



The Pathfinder

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From the District Superintendent

We have continued to see increases in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our area, especially in **Carter, Greene and Washington Counties**. For this reason, all churches in these three counties need to close to indoor worship until we can see a significant decline.

We will continue to monitor the numbers for our area and notify you as soon as we feel it is safe to return to indoor worship. This is not an easy decision, but we need to be cautious for the health and safety of our congregations and communities.

*Blessings,
Lauri Jo*

Zoom Bible Study

We will be starting a Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday, July 22, at 10 am.

If you are interested in joining please send me an email at kmlane2006@gmail.com. I need your email address to invite you to the Zoom.

Zoom Sunday School Classes

We are still trying to get our Zoom Sunday School Classes up and running so that we can interact with one another during this time of being apart.

What if, to make it easier, we tried just gathering by Zoom as a Sunday school class for a sharing of joys and concerns and prayer time and then work our way into a lesson?

If you are willing to set up the Zoom meeting and lead your class, please let me know.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Although we originally were scheduled to host Family Promise on July 12-19, we will not be able to do that during this time of pandemic.

Family Promise is still working on alternative ways to work with homeless families in our area. One of the options is to put them in hotel rooms with the churches helping with the cost, meals and transportation. We will let you know more as we know more.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

1 Samuel 16:17 ESV

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We had our first ever virtual Annual Conference on June 27. The theme for this year's Annual Conference was "I Love to Tell the Story" and it is an invitation to share God's love around the world by telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

We conducted some business, heard some reports, received a state-of-the-church address by our conference lay leader and a beautiful sermon by the Bishop.

Virtual Conferencing did make it impossible to vote on any issues, so the Bishop and the Cabinet will take care of what needs to be approved at a later date. Our lay delegate was Ruth Grapperhaus and we thank her for her participation in this virtual conference.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Condolences and prayers for Betty Durman on the death of her husband, Gary Durman; for Kent Walker and family on the death of his father, George Walker; and for Kim Anders on the death of her mother, Theresa Anne Savard.

(If you have news of births, deaths, awards, etc., which you would like to have included here, please contact the office with the details.)



Our thanks and prayers go out to all our military veterans and their families. Your service and sacrifice are greatly appreciated.

Barnard Davis (US Army) - Susan Miller's nephew

Caleb Wade (US Army) - Rupe & Ella Billions' grandson

Cody Hallberg (US Air Force) - Lee & Nancy Hallberg's grandson

Todd White - (US Army) - Doug & Donna Barnes Bennett's son-in-law

Mickey Teasner (US Navy)

Lauren Bennett (US Army Reserve)

Jake DeMatteo (Army)

Steven David Hunt (US Army Reserve)

Brian Ehlschlager (US Army)

Shawn Allison (US Marines)

Eric Bull (US Air Force Reserve) - Don & Barbara Bull's grandson

Cheyenne Pandar (US Marines)

Johnathon Daffron (US Marines)

Jon Cochran (U.S. Ranger) - Billy & Gail Lewis' cousin

Michael Fritz (US Army) - Mary Ann Clark's son-in-law



JULY MISSION

Our mission for July is to raise money to buy school supplies in bulk for the teachers at Jonesborough Elementary School. Obviously, this year is going to be unlike any other school opening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers know that school supplies cannot be shared this year and that there will be a need for a great deal of cleaning supplies.

I have spoken to both Ann Connors and John Durham, and received modest requests from each of them. Once they return to school, they will know more about specific needs. At that time, we'll purchase the necessary.

If you'd like to shop, current needs are shown below. Thank you for your support of this mission.

Nancy Rhea

Kindergarten

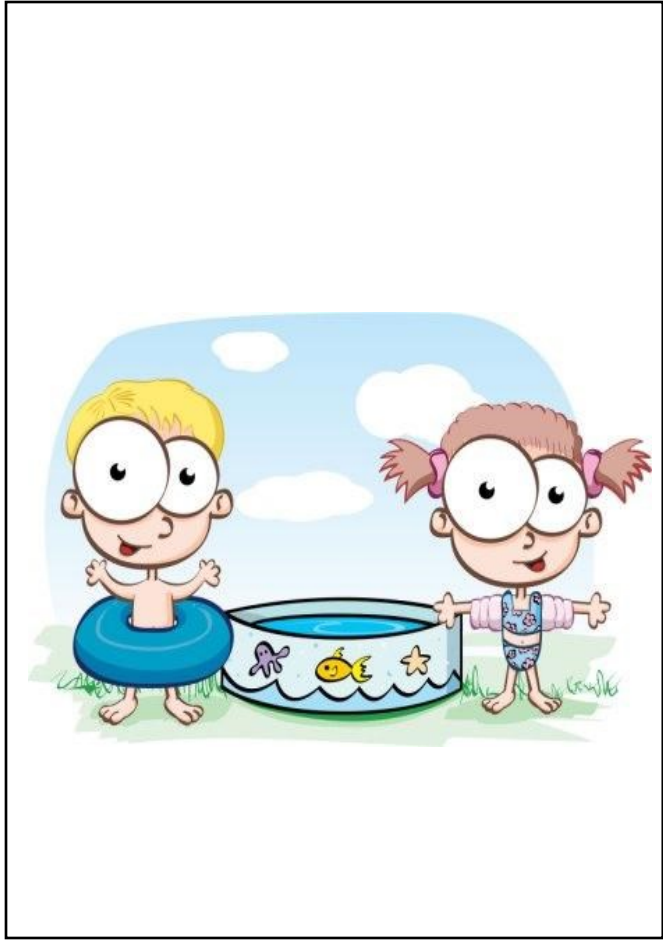
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10 1-inch black 3-ring binders
11 5 full-size clipboards
20 dry erase boards
Dry erase markers

Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
Zip Lock bags
Sharpies
Clorox Wipes
Kleenex

Music Program

Clorox wipes
Batteries: AA, D and 9 volt

Kleenex
Duct tape



**JAMA Item for
JULY**

**Napkins, Paper Towels,
Toilet Paper**



The image shows a collection of household paper products. On the left, there are three rolls of white toilet paper. In the center, there is a pack of white Scott's Naturals napkins. On the right, there are four packages of Bounty paper towels, arranged in two rows of two. Each package is green and white with the 'Bounty' logo.

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