

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **POOR**
IN SPIRIT
2. "Happy are those who _____
3. "Happy are the _____
4. "Happy are those who _____
5. "Happy are the _____
6. "Happy are the _____
7. "Happy are the _____
8. "Happy are those who are _____

hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

pure in heart, for they will see God."

peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

meek, for they will inherit the earth."

mourn, for they will be comforted."

Answers: 1. poor in spirit, 2. mourn, 3. meek, 4. hunger and thirst, 5. merciful, 6. pure in heart, 7. peacemakers, 8. persecuted

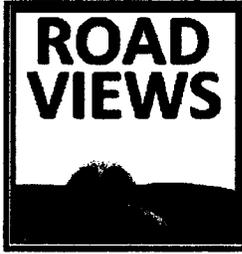
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Dear Friends,

I am so delighted to have begun journeying with you in faith these past few months! What a gift it has been to be greeted by gracious hospitality and enthusiasm in so many places. The combination of the Sunshine District and Plains Sub-district gives us a connection of 60 churches spread over 20 counties and approximately 50,000 square miles. Please trust that if I haven't gotten to your neck of the woods yet, I'll get there! Eventually...

In the meantime, I have a few first impressions of the strength of our area to share with you. Many of our dusty byways are actually not so gritty right now. After 7 years of drought or so, this territory has been blessed with actual RAIN this summer and even now in August, there is non-irrigated GREEN to behold. Praise God that new life comes to parched places bringing refreshment and hope with it!

Just as many have been struggling with barrenness of the physical kind, so too, many of our communities have been hard hit economically in recent years. Even where a turn-around has begun, it seems for many to be too soon to assume that the road to recovery is securely under our feet.

In short, life is a mixed bag, and that cannot help but affect us. What I am discovering, though, is that we are a people whose faith provides a deep wellspring of trust that all shall be well, even when we have no clue how that wellbeing shall be accomplished. We are blessed with the character of resilience, which according to positive psychologists, is THE most important quality needed for humanity to flourish.

I see that we have taken to heart and learned how to live out the instructions of Colossians 1:11-12. "We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that God has for us."

I give thanks for your perseverance, your passion for the Good News and the need for all God's children to receive it in every way possible... be it from Sunday morning worship to innovative missional engagement of all kinds. I encourage you to BE, more powerfully than ever, God's love in the flesh. I pray that you will trust that your efforts to invite, welcome and include those who are new to you and your church will be like good seed planted in fertile soil, bearing fruit beyond your imagining.

Peace and God's blessings from your District Superintendent,

Margaret

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Now's The Time To Get Involved

At the end of His time on earth with the disciples, Jesus gives the command to “Go!” At the end of the Gospels, and leading into the beginning of the book of Acts, we see The Holy Spirit empower the first followers of Jesus to be about the work of building the church. And they get to work! What starts as a few dozen people grows into a globalized movement.

If there is a time of year when we hear Jesus say “Go!”, it is the start of September. As the school year starts, so do most of the ministries that our churches engage in. Our ministries with children and youth get started. The United Methodist Women begin to meet again. Sunday School gets going.

I want to encourage you to take a look through this newsletter and see all that our congregations are doing to reach our communities and the wider world. And as you look, hear the command of Jesus to “Go!”

This is also a great time of year to be involved in new ways. If you have a vision for something new that the church could be doing, now is a great time to cast that vision. If you want to be involved or help with the musical life of the church, now is the time to lift your voice. If you know of some way our churches can promote peace, work for justice, or serve our neighbors, now is the time to get to work. Now is the time to hear Jesus say “Go!”

In the twelfth chapter of the first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul tells us that when Jesus says “Go!”, that command is given to the full diversity of the people that make up the church. There are varieties of talents, services, and activities that make up the church. Each of us, with our individual gifts and graces, are called to be a part of the mission of the church. Following Jesus is not a spectator activity. If we are to be the people God is calling us to be, it will take each and every one of us working together.

If you're hearing the words of Jesus to “Go!”, you're invited and encouraged to contact myself or other leaders of the churches to get involved. And if you have something new to envision, the churches are here to dream new dreams.

Let us all put our hearts and hands into action, and let us “Go!”

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Five Loaves Food Pantry:

The pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6pm.

The pantry is located in the building that used to house the McClave general store.

The food pantry committee has its own phone number at 719-691-8065.

Grocery items, meat, and some produce is available to anyone that needs it.

Rally Sunday will be September 7th

This day of celebration marks the beginning of the programming year in the church, and the start of Sunday School, M&Ms, and Seekers. All are welcome to this celebration! Invite your friends, neighbors, family members, and yourself to be a part of this day.

A chili brunch will follow worship.

Sunday School is held each Sunday during worship from approximately 9:50-10:30am.

M&Ms is a ministry open to all children preschool age to 5th grade. M&Ms happens from 4:00-5:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at McClave UMC. Each M&Ms has snacks, songs, and a lesson.

M&Ms meets on September 10th and 24th.

Basic Bible Skills Class is open to children in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This class meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 4:15-5:30pm **starting on September 3rd.**

Seekers is a ministry open to all youth that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the church basement. Each gathering has food, games, and relevant content for the complexities of life.

Jr. high Seekers meets from 4:15-5:30. Snacks are provided.

Sr. high Seekers meets from 6:15-7:45. Dinner is provided.

Moms In Prayer meets on Mondays at the church at 10:30am. This intentional time of prayer is open to any woman that desires to lift up children and those that work with children.

The Administrative Council meets on Wednesday, September 10th.



Remember in our prayers and visits: Lorrie Allen, Bev Barton, Zelma Courkamp, Floyd Downing, Ruth Esgar,



CONGRATULATIONS!

Cole Alexander Pennini was born on June 8, 2014. Cole is the son of Jenna and Greg Pennini of Boston , Mass. Cole is the great-grandson of Marilyn Pierson and the grandson of Lauri Peecher and Dick Peecher.

Nora Gene Reinhardt was born on July 31, 2014 in Lamar, Co.. Nora is the daughter of Shea and Matt Reinhardt and the granddaughter of Dave and Julie Esgar. Frederick Esgar is Nora's great-grandfather.

Five gifts from God

Love makes our friends a little dearer.
 Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
 Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
 Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
 Peace brings us all a little nearer.

WILEY HAPPENINGS



Pastor Calob for leading the interesting and informative Bible Study, Exile and Drought.

UMW TO MEET SEPTEMBER 4

September 4 will be the first meeting of the fall for the United Methodist Women. The group will meet at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Billie Colvin will present the program and Linda Jones is in charge of refreshments.

Members gathered on August 12 and prepared gifts to be taken to the Wiley School for the employees. Members are reminded to save raison containers and plastic coffee containers to be used for the school gifts in 2015.

Sunday School Kickoff

Children come and bring your parents!

Sunday September 7th the Sunday School will meet with a big kick off. Families are encouraged to come and join in the fun at 10 am in the Church basement. Surprises , activities and a story are being planned.

