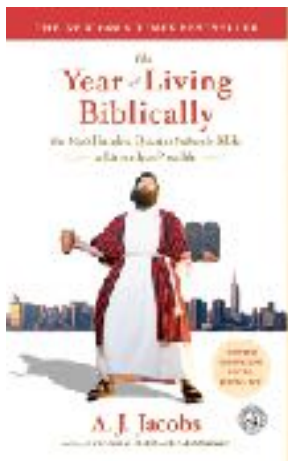




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JUST A THOUGHT...

Rev. Milton Whatley

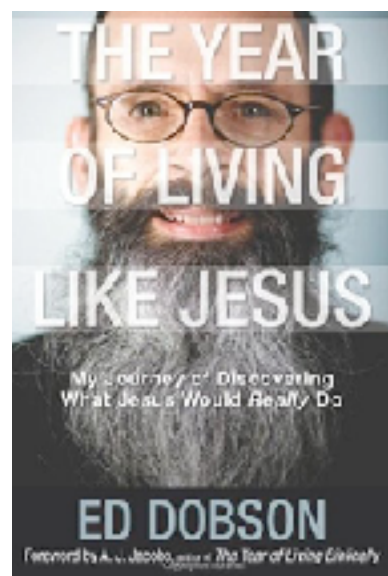


A friend asked me recently if I was going to watch the new television show "Living Biblically". My answer was, "NO!". Hollywood would never (intentionally) support a show that promoted good moral values without giving it a "culturally relevant" spin. Patrick Walsh, the show's producer, has said he is encouraging Americans to "start talking about faith" with the shows creation.

"Living Biblically" is loosely based on the best selling book "A Year of Living Biblically" by A.J. Jacobs. Jacobs, a wonderful writer, has made his career with a type of participatory journalism (a new era George Plimpton). His first book was "The Know it All" where he, over the course of a year, read the Encyclopedia Britannica and how it impacted his daily life. His wife got to the point where she began to fine him a dollar for every useless piece of information he would put into conversation. Jacobs followed as closely as he could the 613 Jewish laws in the Old Testament. It was both reverent and irreverent at times.

A book I am reading now is "The Year of Living Like Jesus" by the late evangelical writer, Ed Dobson. I'm finding it, reflecting on my reading of Jacobs, to be more thoughtful, more heartfelt, and more encouraging to my spirit.

In the after glow of Holy Week and Easter, I believe the challenge is to us to live one day like Jesus. To love like Him, to give like Him, to forgive like Him, to serve like Him, to begin to think like Him. And then the next day to do it again, and again. What better gift to give than full follow-ship every day.



Worship Matters

Pat Jones

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Resurrection Sunday. But right now, at the time this is being written, it is the week before Holy Week. There are so many elements of this season of Lent that are impressive. We plan special worship services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, daily lunches with Lenten devotionals by ministers of several denominations, and then, of course, Easter morning!

If we're not careful, we might tend to think that we are orchestrating all of this.

Nothing could be further from the truth! So, let's clear this up right now.

Worship is God's idea!

"God said He will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth through all the earth. Everywhere you turn, there is a new song, a new spirit of worship and new sound of rejoicing. Something significant is happening. The Holy Spirit is resurrecting living worship among His people, paving the way for the King to visit us in ways we've not known before. He wants to be where we are...in our town, our church, our homes, and in our hearts.

God arranged for us to gather for each of the worship services mentioned above. He did that because He wanted to demonstrate His grace and glory. God didn't design this practice for His benefit. Worship is for our sake, because worship is the atmosphere which welcomes His presence and gives place to His mighty works." (some of these ideas I borrowed from "God with Us" by Don Moen)

So, that means that Sunday morning worship services, as well as any special gatherings to worship, are God's idea, His design, and His heart's desire for us! I don't know about you, but Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and every Sunday, I'm renewed to worship God more deeply, more fervently, and more faithfully. The Body of Christ that gathers at MUMC is evidence of how God is orchestrating worship to glorify Him and Him alone. How wonderful to see all those in worship, especially our younger couples with their beautiful children, living out the verse, "as for me and my house, we will worship the Lord!" Let us be convicted to remember that:

Worship is His idea!

See you at the Grace Place!

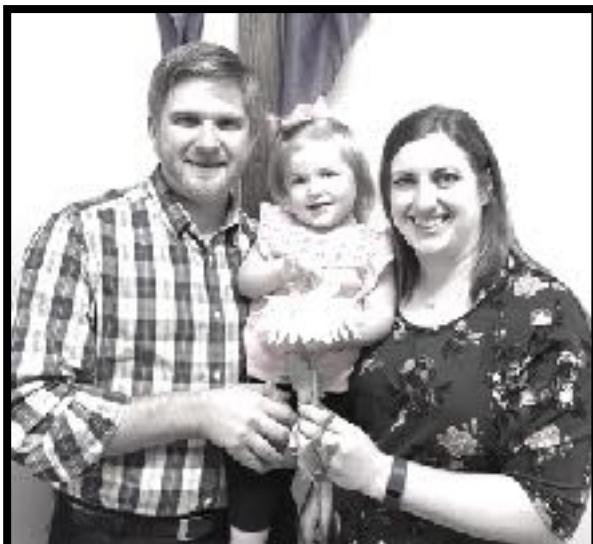
★MUMC SCRAPBOOK★



Bro. Milt led in a time of prayer at the grand opening of Super Save drugs in Meadville on March 6.

COLEMANISM

He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.



Will, Lauren, & Daisy Lott



Artwork provided by Sarah Stebbins



Holy Week Lenten Luncheon



Dear Church family,
We cannot thank you enough for all you have done for us. You have prayed, loved, fed, and shepherded us.

Thanks for praying for our Dad & Paw. Your prayers were felt for months while we were taking care of him.

Again, thanks for the meal and hospitality, flowers and love given to us. It was great to have a place for our family to enjoy a meal and fellowship after the service.

With much love,
Libby & Eddie
Ashley, Mitch, & John Grayson
Preston & Kristen

MUMC,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers. From the bottom of my heart, thank you ladies for the wonderful meal.

Love,
Doris Bankston

From the family of J.W. Priest

Thank you for the lovely flowers in our time of sorrow.

Hilda Rae & family

Thank all of you so very much for all the hospitality and the "oh so delicious" meal that was prepared for us at the time of the passing of our uncle, M.L. Bankston. Thanks again.

Love in Christ,
Lee & Marshalene Gillespie
Janie Lee
Ronnie Hunt
Bo Sullivan
Joey Sullivan

APRIL TABLE BLESSING

O GOD, MAY THE UNITY OF THY PEACE AND INSPIRATION SETTLE UPON US... AS WE GAIN STRENGTH FROM THIS MEAL AND AS WE CELEBRATE LIFE WITH ALL WHO SHARE THEIR WORLD WITH US THIS DAY.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jefferson Street United Methodist presents:

6th Annual **COMMUNITY MARKET**

Saturday, April 7, 2018 7:00am - 3:00pm

511 Jefferson Street, Natchez, Mississippi

Shop old treasures and new or bring your own to sell!

Booth space available. Variety of vendors concessions on site.

For more information call: (601) 807-8705



Anchored Women's Ministry of FBC Women's Conference

"JOY"

featuring Michelle Thomas,
comedian and speaker

First Baptist Church of Bude
Saturday, April 7 at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$10,
available at FBC of Bude.
(Ticket price includes meal.)

*Child care will be provided by FBC Youth for
a donation to help with camp expenses.

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER
IN HONOR OF



SATURDAY
APRIL



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Sunday

9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Morning Worship
 4:00 - Intercessors
 5:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

4:00 - Prison Ministry

Friday

6:00 - Sewing Ministry



APRIL
Twenty eight

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER 8:30A.M. Breakfast 9:30 - Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6 7 10:00 - 4:00 Yard Sale
8 8:30A.M. UMM's Breakfast	9	10 10:00 A.M. Jolly Elders	11	12	13	14
15 12:00 COM Luncheon	16	17 6:00 P.M. Emmaus	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

April 02 Harold Spring
 April 07 Chris Sullivan
 April 08 David Hester
 April 12 Justin McGehee
 April 12 Marc Colson
 April 13 Sonny Dickey
 April 13 Leah Crawford
 April 18 Ken Posey
 April 20 Suzie Abadie

April 20 James Ray
 April 21 Joddie Spring
 April 22 Leslie Jeffus
 April 23 Brett Herring
 April 26 Madelene Carter
 April 26 Ashley Hammock
 April 29 Madge Spring
 April 30 Cody Jeffus

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES!

April 4 Ed & Stephanie McCormick
 April 9 Shelly & Jennifer Cowart
 April 14 Scotty & Lindsay Smith
 April 16 David & Sandy Hester
 April 22 John & Michelle Smith
 April 29 Bo & Beverly Gabbert

Yard Sale for Local Missions

April 7 10:00-4:00

As you are doing your spring cleaning and find things that are old and in the way, consider donating them to MUMC for a church-wide yard sale. You can place donations in room to left as you enter downstairs or in Barbie Fleming's Sunday School room directly across the hall. All monies raised will go toward local missions. Things that go unsold will be donated to either BARL or The Thrift Store in Bude.

Council on Ministries

April 15

Remember that in April we will be having our quarterly COM meeting. Chairpersons of Committees, please have a report ready to share either written or verbal so that we can celebrate the ministry done by your committee or work area over the last quarter. The church office has yet to receive any meeting notes from committees for the meeting book the COM agreed to create at its last meeting.



GOD'S LOVE DISPLAYED

A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - ROMANS 5:8 NIV

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