

THE HAPPENING

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We are entering the Lenten Season. A time of reflection, introspection, confession and repentance. We recognize our mortality and need for purification and cleansing when our heart or will is out of alignment with that of God's. As we discover the need to confess and repent of our sins, please know that we are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the Cross. Do not ever fear rejection because the loving, merciful, slow to get angry, abounding in steadfast love, Father is willing and desirous of extending grace and forgiveness. He loves you and me!



David (the shepherd, giant slayer, mighty warrior, musician and king) lost his way and sinned against the

Lord (2 Samuel 11 and 12). As he discovered his need for forgiveness, through the Word that came to him by the prophet Nathan, he penned this prayer in Psalm 51. I'd like to share this so that we may pray it during this season. I am using The Message because I love its wording.

*"Generous in love-God give grace!
Huge in mercy-wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down. You're the One I violated, and you've seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair. I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life. Soak me in the laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life. Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set those once broken bones to dancing.*

Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health. God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails. Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways. Unbutton my lips, dear God, and I'll let loose with praise. Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice." (vs 1-17)

Remember with confession, there is forgiveness. The Lord bless you all!

Much love,

Pastor Nicole

SPRING PARTY

Ladies, mark your calendars for March 26th at 7 o'clock for our annual "Spring Party". This year we will again do a craft, and, of course, have some yummy food! The cost will be \$10. Keep an eye on the Sunday announcements for information on the craft project and a sign-up sheet. We are looking forward to seeing all of you for this fun time. Pictured is last year's party and craft project.



Congregational Meeting and Luncheon Sunday, February 9, 2020



Happening in March

March 7 – Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.

March 10 – Butler County DD & ARC of Butler County, 5:30 p.m.

March 23 – Church Security Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 26 – Women’s Spring Party, 7:00 p.m.

March 28 – Great Chili Cook-Off, 4:00 p.m.

Bible Studies – Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



- Claudia Cantrell March 2
- Sadara Courtney March 5
- Janet Grissom March 5
- Darrel Grissom March 17
- Brian Taylor March 25
- Alec Vivian March 28

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