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HOW IS YOUR GOAL... I MEAN, YOUR "SOUL"?

Jim Taylor passed away on June 27. Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie Taylor and her family.

In Our Prayers

In convalescent care, DeDe Earhart, Kirk Ferguson, Rev. Bob Mayou

For health and support, Lynn Ashworth, Judy Bello, Mary Boon,

Peter Brabant Sr., Eugene Brown, Danielle Casem, Phyllis Chandler,

Tim Clark, Helen Dennington, Terry Edlin, Kimberly Goforth, Judy Graeber,

Bertha Harris, George Holt, Barbara Kent, Kim, Judy Lamers,

Greg and Diana Lueck, William Maxwell, Don Nauss, Bob Nelson,

Amanda Nuchols, Kay Otto, Barbara Pope, Nathaniel Pritchard, Chandra Roberts,

Shukla Sen, Bob Schiffer/Lisa Thomas, Micheline Scoggins, Barbara Singh,

Paul Slagle, Connie Taylor, Sharren Thompson, Claudia Velazquez, Velma Wellborn,

Lynette Williams, Myra Williams, Wilson Family

I love soccer. I grew up with soccer in Korea. When I was a boy, throughout my elementary and middle school years, I really enjoyed playing soccer all day long and every day. Of course, after many years have passed, now, I am just happy to “watch” soccer games.

While the American football is pretty much an exclusive sport within the United States, soccer, on the other hand, is an internationally popular sport. As a matter of fact, it is the world’s most popular sport with 3.5 billion worldwide fans. Interestingly, the word “football” indeed refers to “soccer” in almost all countries around the world, except for the U.S. Yet, now in the U.S., soccer has been gaining its popularity mainly because of the U.S. Women Soccer Team’s recent international victories (Ranking #1).

The summer time is the prime season for

soccer games around the world. If you are one of the many fans of soccer, you might have surprisingly, and overwhelmingly, discovered that at least five huge international soccer tournaments have been going on since May. For example, the 2019 FIFA U-20 (Under 20) World Cup was held in Poland (May/June). As I write my article now, the Euro U-21 is still being held in Italy, along with the FIFA Women’s World Cup in France, the COPA America in Brazil, and the CONCACAF Gold Cup in the U.S.A./Jamaica/Costa Rica. You can google these games, if you’d like to know more details.

While enjoying soccer games on TV, I have gained some spiritual insights. While a soccer game can symbolize



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PASTOR

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a life journey, it reminds us of our mortality because of the time limit. The ultimate goal for the game is, of course, to win by making more goals. Even though the team may have fantastic game plans, amazing strategies, perfectly accurate goal possessions, or excellent shots, if no goal is achieved, they would end up losing. Perhaps they are lucky, or happen to play against a weaker team, which could result in a win, however, without consistent and constant practice, discipline, team spirit, determination, endurance, or hard work, they would not be able to continue to be winners.

In order to keep your physical body in shape and healthy, you would exercise regularly and watch what you eat. It is generally known that maintaining and developing your physical strength will lead you to a healthier, better, and more sound life. You would be caring about your own health concerns at any cost.

However, what about your soul? How is your soul? How do you feed your soul? You are probably taking good care of your health - physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally. What about your spiritual health? How do you cultivate your spiritual life? What is the source of your spiritual nourishment? How do you develop your spiritual discipline? How do you practice the means of grace? How do you connect with God? In what ways, are you trying to imitate Christ? Are you happy and joyful in Christ now? Do you have a truthful spiri-

tual friend who would walk with you in Christ? Do you discover joy from God's Word and by loving and serving other people?

This soccer season will be over soon, but then, another season will come again next year. However, nothing is permanent on this earth. Within our limited time and life, we must engage in an ongoing lifetime spiritual pursuit. I highly recommend that you begin with a small step for your spiritual journey: Sunday Worship. It's your "**Presence**" part in your membership covenant.

It's already July; we are in the middle of the summer. The Choirs are on break, and most Bible Studies are not meeting during the summer. However, we never stop gathering for Sunday Worship. Your spiritual growth begins with your active participation in worship.

The book Overflow, written by Lovett H. Weems, Jr, and Tom Berlin, explains why Sunday Worship is very important. At some point, the authors write: "... **regular weekly worship is not an option if we are to be faithful people of God. For disciples of Jesus Christ, ignoring worship is simply not acceptable from God's perspective**" (p. 17).

Of course, if you are ill, traveling, out of town, or have some other unavoidable reasons, I can totally understand. It's not my position to judge you for your decisions or circumstances. God knows what you are

Photo Directory – Hold the Date



Photography tells your story

Celebrate family across generations

Our family means everything!

A wonderful daughter and son-in-law.
An amazing granddaughter (the joy of our lives).

Why does photography matter to your family?

Photographs are part of our legacy.
We'll treasure this for years to come.

Lifetouch

It has been at least five years since our church last created a photo directory. It's time to do it again! We will be photographing our members this fall from Tuesday, October 22 through Sunday, October 26.

Every family unit who sits for a photograph will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait as well as a copy of the new directory. The photography will be taken in the Fireside Room.

For those computer savvy people, the church will be sending out an email in early August with the location and password to make your own appointment. For those who feel more comfortable signing up in person, we will have a sign-up table after church on September 1, 8, and 15.

Multi-generational families need extra time for photography. If you've got more than one generation sitting for a group photo, please call Lyn Knowles at (951) 737-3541 or Loretta Cudney at (951) 288-2992. They can make sure your session gets scheduled properly. Feel free to invite your grown children to come back to church to sit for a multi-generational photo.

If they want to sit for their own photo, they will also get the free 8 x 10, and they can choose to not have their picture included in the directory.

We are excited to create this new picture directory, and hope we can have everybody's picture in it.

going through and understands your heart. However, as your pastor, I love you, care for your soul, and want you to be happy in your spiritual walk with God.

Sometimes, being absent from Sunday Worship can be a habit, as if missing the service would mean nothing. But, it matters - in terms of building your intimate relationship with God and caring fellowship and accountability with your church family. Your faithfulness to God and to your membership covenant will guide you to an amazing path in your discipleship.

The writer of Hebrews encourages us, **“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching”** (Hebrews 10:23-25).

How is your soul? I would like to invite you back to church for Sunday Worship. Your active presence and sincere heart can make our worship experiences joyful and uplifting. Please join us in praising God by singing together **“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above...”** (UM Hymn #89).

Love and blessings,
Pastor J. T. Kim



Happy August Birthdays!

Addyson Erickson.....	4
Ian George	4
Annie Clark	5
Paloma Clark.....	5
Patti Gardenias.....	5
Cheryl Hanrahan	5
Tim Noble	9
Ruben Renteria	9
Velma Wellborn	13
Michael Noble	15
LuEtta Dodge.....	16
Loretta Cudney.....	17
Cindy Qualtieri.....	17
Yvonne Flagg	18
Peter Brabant II	19
Marcia Bales.....	21
Joan Brown.....	23
James Son.....	26
Sophie Weiss	26
Jean Grout.....	29
Chalmer Tomlinson	29
Lou Santino	30
Rosette Sims	30

Budget DEADLINE

Committee Chairs: Budget Estimates
are Due September 6

Please be thinking about your budget needs for 2020. Turn your estimate in to Becky Ruiz, Office Manager, by phone, e-mail, or stop by the office no later than September 6. The figures need to be prepared for Finance Committee review in September. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men would like to thank everyone who participated in last month's Scholarship Program luncheon. It was a good time for all.

We would also like to thank those who donated their items and funds to our Silent Auction in May. This will help our scholarship recipients in the future.

We are taking a break in July and August for the summer, but will resume our lunch programs starting September 8 at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Have a safe and fun summer!

SING WITH THE ALDERSGATE CHORALE!

Has God blessed you with musical talent? Perhaps you should sing with the Aldersgate Chorale. Our purpose is to serve our Lord and minister to our congregation with sacred song. We sing a variety of styles of sacred music, and welcome singers of all ages. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the choir room. Come and join us!

Please contact me or a choir member if you have any questions.

- Yvonne Flagg, Choir Director



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MAKE IT A HABIT





Church and Society/ Missions will be collecting school supplies during the months of June and July, as the new school year begins in early August. The school supplies will be given to the Salvation Army, Homeless Shelter and low income families.

Needs List

Backpacks - plain with no themes or characters

Pack of colored pencils

24-count box of crayons

Glue sticks

Spiral notebooks, multiple subjects

Ruled notebook paper

#2 pencils

Pocket folders

1-inch binders

Collection boxes will be in the church office and Narthex in June and July. Please call Lisa Laird for further information at 951-276-4490.

A Sincere Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during this difficult time of the passing of my husband, Jim. You have all been such a blessing to me and my family.

-Barbara Jo Wilson

Missions Garden

Please bring your extra fruit, vegies, and herbs to the patio on July 21. Then pick up something to take home. Donations support missions projects. —Church & Society

Prime Day is July 15 & 16

Shop epic deals at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.



JULY 2019 CALENDAR

Handcrafters (Asbury)

9:30 AM

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

25-28 Mission U at Azusa Pacific University

No UMW or Executive Meeting, Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck or Citrus Circle



HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will continue to meet during July and August on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Asbury Room.

If you have any ideas for items that can be made at Handcrafters and sold at the Bazaar please contact Shirley Parks at 951-689-3019.



YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, July 14

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, July 21

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

Sunday, July 28

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in the Youth Center.

5:00 pm—Youth and Young Adult meet in the Youth Center.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Grandparents Camp Begins Camp Wrightwood 1	9:00 am Messenger Volunteers -Mary's Kitchen 6:00 pm UMW Citrus Circle Dinner Out Market Broiler 2	9:30 am Handcrafters -Asbury 3 6:00 pm Sit 'N Sew Quilters- Mary's Kitchen 7:00 pm Bell Duet Rehearsal -Adult Lounge	Happy Independence Day! 4 6:00 pm Fireworks Display-Parking Lot 	5	6
Sr. High Camp Begins 7 8:45 am Adult Sunday School—AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School—YC 9:30 am Rhythm & Music—FH 10:00 am Worship/Communion 11:15 am Church & Society/Missions —Adult Lounge 5:00 pm Youth/Young Adults—YC	6:30 pm Envisioning & Planning -Adult Lounge 8	4:00 pm “The Habit” Fundraiser —Off Campus 9 7:00 pm SPRC-Conference Room	9:30 am Handcrafters —Asbury 10 5:00 pm Family Service Planning -Conference Room 7:00 pm Bell Duet Rehearsal -Mary's Kitchen	7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary 11	12	6:00 pm Agape Young Adult Fellowship-Off Campus 13
Jr. High Camp Begins Salt Lake City Missions Trip 14 8:45 am Adult Sunday School-AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School-YC 9:30 am Rhythm & Music-FH 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults-YC	Salt Lake City Missions Trip 15 7:00 pm Christian Education -Mary's Kitchen	Salt Lake City Missions Trip 16	Salt Lake City Missions Trip 17 9:30 am Handcrafters —Asbury 7:00 pm Bell Duet Rehearsal -Mary's Kitchen	Salt Lake City Missions Trip 18 7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary	Salt Lake City Missions Trip 19	20
Elementary Camps Begin 21 8:45 am Adult Sunday School-AL 9:15 am Youth Sunday School-YC 9:30 am Rhythm & Music-FH 10:00 am Worship/Family Service 11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio 5:00 pm Youth & Young Adults—YC	6:30 pm Envisioning & Planning -Adult Lounge 22	23	9:30 am Handcrafters —Asbury 24 7:00 pm Bell Duet Rehearsal —Mary's Kitchen	7:00 pm The Response Rehearsal —Sanctuary 25	26	Hunger Ministry 27
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