

As adults, one thing we are often encouraged to do is to "think outside the box." This admonition is a recognition that we have limited the power of our imagination to the so-called 'real world.' Our ability to conceive solutions to life's problems, especially those we deem intractable, is bound by either what has been, what is, and/or some combination of the two.



Imagination invites us to conceive of something new, and play invites us to create and enter that world.

Sadly, this tendency to limit the role of imagination and play in the adult world also affects our ability to understand what God is doing and the life God is inviting us to enter.

In both the Old and New Testaments, God speaks to us of something new that is coming and invites us to participate (play?) in that world in our present lives.

Consider these words from Isaiah:
Do not consider the former things or consider things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
[Isaiah 43:18-19]

Or hear these words from Peter:
But in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home." [2 Peter 3:13]

In Revelation 21, God opens before John a vision of the new heaven and new earth — a future where *the home of God is among mortals, where God will wipe every tear from [our] eyes.*

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more for the first things have passed away. God tells John, See, I am making all things new. [Revelation 21:1-5]

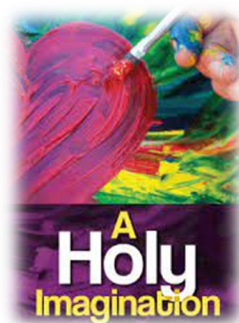
It is this new creation that is being created and that is coming that John is to proclaim among the persecuted churches as a way of encouraging them to be faithful and not succumb to the fear of Rome or to be enticed by the world Rome promises. John was to go back and enflame the imagination of these churches with God's vision of the world and to invite them to come and play in God's world. To hear every morning, this question from God, "Will you play with me?"

God is thinking way outside the box.

In Mark 10 Jesus is engaged some 'serious' discussion with Pharisees and the Disciples about some weighty adult matters. In the middle of those discussions, some children come to play with Jesus—okay Mark says people brought them for Jesus to bless them. The Disciples were annoyed that their adult conversations were being interrupted by the presence of children.

But Jesus is having none of their annoyance and says to them, *Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.*"
[Mark 10:13-15]

Maybe we have gotten too involved in weighty adult conversations so that we cannot hear the voice of God inviting us to engage in the joy of playfully participating in God vision of a new world. Can we hear God's call, "Will you play with me?"



The Carillon

Week of July 23, 2023



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One of the benefits of having extended time with our grandchildren this summer has been getting back in touch with the power of imagination in the life of a child. I have rediscovered the ability of children to create worlds out of almost anything. And the worlds they create don't disappear when they go to bed at night. The next morning they are ready re-enter the world(s) of their imagination.

The neat thing about a child's imagination, is not only that it can keep them busy for hours on end, but they invite us to join them in that imaginary world. They are eager for us to get down on the floor and join them in the conversations and movements of the world they are creating.

Every morning for the past week, the first question I have heard every morning is, "Grandpa, will you come play with me?" With that question, Franklin is asking me to enter his world, to join him in creating a new story filled with trash trucks, air planes, fire trucks, etc., all combined in ways that the adult mind would never think of putting them together.



And whenever I try to impose some of my adult order on things, I get met with, "No, Grandpa! That's not the way it supposed to go!" And he reorders the play as he envisions it.

Somewhere along the line, I have come to realize, I have lost way too much of my childhood ability to play and imagine worlds beyond the one I live in every day. Far too often problem solving becomes the extent of my use of the imagination; trying to fix something rather than being open to the possibility of something utterly new.



July 23

Camera– Ruth Holladay

Sound– Lindsey Harris

July 30

Camera– Addie Brownell

Sound– Tim Vanderhoof



SCRIPTURE READERS

July 23

Sandy Hoover

July 30

Addie Brownell



Monday, July 24

9:00 a.m. - Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, July 25

9:30 a.m. - Al Anon Group

10:00 a.m. - WMU

1:30 p.m. - Al Anon Group

1:30 p.m. - Disciple Study - Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 26

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Study - In person/Zoom

Monday, July 31

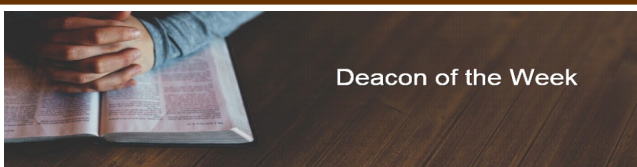
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July 23rd
Libby Reynolds

July 26th
Gene Morris
Patricia Palmer-Edwards

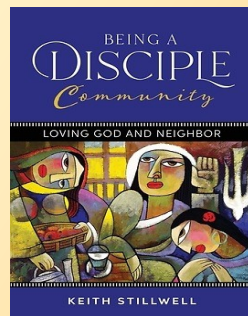
July 28th
Diana Flemister



Deacon of the Week

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Summer Study Series Continues

Our study of Keith Stiwell's book, Being A Disciple Community continues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays at 1:30 on Facebook®, Jim provides an overview and commentary on each chapter. On Wednesday evenings we engage in conversation around the tables on the subject for the week.

This Week's Theme: Care



Sunday July 30th

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After Morning Worship Service



SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship on Facebook®

YouTube®,

& lyndonbaptist.org

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.

Midweek Service on Facebook® & YouTube®





**SHOEBOXES FOR APPALACHIA
COLLECTION LIST**

Shoeboxes for Appalachia Collection Begins!

It is time to start collecting items for the Shoeboxes for Appalachia, distributed through Scarlette Jasper and Olive Branch Ministries. We will be preparing 100 boxes again this year, providing Christmas gifts to children and their families in one of the areas of our nation with high rates of persistent poverty. Each year we have an opportunity to provide joy and pleasure to children who might otherwise receive few other gifts at Christmas. Please take a few moments as you shop to purchase items to fill the boxes. It brings such great pleasure to be a part of this Shoebox ministry, reaching families with the love of Christ in a way that has great impact on their lives.

As you shop, also pray. Pray for the families who will receive these gifts. Pray for the school personnel who provide services to these families throughout the year. Pray for Scarlette and her army of volunteers that make this project possible. Pray that God will open your eyes and heart to respond to these needs and the needs of people around you.

Laurice Rogers

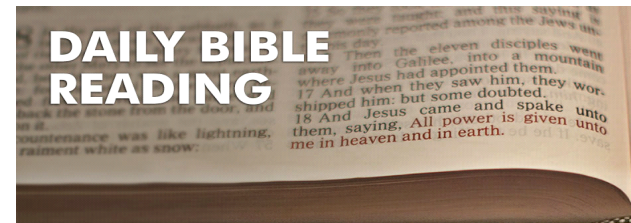
JULY AND AUGUST LIST

Blue and Black Ink Pens -	Needed 200
Pencils -	Needed 200
Washable Markers - 10 Count - Broad Line -	Needed 50
Washable Markers - 10 count - Fine Line -	Needed 50
Glue Sticks -	Needed 50
Socks - Youth Boys and Girls -	Needed 50
Socks - Adult Men and Women -	Needed 50
Pocket Sized Daily Planners -	Needed 15
Pocket Sized Journals -	Needed 25

PRAYER GUIDE

July 23, 2023

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday – Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1 – 13; Revelation 14:12 – 20

Tuesday – Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1 – 13; Galatians 4:21 – 5:1

Wednesday – Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1 – 13; Matthew 12:15 – 21

Thursday – Psalm 119:129 – 136; I Kings 1:28 – 37; I Corinthians 4:14 – 20

Friday – Psalm 119:129 – 136; I Kings 1:38 – 48; Acts 7:44 – 53

Saturday – Psalm 119:129 – 136; I Kings 2:1 – 4; Matthew 12:38 – 42

Sunday – Psalm 119:129 – 136; I Kings 3:5 – 12; Romans 8:26 – 39; Matthew 13:32 – 33, 44 – 52



PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Pray that new believers will grow in faith and reach out to family and friends.

Pray for house church leaders as they travel and minister in difficult circumstances.

Pray that water filter distributions will provide opportunities to share the good news.

Pray for the hearts of believers across West Java to be stirred to boldness to share the love and grace they have received.

Pray for God to pour out His Spirit on the Sundanese.

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Rylan Applegate

Grandson of Steve and Ann
Sturdevant

Liz Aulino

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Kyp Bellinger

Family of Jim and Ruth
Holladay

John Biesel

Father of Lindsay Harris

Nellie Bolin

Friend of Jack and Laurice
Rogers

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Paul Christiansen

Family of Madge Garwood and
Merri McDonald

Billy Compton

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Alex Delano

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Ann Dillard

Friend of Gary & Victoria Hicks

Kiersten Farris

Family of Jack and Laurice
Rogers

Erin Ford

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Randall Ford

Family of Marty Hamilton

Ronald Furguson

Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore

Friend of Derek Harris

Nelson Gruppe

Cousin of Diana Flemister

Jim Harmon

Friend of Marty Hamilton

Ray Hicks

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Dr. Milton Horne

Brother of Raeburn Horne

Emily Janowik and Family

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Deb Jennings and Jordan Hahn

Family of Sandy Hahn

Sara Beth Lowe

Friend of Derek and Lindsey
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Eliza Moffett

Family of Madge Garwood and
Merri Mc Donald

Family of Yamileth Morgan

Sister of Errol Morgan

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon Wood

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria
Hicks

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Gladys Smith

Family of Addie Brownell

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

Sean Stearman

Grandson of Jan Raper

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Friend of Lindsey Harris

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Friend of Lindsey Harris

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Family of Tim and Dora
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