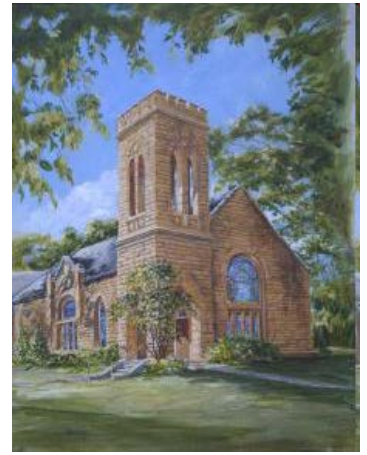




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Von's Corner

Here are the highlights of the Wednesday night studies on the deadly sins of greed, lust, and anger

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Greed

Greed is a tightfisted, grabbing, clutching love of things rather than God. The desire for more possessions is often wed to both dishonest gain and violence. It is the insatiable wanting of things we don't need. While it is easy to see how hoarding is an obvious form of greed, excessive spending (conspicuous consumption) is just as real a form of greed. Both are wasteful forms of taking.

Greed gives birth to sins such as gambling, war, and slavery, not to mention theft and false charity. It also deludes us into thinking that we are better people because we "have" this or that. The more we like to shop, the greater may be our propensity to be greedy. The only real remedy for greed is self-giving.

Lust

Lust—sensuality or sexual desire—is love which offers nothing and leads nowhere. In Scripture, the word often refers to passion in general; but eventually takes on the more specific meaning of sexual desire. As with many addictions, the more lustful one becomes, the less satisfying lust is. The ever-diminishing pleasure it brings eventually leaves one bored and emotionally crippled.

Lust ends up dehumanizing us as it reduces sexuality to a biological function, treats others as playthings to enjoy and then discard, makes us deceitful, and destroys any real desire to be faithful. The more prone we are to take rather than give, the more prone we are to fall prey to lust. The basic remedy for lust, therefore, is self-control.

Anger

Anger can be either good or bad, but insofar as it is a sustained attempt to get even rather than forgive, it is a deadly sin. Anger is the rage that becomes so fixated on its hurt that it begins to brood and then boil and eventually explodes out of control. Far worse than just getting mad once in a while, anger is a willful decision to stay irritated, grow resentful, and become bitter-hearted. In its rawest form, anger is simply hatred—hatred of the past, resentment in the present, and suspicion (or despair) of the future. It demonizes others and turns them into enemies.

Anger can take several forms of aggression. As verbal aggression, it is sarcasm or insult. As physical aggression, it is punishment or cruelty. As psychological aggression, it is propaganda or scorn or the refusal to forgive. As passive aggression, it is the silent treatment or the withholding of affection or the refusal to cooperate. Anger results regularly in paranoia, cursing, revenge, cruelty, and impatience. The more prone we are to brood, the more susceptible we are to anger. The best remedy for anger is to practice forgiveness.

Smiley

Mary Southerland



I don't know her real name, but *Smiley* is one of about 200 men and women who live in a leper colony near one of our church sponsored orphanages in a rural village of India. Dan and I had been asked to lead a worship service for the leper colony and I have to admit that I was both curious and terrified by the prospect of ministering to lepers. I had never even seen anyone with leprosy and had no idea what to expect. I prayed like crazy that God would somehow work through me to bless His wounded and broken children.

As the worship service began, *Smiley* sat in front of me in the dirt, a look of anticipation on her face, waiting for a message from God. I think the message was mine to hear. We had come to bring her joy and hope - but she already had both. Leprosy has ravaged her body, leaving her with no toes, no fingers and a death sentence. Cows, chickens and goats roam the dirty, rugged road in front of her thatched roof shack. *Smiley* does not enjoy the luxury of running water and electricity and food is scarce. Personally, I could see very little that *Smiley* had to smile about but it was her radiant smile that caught my attention and tugged at my heart.

After the service, I wrapped this precious woman in as big a hug as I could possibly give because she was so rarely touched by others. With the help of an interpreter, we celebrated the truth that one day she will once again have all of her toes and fingers. One day, she would be well and whole. She laughed like a little girl at the promise of being with Jesus and living with Him in heaven.

Smiley has fixed her eyes on the unseen and found joy and hope in the process. She does not depend upon the temporary things of this world for contentment. Hope gives her the strength to get up each morning and begin her daily search for food. The promise of Heaven comforts her each night when she lies down on a dirty cardboard mat to sleep. *Smiley* has nothing - yet she has everything - because she has learned, and lives out the truth that inner joy does not depend upon outward circumstances. We can learn a lot from *Smiley*.

God promises that if you know Him you will know true joy. Joy is not merely happiness but rather an unshakable confidence that God is in control. Therefore, He is our one and only source of joy and stands ready, waiting to saturate every circumstance with His presence. As His children, joy is ours to claim. If so, then where is it and why do we not experience a sense of confident celebration as we go through each day? Maybe it is because of the "joy stealers" who lurk in the shadows, waiting to crush joy wherever they find it.

Choosing joy requires us to identify and eliminate the "joy stealers" in life. You may be allowing a person to take your joy. Maybe some painful experience from a shadowed yesterday is an obstacle of joy in your life today. Perhaps a fearful circumstance or a broken dream is the culprit. I know life can be painful. I know life is often hard and unfair. I also know that God is in control. Therefore, if God really is God (and He definitely is) then we can and should be people of joy. I have read the final chapter of the Book and we win! Nothing and no one can take your joy without your permission. So, don't give it! Choose joy!

Re: Gospel Partners /Brinkley Memorial School for children whose parents have leprosy. Everyday Brinkley school feeds 125 children 88 of these children's parents have leprosy the other 37 are orphans. The leper's children can not attend regular school due to the fact the parents are considered unclean. Brinkley School is hope for the future for these children. Our dedicated director and staff minister to these children 7 days a week. Pastor Jaya is the minister for the leper congregation at Tanuku. He and the staff keep faith in the Lord that they will receive the financial help each month now provided by Gospel Partners that keeps these precious children from having to beg for food as they did before we started the school. Their parents still have to beg for their food as we can not afford to feed them. We pray for the day we can. Gospel Partners works for people living exactly like the ones Mary Southerland writes about in this article. Please help us as you are able to continue this ministry.

God Bless each of you,
The Weavers



Relay for Life

Sandy Hayostek

Our Relay for life team is now taking frozen soup orders (see attached order form).

REMINDER - Dessert at the February fellowship dinner will be furnished, for a donation, by the Relay Team so **don't make dessert for the February 19 Fellowship Dinner.**

Soups for Relay for Life

We will again be selling soup to raise money for our Relay for Life team. The soups will be frozen and are priced by the quart. Please list the quantity you want in the space provided. Orders will be taken February 5 thru February 26 with deliveries made to the church on Sundays, February 12, 19, 26 & March 4 and/or Wednesdays February 8, 15, 22 & 29.

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- White Chicken Chili** _____ @ \$10.00
 - Southwest Vegetable** _____ @ \$10.00
 - Chicken Noodle** _____ @ \$10.00
 - Amish Potato** _____ @ \$10.00

Delivery Date: _____

Soups will be delivered to church on Wednesday at Bible study or Sunday at church time.

Name _____

Give orders to Sandy Hayostek or Marietta Poteet or copy & paste the above order form and email to [Sandy](#)



Ann Malhoit

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wesley House. The program will be "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial." All women are invited to attend.

On Saturday, January 28th, District Leadership Training for Local Officers of the United Methodist Women was held at First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. Attending from Morton Memorial were Marge Wagner, Treasurer, Virginia Kraft, Vice-President and Ann Malhoit, President. Approximately 93 ladies took part in the event. After a general assembly, training was held for officers and committee chairpersons. The ladies from Morton Memorial purchased books for the reading program.

Mountain Christian Center Food Ministry

Marietta Poteet

Your support for the food ministry in time, food and money is a testimony to the commitment that our church has made to the Mountain Christian Center Food Ministry. For your information the Mountain Christian Center Food Ministry is in addition to the Grundy County Food Bank. The recipients can get food from both places. We are not in competition with the Grundy County Food Bank. Both organizations are committed to trying to feed as many people as possible on our mountain. Please continue to support Dennis and Angie Bliss as they try to reach as many people as they can.

The food bank needs these items:

- toiletries
- feminine products
- dish detergents
- laundry detergents

Dennis can also get an entire box of food for \$6.00. He has been using monetary donations for that. If you want to make a monetary donation instead of bringing food, that would be an option. You can make the check out to Morton Memorial, but designate on the check FOOD BANK. Then the check will be directed to the food bank.

Please remember that any donation you make to the food bank is over and above your giving to the general fund.

Thanks for your support for this ministry.

Monteagle PTO

Kay Ramsey

Please help us at the PTO to make a difference in the children's lives at Monteagle Elementary School. Here is a list of item needs, and it costs nothing but a little time to make a difference.

Box Tops: The money that is raised helps with the purchase of items for our behavior program, Buzz Bucks. On Betty Crocker, General Mills and lots of other food items.

Education Points: Campbell Soup Labels-The money that is raised from the points is used to purchase-Printer Cartridges, newspapers, Science and Social Studies Weekly

Coca-Cola Caps: Used to purchase P.E. equipment, and art equipment.

Recycling: Cell Phones, Ink Cartridges, Laser Ink Jet Cartridges, Digital Cameras, Ipods, Ipads, Laptop Computers: The money from recycling is used to purchase extra things for the students, art, gym, and Special Support Services.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Jodean Wade

MES PTO President

931-924-5066 or 931-224-1938

February



Bett Fischer	1	Ed Jackson	16
Billie Weaver	1	Betty Johnson	18
Wayne Bradshaw	1	Leona Hamby	19
Will Mary Pratt	2	Joy Whittaker	23
Charles Andrews	3	Mike Brannon	26
Steve Hunt	4	Susan Askew	26
Jeff White	7	Don Weaver	26
Deeda Bradford	11	Gary Kunkle	28
Pam Rogers	12		
Tyanna Klekotta	13		
Eric Cleek	15		



Prayer Requests

If you would like to be on the prayer request email list for our church, please contact nanway@blomand.net Prayer requests and updates of prayer requests are sent to those on the list. Prayer requests are not sent unless the person needing prayer or someone in their family requests it.

Many of the prayers I have prayed with you over the past couple of years have been put into booklet form, with the considerable help of our pastor. They were given out at the end of church services a couple of Sundays. If you haven't received one and would like to, see me at the end of the next service or let me know how I can get it to you. Because of the cost of producing them, I have offered one to each family. I am happy to offer more to anyone who would like more copies at a cost of \$5.00 each. Please let me know if you'd like more and I'll be happy to get them to you.

Solution to the January 15th Wordsearch

Wordsearch 196 Biblewordgames.com
 Phrase = All the peoples praise You Psalm 67:3

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Please submit articles for the February 15th Memo by February 12th.

Test Your Scripture Knowledge

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ACROSS

1. We have mortgaged our _____, vineyards, and houses (Neh 5:3)
6. He that tilleth his _____ shall be satisfied (Prov 12:11) KJV
10. Like _____ tooth or a lame foot (1,3) (Prov 25:19)
14. like a broken tooth, and _____ out of joint (1,4) (Prov 25:19)
15. looked like _____ of glass, clear as crystal (1,3) (Rev 4:6)
16. if the _____ has faded and has not spread (Lev 13:6)
17. took unto them certain lewd fellows of the _____ sort (Acts 17:5) KJV
18. I will _____ their mourning into joy (Jer 31:13)
19. the devil threw him down, and _____ him (Luke 9:42) KJV
20. down and fallen: but we _____, and stand (3,5) (Ps 20:8) KJV
22. In those days _____ Augustus issued a decree (Luke 2:1)
24. They crossed at the _____ to take the king's household over (2 Sam 19:18)
25. I looked at the earth, and it was formless and _____ (Jer 4:23)
26. and a cake made with oil, and a _____ (Exod 29:23)
29. Above all _____, guard your heart (Prov 4:23)
32. Awake, and _____ to my defense! Contend for me, my God (Ps 35:23)
33. Hiram king of _____ sent messengers to David (2 Sam 5:11)
35. a people for himself, and to make _____ for himself (1,4) (2 Sam 7:23)
39. wrath is a messenger of death, but a wise man will _____ it (Prov 16:14)
41. A jar of wine _____ was there (John 19:29)
43. Foxes have holes and birds of the air have _____ (Matt 8:20)
44. very dry (Luke 11:24)
46. because thou didst _____ on the LORD, he delivered them (2 Chr 16:8) KJV
47. rabbit (Deut 14:7) (KJV)
49. Cutting _____ the anchors, they left them in the sea (Acts 27:40)
51. Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' _____ (1 Tim 4:7)
54. Wilt thou not _____ us what thou meanest by these? (Ezek 37:18) KJV
57. You will _____ the mountains and crush them (Isa 41:15)
58. and setteth him on a _____ of the temple (Matt 4:5) KJV
62. I will make Jerusalem a _____ of ruins (Jer 9:11)
63. stood around _____ they had made to keep warm (1,4) (John 18:18)
65. and came to a place called _____ Havens (Acts 7:8)
66. the Pharisees began to _____ him vehemently (Luke 11:53)
67. according to all the _____ of it (Num 9:3)
68. Even on the _____ you laid a very heavy yoke (Isa 47:6)
69. "I am the _____," Samuel replied (1 Sam 9:19)
70. the _____ is full, the fats overflow (Joel 3:13) KJV
71. captains over fifties, and captains over _____ (Deut 1:15)

DOWN

1. Jacob said unto _____, Give me my wife (Gen 29:21)
2. Bring my sons from _____ and my daughters (Isa 43:6)
3. the wringing of the _____ bringeth forth blood (Prov 30:33) KJV
4. being not a forgetful hearer, but a _____ of the work (James 1:25)
5. and out goes _____; quarrels and insults (Prov 22:10)
6. About ten days _____, the LORD struck Nabal (1 Sam 25:38)
7. to him who divided the Red Sea _____ (Ps 136:13)
8. Abner son of _____, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
9. daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in _____ (Judges 21:21)
10. there is only _____ between me and death (1,4) (1 Sam 20:3)
11. In God we _____ all the day (Ps 44:8)
12. and they shall set themselves in _____ against her (Jer 50:9)
13. the roebuck, and the fallow _____, and the wild goat (Deut 14:5)
21. appointed priests from all _____ of people (1 Kings 12:31)
23. the sword, not of _____ man, shall devour him (1,4)(Isaiah 31:8)
26. and to _____ them with the towel (John 13:5)
27. the poison of _____ is under their lips (Rom 3:13) KJV
28. shake the dust off your _____ when you leave (Matt 10:14)
30. Reuben, Simeon, _____, and Judah, (Exodus 1:2)
31. do not reap to the _____ edges of your field (Lev 23:22)
32. At midnight the cry _____ out: Here's the bridegroom (Matt 25:6)
34. But in the first _____ of Cyrus the king of Babylon (Ezra 5:13)
36. Roman emperor (54-68 A.D.)
37. he has appeared once for all at the end of the _____ (Heb 9:26)
38. God made them _____ and female (Mark 10:6)
40. The altar will be split apart and the _____ on it will be poured (1 Kings 13:3)
42. and does not eat the bread of _____ (Prov 31:27)
45. Surely he will have no _____ from his craving (Job 20:20)
48. Like a club or a sword or _____ arrow (1,5) (Prov 25:18)
50. So God created man in his _____ image (Gen 1:27)
51. Neither is _____ any creature that is not manifest (Heb 4:13)
52. the avenger of blood might pursue him in _____ (1,4) (Deut 19:6)
53. the home of a man known as Simon the _____ (Matt 26:6)
55. like an archer who wounds at random is he who _____ a fool (Prov 26:10)
56. my brethren, and their flocks, and their _____ (Gen 47:1)
57. _____ you nullify the word of God by your tradition (Mark 7:13)
59. the woman had _____ calf in the house (1,3) (1 Sam 28:24) (KJV)
60. As a _____ is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit (Jer 5:27)
61. unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been _____ with (Jer 3:2) KJV
64. had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and _____ trees (1 King 9:11)

