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Noah's Ark: Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark!

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Happy
Mother's
Day!

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Pastor Bonnie

Last week I met with a group of clergy, laity, police, and community leaders in Mountainair to discuss what we could do this summer to provide a positive influence and healthy opportunities for youth who will soon be out of school. I was greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and generosity in the room! But on the same day we met, the media played nearly non-stop images of the rioting, looting, and bloodshed in Baltimore. The irony of that concurrence has been rolling around in my brain for days.

The Bible says that God created humankind in His image, with the power to make rational choices. Our choices can bring joy and our choices can bring devastation – not only to ourselves, but to our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. Humankind has the **power to choose** ... but Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit of the tree of which God said “Don’t!” People in Baltimore (and now across the nation) are choosing to riot. People in positions of authority have chosen to abuse their power. Terrorists everywhere are choosing death over life. In my mind’s eye, I can see God sitting on His throne in heaven, weeping over these choices. And yet... He continues to allow us to choose!

It’s time for us to exercise better choices! We are called to bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self control. God dignified us with free will. We don’t have to rely on fate or animal instinct. Here is what the Bible teaches:

- God created humankind in his own image. (Genesis 1:26) We, like God, have the capacity to display such qualities as love and justice. We have the free will to do it!
- Instead of forcing us to do what he says, God encourages us to “choose life . . . by listening to [God’s] voice,” choosing to obey his commands. (Deuteronomy 30:19, 20). Let’s choose life and obey them!
- God promises peace, “Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. (Ps 119:165) Let’s choose peace!
- Our success or failure is not determined by fate. If we want to succeed, we have to choose it and work for it. “The plans of the diligent surely make for advantage.” (Proverbs 21:5). Let’s plan to be successful!
- Free will is a precious gift from God, for it lets us love him with our “whole heart”—not because we HAVE TO, but because we choose to. (Matthew 22:37). Let’s choose LOVE and not hate!

One of my daily devotionals recently included the following:

“Because of Calvary, I’m free to choose. And so...

I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace. I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience. I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I’ll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness. I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness. I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness. Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control. I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.”

~ *When God Whispers Your Name*

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Mountainair UMC Book Study

Mountainair UMC members are studying **Killing Jesus**, by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard on Sundays after Worship on days when we DON’T have other meeting commitments: May 3, 24 & 31. We start at 12:15 and meet for about an hour. Bring a snack and come join us! The ‘Study’ will run as many weeks as the conversation continues. Estancia folks & friends are welcome to join us!



It’s time for **Summer Camp!**

Estancia UMC Scholarship money has been allocated, but space is still available...

More info and registration forms are available at the Sacramento Methodist Assembly Website: <http://>



Wednesday Family Night

4:30-6:30 in Fellowship Hall

Come get dinner & Join the Fun!

We’re looking forward to playing some games, getting outside, and seeing some MOVIES – Come Join Us!

Bible Video!

Food!

Minute-to-Win-it!

Bring your Friends!

A Memorial Day Salute:



"It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back.

All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear.

There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a Special Forces beret and jungle fatigues with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and helping to carry the dead aboard. Maggie had been visiting her Special Forces (SF) 'heroes' out 'west'.

We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku.

As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a USAF Captain said to Martha.... "Ms Raye, with all these dead and wounded to process, there won't be time for your show!"

To our surprise, she pulled on her right collar and said "Captain, see this eagle? I'm a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this is a 'Caduceus'; which means I am a Nurse with a surgical specialty. Now, take me to your wounded!"

He said, "Yes ma'am.... follow me." Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would cover a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break.



Martha Raye is the only woman buried in the Special Forces cemetery at Fort Bragg.

Martha, we thank you for your service!

Pencil it in!

- June 21 – Car show at Edgewood WaMart benefitting Bethel Storehouse
- Watch for this summer’s dates for Worship in the Park! We hope to meet outdoors 3 times this year, once in June, July & August.



52 Messages of Hope! Pastor Bonnie is preaching a series this year on HOPE. Every Sunday we hear about another reason for us, as Christians, to be hope-full! Following is a *very brief synopsis* of Hopeful Messages presented in April.

4/5/15	<p>Scripture tells us that early in the morning on the third day after his crucifixion, some women went to Jesus’ tomb to anoint his body. There hadn’t been time to properly prepare his body for burial on the day he died. Jewish custom required that he be placed in the tomb before sunset. They went to the tomb expecting to find death... what they found instead was a miracle!</p>	<p>And this is the reason for our Hope - Christ, the Lord, is Risen; and I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!</p>
4/19/15	<p>The first Disciples had trouble understanding, accepting, and <i>believing</i> that Jesus had actually risen from the dead. They were stuck in a sort of <i>Dark Saturday</i>, hiding behind locked doors.</p> <p>We also can get stuck in an attitude of <i>Dark Saturday</i>... a lonely wandering place between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This world can be a hard ‘<i>Dark Saturday</i>’ sort of place to live. Fear, anger, misery, illness, loss, despair, rage, and terror threaten to undo us at every turn. <i>We want to scream, “Where is the joy of Sunday?!”</i></p> <p>But Luke tells us that Jesus appeared to them and “opened their minds to understand the scriptures” saying, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.” And they turned around (<i>literally repented.</i>) Their unbelief was forgiven! And they became witnesses of the reality of Jesus’ resurrection to the whole world!</p>	<p>And this is the reason for our Hope: When we fear. When doubt or anger threaten to undo us, we know we can go to the Lord. We can confess our doubts and know <i>we have already been forgiven</i>. Christ paid the price for our sins long ago. When we forgive and experience forgiveness, we know that Christ IS ALIVE and we are free to REJOICE in His resurrection. All believers, like the first Disciples, are witnesses to these things, Hallelujah!</p>
4/19/15	<p>Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd” and “I am the gate for the sheep.” Most of us are familiar with the concept of Jesus as our Good Shepherd, the giver of all good gifts, the shepherd we read about in Psalm 23 who restores our souls; but how many of us have thought about Jesus as the sheep <i>gate</i>?</p> <p>In ancient days, frequently the shepherd himself would lie down across the opening of the sheep pen at night, physically protecting the sheep, preventing their wandering outside the safe place in which he had gathered them. With the shepherd’s body serving as a physical ‘gate’ to the corral, the sheep could rest easy. This ritual was repeated hundreds or even thousands of times during the life of the sheep as they came in and went back out to pasture.</p> <p>Think of that pattern as an analogy for life. Like sheep, we regularly come in and go out. We are in constant flow between our search for familiarity and predictability and at the same time seeking newness, excitement, and a break from our routines, says Rev. R. Fouquay, author of <u>The God We Can Know</u>.</p>	<p>And this is the reason for our Hope: We are Jesus’ sheep! He is the gate who physically protects us with His own body, who guards us and watches over our coming in and going out. With Him at our door, we can rest easy knowing He is with us.</p>

2015 Annual Conference Offerings and Hands-On Mission Project

See the flyer on the Conference website for full details –

<http://www.nmconfum.com/Conference-Services-Boards/Annual-Conference-2015/>

Remember the Mission Mountain we built last year for Houchen Community Center? This year, Four Special Giving Opportunities are being offered – and both financial contributions and donations of physical goods are solicited:

1. **Congo Ministries** – needs Financial support for Mulungwishi Seminary Scholarships, Primary and Secondary School Scholarships, Nutrition and Medical Care, and Water Wells
2. **McCurdy Ministries** – needs Scholarship Funds, a ‘Mountain of Supplies’ (VIM & Maintenance), and Camp Stars Supplies

Camp Stars combines the best of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education with the best of vacation bible school. This year they are using the Cokesbury “G Force” VBS program. Camp Stars includes breakfast and lunch at no cost and runs from 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday for six weeks starting June 8. Please note 82% of the students participating in the program qualify for free or reduced lunch and receive financial aid to help defray the cost of tuition. A \$55 donation covers the cost of one week of Camp Stars tuition for a student in need. Supplies needed for Camp Stars are:

Construction paper packages – various colors
Clipboards, Child scissors
Regular Teacher Scissors
Three Hole Punch, Badge Holders
Glue Sticks, Elmer’s Glue
1 Case / 10 reams of 8.5X11 white copy paper
Boxes of Magic Markers
Boxes of 24 count crayons
Walmart Gift Cards for misc. items
6 Classroom First Aid Kits
Meter rulers
Tempra Paint (2 of red, blue, green, yellow, white)
Jumbo size paper clips
8 ½ x 11 manila folders

Boxes of colored pencils
25 student rulers
5 rolls of brown craft paper
Scotch tape, Post it notes of various sizes
100 ct. Craft popsicle sticks
Q-tip packages, 2” Binders
Bins (for storage of classroom materials)
Skeins of yarn (various colors)
Sets of paintbrushes, Water color sets
Boxes of gallon, quart & snack size Ziploc bags
Basketballs, Soccer balls
“Four Square” balls
Colored pocket folders
Jump ropes, Hula hoops

3. **Grace Meal @ First UMC ABQ** – needs Financial Contributions to support the Grace Meal Monday Feeding Program for the homeless.
4. **4days4others @ Zia UMC Santa Fe** – is offering a ‘Hands On’ Mission Partnership the Tuesday prior to Annual Conference (in Santa Fe with Habitat for Humanity.) Contact Pastor Bonnie for registration details.

For financial contributions, please make checks payable to The New Mexico Annual Conference of the UMC and not the ministry. Note the specific ministry you wish to support in the memo section of the check. For Congo donations please note the amount for each area of outreach. For example, write in the memo section Congo \$300 for primary school scholarships or \$1500 for water well.

Mother's Day Poem

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
Like the precious bond that comes from
God, to a mother, when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

Mark Your Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sacramento Early Bird Camp Registrations are Due	2 Bethel Storehouse celebrates 28 years!
3 Children's Sabbath in Estancia 12:15- Mt. Air Book Study (<i>Killing Jesus</i>) 2pm- Ad Council, Estancia Altar Color – White or Gold	4 <input type="checkbox"/> 6pm Pastor's Bible Study ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 6:15 Estancia Town Hall Mtg.	5 11am Mt Air City Planning	6 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 Family Night in Estancia	7	8	9
10  Happy <i>Mother's</i> Day Altar Color – White or Gold	11 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, ABQ	12	13 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 Faith@Work Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 Prayer meeting @ the Moore's (303 N Walker) <input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 Family Night in Estancia	14	15 6pm Emmaus Community Gathering, in Estancia !	16 8am UMM Breakfast in Estancia
17 Noon-Potluck & Ad Council, Mt. Air Altar Color – White or Gold	18 6pm Pastor's Bible Study, ABQ	19 3pm Promised Land / Road- runner Food Bank, MtAir	20 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> NO FAMILY NIGHT	21 11- ABQ Ministerial Alliance Luncheon – Grace Church	22 11 Sabbath House Board Mtg-ABQ School's Out for Summer!	23
24 Pentecost – Wear Red ! 12:15- Mt. Air Book Study (<i>Killing Jesus</i>) Altar Color – Red	25  Memorial Day – Hug a Veteran!	26	27 7am Pastor's Breakfast, ABQ <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 Prayer meeting @ the Moore's (303 N. Walker) <input type="checkbox"/> 6pm GAME NIGHT in Estancia!	28	29	30
31 12:15- Mt. Air Book Study (<i>Killing Jesus</i>) Last Day for Annual Conference Mission Mountain Donations! Altar Color – Green	June 1	June 2	June 3 <i>Annual Conference in Glorieta June 3-5. Contact your delegates for more information: Elaine Darnell & Wanda Giovento.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 6pm MOVIE NIGHT in Estancia!	June 4	June 5	June 6



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May Quiz of the Month
For the under age 40 crowd ONLY...
Can you tell me what the tincture in this photo is used for? First caller (271-0486) with the correct answer gets recognition in next month's newsletter!

Someone left a message on my voicemail, correctly identifying the article in this picture as Maybelline mascara. Unfortunately, I couldn't understand the NAME of the Caller...



Way to go, Caller (whoever you are)!

How to identify a stroke victim and save life

1. *Ask the individual to SMILE.

Look for facial weakness, especially on one side.

2. *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

Watch for both arms to remain at the same height

3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE

clearly such as: "It is sunny out today." This sentence has sharp sounds so listen carefully for slurring.

If he or she has trouble with any of these 3 tasks, call for an ambulance immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE clearly such as: "It is sunny out today." That sentence has plenty of sharp sounds so listen carefully for slurring.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours, which is tough.

That neurologist's statement may not be true in all cases but time is critical in all cases. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster.

The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions: 1. *Ask the individual to SMILE. Look for facial weakness, especially on one side.