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ATTENTION

ALL Elders and Deacons:

One person is needed for each Drive Up service. Please call the office to let us know if you are interested in serving at the 8:00 or the 10:30 service.



What Can God Do With 57 Cents...

I am sure that some of you are like me and wonder if the little you can give makes a difference. It doesn't have to mean money. It can mean your time, your efforts, your reaching out to those in need. So if you think that the little you have to give won't make a difference...think again.

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it "was too crowded." "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the

kind hearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school. For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there! A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a Realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for 57 cents. Church mem-

bers made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00 a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday scholars, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. It goes to show you, what God can do...with 57 cents.

By: Russell H. Conwell

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



1- Lucy Fletcher
Joseph Hoffelmeyer
2- Cindy Brandt
3- Bruce Blalock
Colleen Brown
Michelle Scarff
5- Sarah Bentley
Lisa Bowlen
6- Gary Bowlen
7- Dallas Coslet
Jerry Frerkng
8- Jim Crawford
9- Phil LaGore
10- James Merchant
13- Diane Green

13- Bryce Payne
14- Brenda Coffman
Wayne Shannon
15- Harrell Boedeker
Terry Cobb
16- McKenzie Stalter
17- Azlann Buck
19- Tom Bailey
21- Heather Jones
23- Lisa Ballance
Linda Crews
24- Jill Clemens
Christine Estill
Shirley Jackson
Justin Schroeder

26- Lee Pointer
28- Gary Dowell
Darrin Schupp
29- Ty Pointer
31- Nate Sullivan

Anniversaries

5- Brennan & Debbie Tucker
11- Doug & Kathy Swinger
20- Bill & Nancy Jackson
29- Greg & Shirley Schultz
30- Rennie & Lisa Ballance



Those who wish to give in the offering, it will be col-

lected during the Drive Up service as you pick up your communion and bulletin, or you may also drop it in the "Offering Box", located near the awning, after the service. During this time, we would also recommend taking advantage of our "Givelify" account. You can download the app and make contributions online. No hassle, no fees, completely germ free!



On Sunday, July 19 of 2020, God called home one of his children. Oleta Wilson was reunited with her son William, her brother John and her parents. Our prayers go out to the family who are grieving the loss of such a beautiful soul.



Although we are still in an unknown place with Covid, Church activities are slowly starting to resume, as long as social distancing and safety measures are practiced. If your committee or group is in need of the Church for a meeting space, please contact the office to check available dates (one group at a time in the building if possible) and safety measures to be followed.



Aug. 2- Rev. Randal DeMasters
Aug. 9-Rev. Randal DeMasters
Aug. 16- Rev. Randal DeMasters
Aug 23- Willie Harlow
Aug. 30- Rev. Randal DeMasters

Are We there Yet? How Much Longer?

Oh ,those words coming from the backseat of our car, as I would take my kids on a family vacation! They will forever be implanted into my brain! These two small annoying sentences that would take me from being annoyed, to begging my kids to quit saying it over, and over, and over, and ...well, you get the picture. But today I sit here, and those words are all I can think about too. Are we there yet? How much longer?

I have heard from quite a few people that although they are con-

tent with having a service outside, they sure are ready to get services started again indoors. And I get it. Heck, I even agree! Now don't get me wrong, I am pretty happy getting to have a lazy Sunday morning that starts out with some relaxing leisure time, complete with good ole' pajamas. Don't want to wear makeup? Who cares! Hair a mess? No worries! Dog wants to ride along? Why, jump right in Fido! Donut or breakfast sandwich for communion, or just a snack as you listen to the sermon? Sure! And let's not sell short getting to discuss

the sermon ,with your fellow car-mates, as it goes along. I really enjoy doing that. But even considering all of these "perks" to an outside service...I miss the people.



As a member of the Worship committee, I can assure you that our meeting this month will be one of great length. We will evaluate the Covid recommended guidelines carefully, and infuse them into a Worship Service that will bring us back inside, and provide as much safety as possible. This being said, please remember things can change in a day! But if positive Covid test numbers will drop, if people will take precautions....we hope to return to a service that is as close to normal as possible. Please know there will have to be changes in the way some things are handled throughout the service, but I know we will work together as a Church family to make the most out of whatever situations lie before us.

In next month's newsletter, I will do my best to inform you of any changes that will happen during the service, and any safety guidelines that we will need to follow to allow for an indoor service. Until then, I'll see you in the parking lot, hair a mess, comfy clothes on, Fido in the back seat and donut in hand!

Learning and Leaning,

Hope Richards

Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
Chapters 3 and 4

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Down

(2) Adam's second son
(3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
(4) Adam's first son
(6) Adam's third son
(7) What creature tempted Eve
(8) Cain lived in this land
(10) First man
(12) First woman

Across

(1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
(5) The _____ of Eden
(6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
(9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
(11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
(13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

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