



THE DISCIPLES' WORD

Melissa Snyder

Minister

Randy Cordle

Music Minister

Sunday School.....10:00 AM

Worship Service...11:00 AM

*Bible Study: Mondays at 1pm;
Wednesdays at 6pm*

Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7pm

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Happy Father's Day!



I recently began to (re)read one of my favorite novels, *Prodigal Summer*, by Barbara Kingsolver. The novel takes place in a remote town in Appalachia Kentucky, and centers on three characters. Deanna is a forty-year-old woman, who divorced her husband of fifteen years, two years before the start of the novel. After her divorce, she becomes a forest ranger and moves to a cabin in the middle of the woods and her only human contact is the delivery boy who drops off her living essentials once a month. Lusa is a newly married young woman from the city of Lexington who follows her husband back to his small town, a farming community, and there she struggles with finding her place in her new marriage, and in a new town. The final character is an old curmudgeon named Garnett who is very set in his ways and lives a very ordered life until his new neighbor moves in and brings chaos into his life. As the novel progresses, we learn more of each character's backstory. How they got to be where they are. Of course, in the climax of the novel, each character is met with a challenge that shakes them to their very core. A challenge that causes each character to stop and question who they are, what they are doing with their life, where are they supposed to go from where they currently are, and once they get to where they are supposed to be going, what do they do? As the novel comes to an end, we see that all the character conflicts are resolved. Maybe not necessarily in a way that the characters or the readers envisioned, but the conflicts are resolved and each character has made peace with their life.

As I was reading this novel, and saw each character struggling with life, and the concept they all faced, "Who am I?", as they asked themselves, "What am I doing?", I realized that much like these characters, we will face the similar challenges. We will be met with challenges in our lives that shake us to our very core. Challenges that cause us to question who we are, what are we doing with our lives, where are we supposed to go from where we currently are, and once we get to where we are supposed to be, what are we to do? We will all struggle, it is part of life. We will struggle in our faith when we work and try to make a difference and feel that we aren't actually making any difference at all. We will struggle in our faith when we see acts of hate and violence happen such as the recent school shootings. We will struggle in our faith when we pray to God for answers for help and guidance and we feel that we are being ignored. However, as we face these challenges, as we struggle in our faith, we must remember one very important thing: God is here. When we struggle and we ask ourselves, "Who am I?" The answer is, "I am a child of God." When we wonder where we are to go, what we are to do, we must trust in God as he leads us and guides down the paths of righteousness. We must listen for that still small voice that

speaks to us and tells us what to do, where to go. When we struggle in the face of challenges that shake us up and knock us down, we listen to the words from the Prophet Isaiah that remind us that God is here with us, now and forever. “I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you; do not fear; I will help you. Do not be afraid.” May we all go forth with a renewed sense of who we are as a Child of God, persevering through our challenges, no matter what they are, and remember that through all things, God is with us.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Melissa



On **Wednesday June 1 at 6pm**, the town of Richlands will be having the Senior Parade through town, to honor the high school graduates. Our church will be handing out candy bags to all the seniors. If there is anyone who would like to help, we will be meeting at the church at 4:30pm.



On **Wednesday, June 1**, the senior class members of Young Life will be hosting a Hot Dog Lunch Sale. For \$10 you get: one hot dog, chips, a drink, and one cookie. The senior class members of Young Life will deliver your lunch to you. All proceeds go to support the Richlands Young Life. To place an order the day of the event, please call or text Keisha at 276-202-0953

Prayer Concerns as of May 25, 2022



Family of Judy McGee, Family of RA Cook, Amanda Keen, Art Novak, Bob Moir, Brady Hess, Brenda Lawson, Brenda Williams, Claude Branch, Colton Collins, David Sims, Destiny Coleman, Donna Marie, Dominic Mackey, Dewayne Keen, Elaine Butler, Ellis Conn, Flora Lawson, Global Pandemic Patients, James Lane, Jamie Stanley, Irene & Jeffery Mills, James Church, Jennifer Newberry, Jeff Jesse, Johnny Aven, Jody Fuller, Karen Murphy, Kelli McKean, Kip & Donna Kirby, Linda McGlothlin, Larry Puckett, Lucy Hurley, Madison Hartner, Main Street School, Mozel Cordle, Pam Helbert, Patty Pruett, Rod Moore, Sarah Yates, Sadie Mackey, Sheila Boyd, Sophia Hagy, TCPS, Terry Blacken, Texas School Shooting Victims and Families, Tim Scott, Tom Short, Tony Matney, Ukraine, Unspoken Requests, Wanda Lawson, Woody Church, Zach & Ellie Moore, Zane Settle.

Birthdays in June



2nd- Donna Kirby
8th- Logan Forrest
13- Lyda Goforth
13th- John Hess
18th-Glenna Hagy



Board Meeting

Reminder: The next board meeting is scheduled for **June 12, 2022** following the worship service



Regional Assembly will be on **Saturday, June 4th**, at the University of Lynchburg. Pastor Melissa will be attending. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the church office.

1st annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Festival will be on Saturday **June 4, 2022**, at the



Russell County Government Center, in Lebanon VA. Free Admission! Performances by: Michael Combs, The Whisnants,

Troy Burns Family, The Lore Family, Kevin Spencer, Trae & Whitney, James and Starla Dean, Eddie Street, & Servant's Heart. There will be a food truck and activities for kids!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

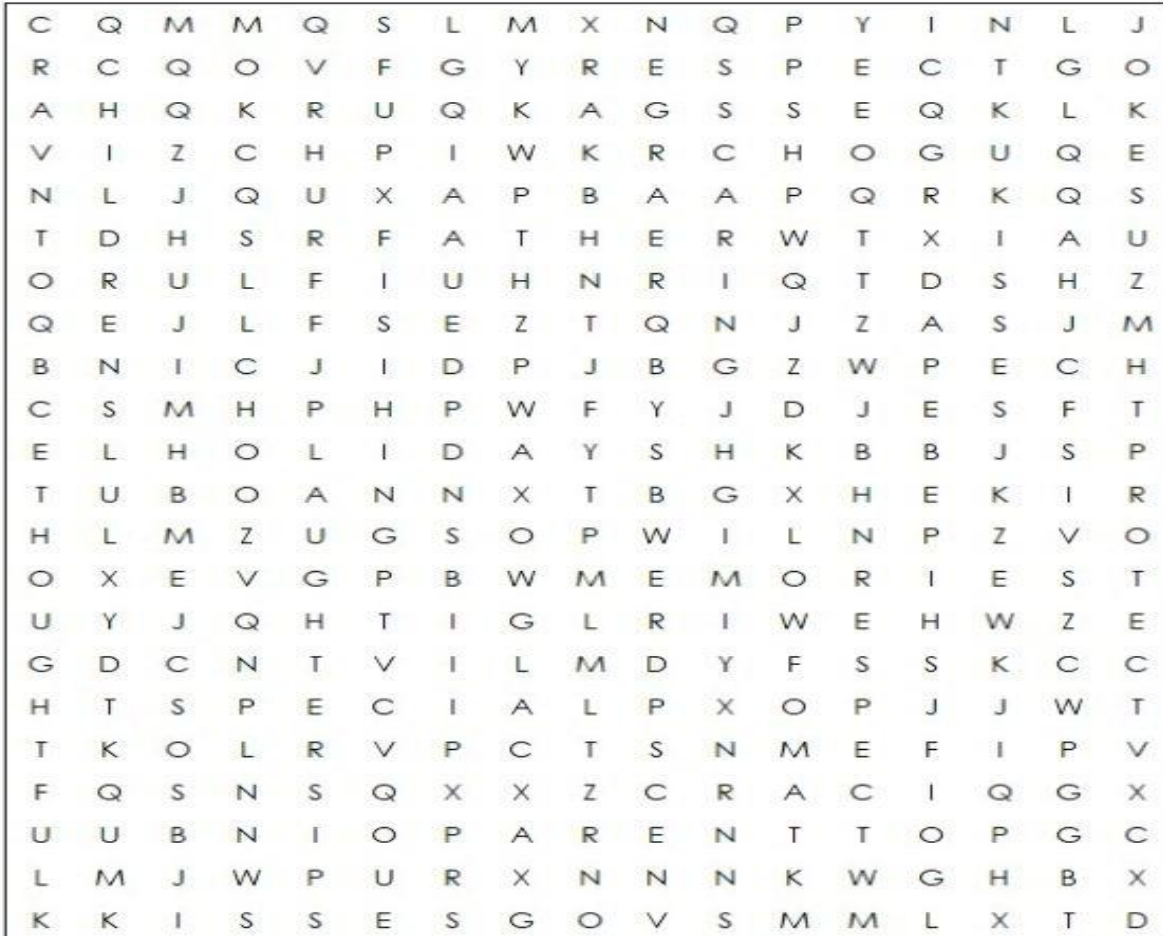
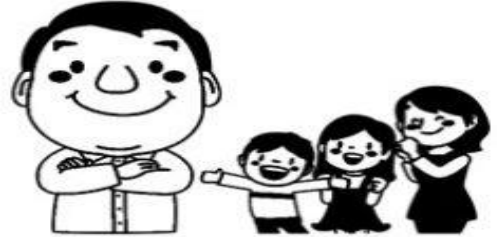
We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on **June 5, 2022**. Please join us as we commemorate the birthday of God's Holy Apostolic Church.

JUST FOR KIDS



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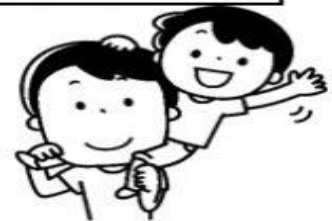
Father's Day Word Search

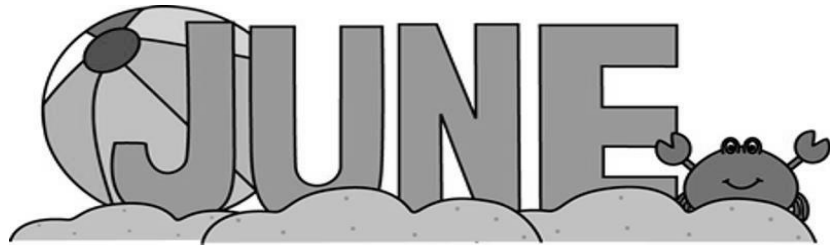


FATHER
FISHING
HOLIDAY
LAUGHTER
SPECIAL

CARING
MEMORIES
CHILDREN
RESPECT
PROTECT

PARENT
RESPECT
KISSES
JOKES
THOUGHTFUL





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i> May 30	<i>Tuesday</i> May 31	<i>Wednesday</i> 1	<i>Thursday</i> 2	<i>Friday</i> 3	<i>Saturday</i> 4
	Memorial Day. Office Closed.		Senior Parade 6pm. Choir Practice 7pm.		National Doughnut Day	Regional Assembly
5 Pentecost Sunday	6 Bible Study at 1pm.	7	8 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	9 Donald Duck Day	10	11
12 Board Meeting	13 Bible Study at 1pm.	14 Flag Day	15 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	16	17	18 National Fishing Day/National Picnic Day
19 Father's Day	20 Bible Study at 1pm.	21	22 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	23	24 Take Your Dog to Work Day	25
26	27 Bible Study at 1pm.	28	29 Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	30 Meteor Day		