



The Weekly Connection

MAY 3-9, 2024

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH:

Our Scripture lessons during this time of the Easter season are about God's love and His command to us to love in the same way. If we will pursue this with a passion, I am convinced that many people will come to know Jesus personally and surrender their lives to Him. I think of **John 13:34-35**, "*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*" It is a matter of our words matching our actions and how we live. We are, in a sense, a walking testimony of what we truly believe. It is just like they say that "actions speak louder than words." We'll learn more about this "command of love" this Sunday as we unpack our lesson in **John 15:9-17**, so that we can reach Clever for Jesus and bear fruit...fruit that will last. Let us remain in the love of Christ, abiding in Him, and living out His joy within us. – **Pastor Charles**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Discussion-based learning with Pastors Charles and Jennifer. We begin a two-week look at the video program "**I am ☩**" from *Voice of the Martyrs*. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and learning at **9AM!**

THIS SUNDAY (5/5): We will celebrate **Holy Communion** during the 10AM service and join together for our monthly **Pot-Luck Lunch** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SATURDAY (5/11): Men's Breakfast: Start cooking at 8AM – Fellowship Hall. Food provided.

NEXT SUNDAY (5/12): Mother's Day recognition during worship.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (5/19): Pastors Charles & Jennifer will be attending Jennifer's graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. **Billy Thomas will be our guest speaker.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): The Clever Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a community Vacation Bible School **June 10-14 (6:00-8:30PM)** at the Christian Church (Carpenter St). *We'll need volunteers!*

MAY BIRTHDAYS: 18th Carol Handsaker.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Family of Nina Ellingson (Carol Handsaker)

UNSPOKEN REQUESTS: "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people*" (1 Timothy 2:1).

FIGHTING CANCER: Mike Bell, Suzi Cernelison, Frankie Flood, June Hobbs, Bob Woods, Bill Wright.

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS: Wilma Cowan, Lonnie & Cheryl Harless, Tom Rantz, Dale and Sue Stafford, Jerry Thomas, Rafe & Christine Thomas, Patty Tracy.

OTHERS: Mayor Scott Hackworth – Clever City Council, Police Chief Jeff Lofton, Superintendent Brian Breeden and Clever Schools, Fire, first responders, and medical personnel, Pastors Charles & Jennifer, FM Bishops: Keith Cowart, Kenny Martin, and Kay Kolde, Gateway Conference Superintendent Ben Tolly, FMC Ozark Church Alliance, Men's Ministry International, Israel - Palestine/Hamas/Iran, Immigration crisis.

CHURCH - COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR:

SUNDAY: BIBLE STUDY: 9 AM – **WORSHIP:** 10 AM.

THE LITTLE CHURCH BAND: Music Ministry: Practice Wednesdays 4:00 PM (Sanctuary).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, **May 11**, Cook at 8AM. Eat at 8:30. Food provided. Please, come!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: **Tuesdays; 1:00PM (CST).** Free Methodist “*Men’s Ministry International*” on-line “Zoom” fellowship with prayer and devotional. Meeting ID: 5625448236 – Passcode: 8236.

SCOUT TROOP #173: Fellowship Hall: **Cub Scouts:** Mondays; 6PM; **Boy Scouts:** Tuesdays, 7PM

CLEVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Monthly meetings. **May 9, 11:30 am.** Fellowship Hall

CLEVER HS FISHING TEAM: Thursday, **May 30;** 6:30PM – Fellowship Hall. Visitors welcome!

MISSIONS and BENEVOLENT Ministries: Local, regional and world support for organizations and individuals: Free Methodist World Missions; “Least of These” Food Pantry (Ozark); Pregnancy Resource Center (Republic); Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks; Tony & Trica Wood (ministry in a closed country).

Blessings to all our “Connection” contributors!

***Please note:** Prayer requests will be posted for 2 weeks, unless otherwise requested. Fighting cancer and chronic need will stay posted. If you have prayer requests, please contact Pastors Charles and Jennifer by *calling, texting, or emailing* at **417-771-0806** or **CleverFMC@Outlook.com**.



OUR MISSION: *“To Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples”*



Love God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

(Matthew 22:37-38 NIV)



Love People

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

(Matthew 22:39-40 NIV)



Make Disciples

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

(Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)