY** for
everyone involved.

2nd deposit due - \$40.

Pizza & drinks will be provided.



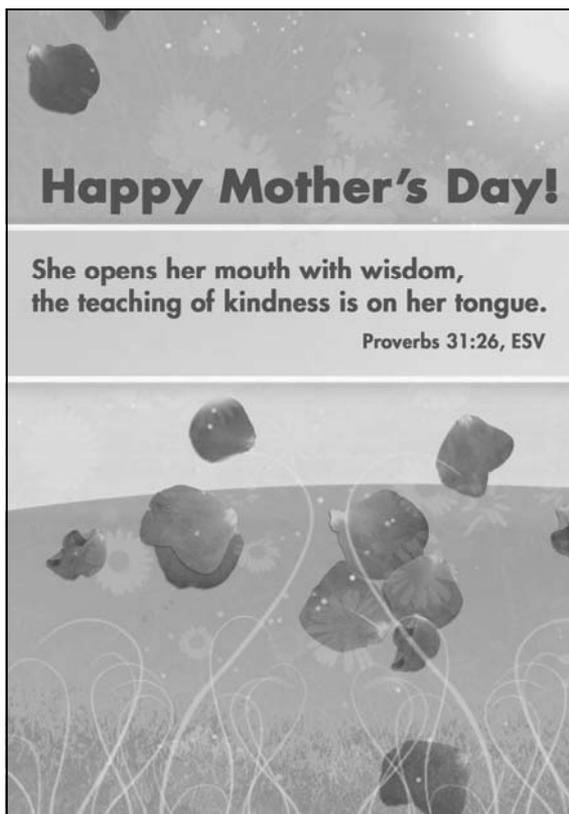


National Day of Prayer Thursday 5/2

Take a stand and be an example to your school – join other Christians in your school to meet and pray at your flagpole this morning.

Happy Mother's Day – Sunday 5/12

The ryer will not be meeting tonight, to give you the chance to do something extra special for your Mom today!



May Fair – Saturday 5/25

A great opportunity to join with our church in reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus! See Shawn for ways to get involved.

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David and Phyllis Schmid

Crossworld is staying aware of how David and I are handling the aftermath of the robbery and shooting so I had a Skype time with someone yesterday. I am so thankful that we are both doing well. That isn't to say that especially David doesn't have some "knot in the pit of the stomach" times when he is out driving anywhere. But God has given incredible peace about this. That isn't natural for me who tends to think of all the bad scenarios that can happen so I'm so thankful He has filled me with HIS peace. Someone asked David last Sunday before he preached how old he was. He responded that he was 65 and the man said no, I'd say you were about 30 days in this new life God has given you (referring to sparing his life in the shooting.) You may remember that our church family lost a key leader last August in a robbery just like David's and so this really has shaken them. Many expected us to leave Haiti at least for a while. So we give God the glory that He has filled us with His peace and enabled us to help others at the same time.

I heard the mid west and east coast got some pretty heavy snow and you all must be looking forward to spring. It is the opposite for me. I do look forward to rainy season which should come in the next month or so but it also is the signal for the hot humid weather of the summer and early fall. We are just ending our most delightful time of low humidity and moderate temps. I saw somewhere that the "groundhog" predicted an early spring and then saw a picture of a yard piled high with snow and the homeowner had spray painted on the snow "the groundhog lied!" Oh well, spring will come eventually for all of us!

Saints Prison Ministry

The following letter was received from a staff member at WCI that watched our game:

I am not a sports fan - and especially not basketball - but I really did enjoy the game on Saturday. Only 5 guys showed up for the Saints Prison Ministry and they played the whole game. Talk about tired!

I laughed really hard at times as the inmates would razz on the time keeper and the refs. The game was close all the way through. Sometimes WCI was ahead and sometimes the Saints were ahead - they closed us down with 16 seconds to go and the Saints won by 1 point. The crowd erupted when the Saints pulled ahead at the end, cheering for 5 guys that had no subs and still pulled it off. The Saints Prison Ministry sent some really good role models!

I believe this was really good for the men as it had them working together with friendly competition. I saw a lot of smiles on faces that smile way too little. It was just awesome!

Neale and Barbara Goetsch

In April, we will be in NY and New England for 2+ weeks catching up with some of you whom we haven't seen in awhile. Another trip to the UK is scheduled later this year. Some have asked when we will "retire." As long as the Lord enables and provides, we want to keep on doing what He's privileged us to be part of, both here and in England. God's promise to Jacob was "*I am with you and will keep you in all places.*" (*Genesis 28.15*) Through many years, in multiple "places," (geographical, circumstantial, and now chronological [Neale will reach "full" retirement age in two years.]) He has faithfully kept us. In recent months a growing number of those we lovingly and humbly call our "Fellowship Family" have gone to glory. Our prayer in Thomas Kelly's words is, "*Keep us, Lord, O keep us cleaving, To Thyself and still believing, Till the hour of our receiving, Promised joys with Thee.*" How we rejoice that He found us and will keep what we've committed to Him until that day!

Dana and Debbie Cherry

Dear Friends,

We covet your prayers as Dana travels and talks with a ministry partner. This partner has worked with us on previous evangelistic campaigns, and has seen several hundred people respond to the call to explore the truth of Christ as Savior. The ministry desires to run the campaign again, and has asked for our assistance. Please join us in prayer:

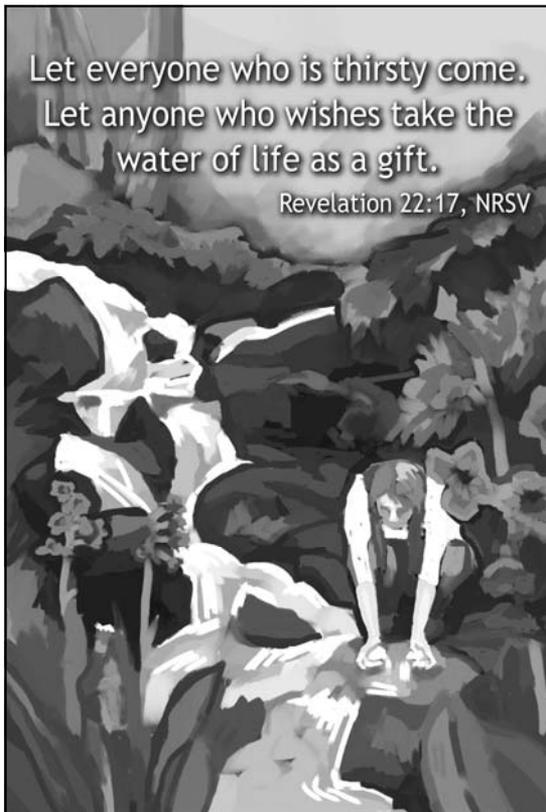
- The ministry has experienced spiritual attack. One of the ministry leaders has been ejected from the country and denied re-entry. Additionally, two other workers have indicated at this time

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that they are seeking other employment options.

- Pray for continued encouragement. In spite of the setbacks, the ministry leaders continue to hear the Lord encouraging them to evangelize and disciple new believers. Their current plan is to run another evangelistic campaign by the end of April.
- Pray that the evangelistic campaign will cause many to consider the claims of Christ.
- Pray for us as we vision-cast and plan with them. Dana will be encouraging the ministry to move forward with online learning and mobile devices for discipleship with new believers.
- Pray for physical and travel safety.
- Pray that we will be able to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ. We go with the hope to be pastors and shepherds to fellow workers who may be hurting and discouraged in ministry.



NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Please join your Neighborhood Center in celebrating 100 years of ministry serving the people of Camden in the name of Jesus. As we remember a rich history, plans are underway to improve and update existing services and provide much needed new ministries. Two very special events are being held to allow people to learn of the Center's amazing history and share our vision for the future. The events are as follows.

100th Anniversary Celebrations:

- ◆ Celebrate our 100th Anniversary at Tavistock Country Club on Saturday May 11, 2013 at 7:45 pm. with dinner, music, silent auction and lots of fun. The cost is \$75. For a Patron cost of \$150, you may attend a special Patron Reception at 7:00 pm, and be recognized in the program as well as the annual report.
- ◆ Join us also for our 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Haddonfield United Methodist Church at 11:30 am on Saturday May 18, 2013. Cost is \$25 for a delicious catered lunch. For a donation of \$50, you will receive special recognition and a special commemorative Christmas ornament. A basket auction will also be held.

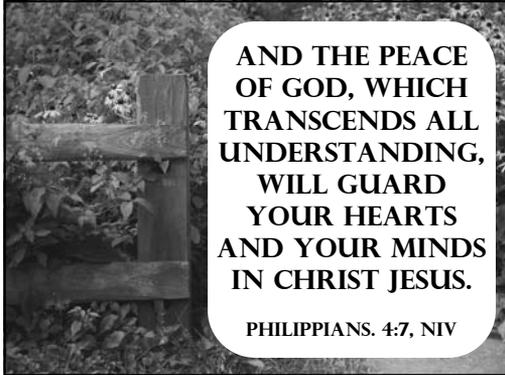
All proceeds from both events will benefit the Neighborhood Center Leadership Academy, a program for mentoring youth to become model citizens following God's will for their lives. For more information, contact Sharyn Bailey at 858-3282 or Sharyn8888@gmail.com. Invitations will also be available at the church. Please plan to attend one of these events.

Above all, please keep the Neighborhood Center and these events in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.

Sharyn Bailey, N. Center Board of Directors



Wings of Prayer



**AND THE PEACE
OF GOD, WHICH
TRANSCENDS ALL
UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD
YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS
IN CHRIST JESUS.**

PHILIPPIANS. 4:7, NIV

Do you think sometimes your friends or children are not on the same page with you? There may be times you feel you don't speak the same language. Sometimes trying to understand what someone says or be understood yourself can result in "interesting" situations.

Last summer I was watching a friend's children while she shopped. After playing inside for a while, they asked if they could go out in the yard to play. The young boy quickly ran outside while his sister stood quietly by the door. When she looked up at me, she asked, "Are you a parent?" That seemed like an unusual question, but she had a very serious look on her face. I told her, "No. I'm not." With that her expression was very crestfallen and her eyes were brimming slightly with tears. "Oh," she said. "We can't go out then." A bit puzzled, I asked her "Why?" In a very soft, disappointed voice she said, "Mommy says we can't go out without a parent." I gave her a big hug and reassured her it would be okay. What Mommy really meant was not to go out without having an adult.

This is an example of what can happen when we pray and are asking for guidance to do God's will. We may know what it is that we want to do, but is it what He wants? If we are wrong, what punishment might there be? God loves us and wants to protect us,

just as this mother did with her children. Yet there are times we get so caught up in trying to do exactly what is right, that we miss the opportunities to share and enjoy His love. And that is His will for us. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” We are not to analyze, parse, or conjugate every word in trying to understand what God wants. Instead, accept the peace that only God gives – just as He promised.

With our prayers of thanksgiving for the beauty of Spring and anticipation of vacations, let us remember all who seek and need our prayers:

Jim and Ruth Doherty, Tom Christenson, Stephanie Lerch, Rich Snyder, Nancy Tirpack, Matt Robb, Lew and Mildred Smith, Christine Fink, Florence Keller, Evelyn Hales, Karl Abraham, Barbara Edelman, Joan Smith.

Peace and Son shine,

Mary Emily





Birthdays

May 3	Zachary Jungclaus	May 15	Ruth A. Covintree
May 4	Christine Fink	May 18	Mark Hamilton
May 6	Phil Boswell	May 19	Mary Newell
	Betty Stoms	May 20	Tina Hemphill
May 10	William J. Alexander		Rosalie MacGlaughlin
May 11	Ken Underwood	May 21	Marjie Hammond
May 12	Ken Steward		Dana Schoch
	Ethan Zook	May 22	Megan DeFoney
May 14	Nathan Schwehm	May 24	Kathy Boswell
	Eric Wertz		Connie Cline



Anniversaries

May 8	Harold and Marion Shallcross
May 15	Dave and Marjie Hammond
May 20	James and Donna Jungclaus
May 29	Shawn and Nicole Zook



If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.

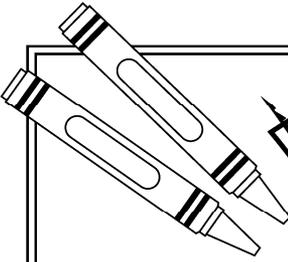


Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth D. Steward, Sr.
invite our church family and friends
to the marriage ceremony
of our daughter
Jennifer Anne Steward
to
Jacob Paul Weitzel
on Sunday, The 26th of May
3:30 in the afternoon
First United Methodist Church
201 Dayton Ave. Collingswood, NJ
Punch Reception for all immediately
following in the Temple

*For this reason a man will
leave his father and mother*



*and be united to his wife,
and they will become one flesh.*
Genesis 2:24



PUZZLE

LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange
same
odd

2. Lazarus
Jesus
Martha

3. who
then
there

4. pear
been
apple

5. taken
cat
dog

6. sky
from
earth

7. you
work
toil

8. desk
chair
into

9. house
hallway
heaven

10. can't
will
won't

11. breakfast
come
lunch

12. nose
back
mouth

13. see
the
hear

14. oval
round
same

15. way
girl
boy

16. his
her
you

17. white
have
black

18. one
seen
two

19. go
low
high

20. sea
heaven
ocean

" This _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ , _____ 3 _____ has _____ 4 _____
 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ ,
 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ in _____ 13 _____
 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____
 _____ 18 _____ him _____ 19 _____ into _____ 20 _____ ."

Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

ASCENSION CRAFT



Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.

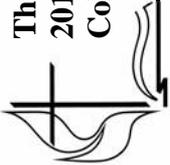
Bible QUIZ

According to one account of Jesus' ascension, commonly called the Great Commission, he told the disciples to do several things. Which of the following was not part of Jesus' instructions?

- A. Make disciples
- B. Perform miracles
- C. Teach
- D. Baptize

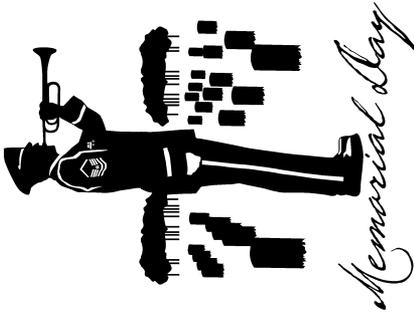


Answer: B (See Matthew 28:19-20.)



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