

Penick's Pastoral Pondering

Spring is bursting out all over. You can see it everywhere- flowers are in bloom, trees have leaves, farmers are in the fields, the sound of lawn mowers is heard in the land, birds are building nests, and a teen boy and girl walk along holding hands.

But the time between winter and spring has been like an arm wrestling contest where one moment winter has the advantage and the next minute spring has it. However, there is one think I know for sure SPRING IS GOING TO WIN!

Our Creator God has put order into His creation. We can count on the seasons to follow in the same order each year. What an impossible world it would be if one year fall came after spring and just skipped summer! Think what that would do to farmers. They would lose a crop, food would be scarce, some would lose their vacation time, and school would resume right after it had been dismissed for the summer.

Stop to think for a moment about how much of our life here in Kentucky is dependent upon the orderliness of the seasons: farming, school terms, vacations, athletic seasons, county fairs, picnics, just to name a few.

I am so glad our God made an orderly universe and when he had finished, it could be said, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31a)

I am thankful that our God gave us a beautiful and orderly universe in which to live. He has made us stewards of this universe and I hope we don't fail that stewardship through pollution, greed, and war. GOD HOLDS US ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOW WE TREAT HIS CREATION!

Enjoying spring,
Bro. John

The Operation Christmas Child collection items for May are small dolls and stuffed animals, yo-yos, and jump ropes.

A Reminder:

Don't forget to contact Margaret Ray or Stuart Underwood by June 1 if you want to go to the Cincinnati Reds-Chicago Cubs game on July 10. The game begins at 12:35 PM.



High School:

Chance Bender
Taylor Edwards
Ben Estes
Blake Henderson
Joe Johnson
Tyler Phillips
Rachel Spangler
Hagan Wilson
Aimee Yocum

College:

Kristen Carrier (*Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology*)
Jake Johnson (*Chase Law School, Northern KY University*)
Rachel Morris (*University of Tennessee-Martin*)
Jessica Upchurch (*University of the Cumberland*)

CONGRATULTIONS to all of our graduates! We are very proud of each one of you and pray that you will allow God to direct your paths as you begin a new phase of life.



Asher Hawkins Johnson

Born: Monday, May 12
10 lb. 5 oz. 22 in. long

Congratulations to parents Tiffany & Jeremy Johnson, big brother Micah, grandparents Susan & Bill Johnson, great-grandparents Christine & Royce Killen, and uncles Jake & Joel

Another Look at Kentucky Authors

In addition to the books by Ann Gabhart you can find more books in the Jim Long library by Kentucky authors. Two of those authors live in Lincoln County. The Power of a Mother's Prayer by D. Ralph Young, a member of Stanford Baptist Church, allows you to travel while sitting in your own living room. The library has both the first and second edition of the book. As you read Grounded by Angela Correll you will be able to connect with Lincoln County and surrounding areas.

Several writers have connections to interim pastors that have served at Stanford Baptist. This Too Shall Pass written by Jenny Sisk, wife of Dr. Ted Sisk, tells about her experience as a caregiver for an Alzheimer patient. Trespassers Will Be Baptized by Elizabeth Emerson (Emmie) Hancock, daughter of Bro. Greg and Sharon, is a must read for those of you who remember her as a little girl. From the Farm to the Pulpit by W. B. Casey tells of his life. He was interim pastor at Stanford Baptist in 1983 and served as pastor, interim pastor, and revival speaker in several surrounding churches.

Family Field Day and The Road Less Graveled were both written by Jarrod Stephens, who grew up on a tobacco farm in Eastern Kentucky and at the time the book was published was an elementary teacher in Eastern Kentucky. On the Other Side of Oddville is written by Dwight A. Moody, who according to the biographical sketch in the book, was creator and founding director of the Meetinghouse at Georgetown College. The library also has five books written by Reverend Ralph W. Beiting who founded the Christian Appalachian Project and seven books written by Jan Watson who lives in Lexington.

A member of the library committee, Candice Hodges, Sara Lynn Cave, Brenda Wilson, and Bettye Long, will be happy to assist you in finding one or more of the books.

Meetings This Week

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 18 @ 4:00 PM

XYZ Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 AM
Lincoln County Extension Office
(Meeting moved due to Election Day)

Church Business Meeting
Wednesday, May 21

Musically Speaking
Stuart Underwood, Minister of Music

Thanks to Becky and Laura Lee for their beautiful offertory of Pachelbel's "Canon in D with "seek Ye First" last Sunday. It was good to have Becky back from R & R in Hilton Head.

This Sunday morning we will be honoring our high school and college graduates during the morning worship service. If you know of a graduate let Kevin know ASAP so that we do not miss anyone. The Handbells will be playing the offertory and the Adult Choir will be singing "Well Done My Child".

During the evening worship we will be having our 20th Annual Music Recognition. During this service our Preschool Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Girl's Ensemble, Handbells. and Adult Choir will be performing their favorite music from the past year. Be sure to be here and enjoy this annual service of music. Immediately after the service we will go to the CLC for the "Build Your Favorite Sundae" social. Don't miss either of these services!

Have a great week!
Stuart

Piano Recital

The Piano Studio of Becky Stogsdill will present their Spring Recital this Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Several of her students are SBC members. They include: Chance Bender, Logan Godbey, Miranda Goens, Tara Hoskins, Dusty Johnson, Taylor Spoonamore, Michaela Tracy and Grayson Yaden. The public is invited to attend.

From the Mailbox:

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
We want to thank you so much for your many prayers and card you sent while John was so ill. God bless you all for this.
John is healed from his surgery but he is fighting yet another battle with a different cancer in his bladder. He has had the procedure done and as soon as infection is cleared up will start treatments for this. We have a mighty God we serve and into His hands we place all these things at His feet and look forward to healing in the name of Jesus. We love you.

In Christ,
John & Martha Dean

Table with 2 columns: Roles (Door Greeter, Deacon Greeters, WOW, Van Driver, Nursery Workers, Deacons of the Week) and Names (Phil Smith, Ward Hart, Bob Rankin, & Joseph Hafley, etc.).

Table with 2 columns: PRAYER LIST and Names (Donna Abney's husband, Jack Upchurch, Laura Lee Wesley, Bobby & Martha Wilkinson, etc.).

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Recognition Day

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
Message by Bro. John Penick
"Daniel's Grade on Life 101: A+" (Daniel 1:3-8,18-20)



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