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Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce the new dates for the **Bible Lands Tour**. We delayed the tour until 2023 due to Covid concerns in the past year. The tour will now happen from June 16 to July 1, 2023.

The Bible Lands Tour offers an extraordinary journey through the “cradle of Christianity” in Turkey and all the major Biblical sites in Israel. We will see spectacular ancient ruins and spiritually inspiring locations, where you will walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the apostles. We will also see amazing natural wonders, plus some of the most famous Islamic sites in the world. I will be leading the tour, providing an overview and spiritual context in each place, while we will have local guides explaining the specifics of each location. The full tour is described in detail in a brochure that is available at the church and that can also be viewed in digital form through our web site at www.kentmethodist.org.

We managed to get the cost of the tour \$300 *lower* that it was priced last year. The cost is \$5,596 per person, which includes nearly everything – the flights to and from Istanbul and Tel Aviv, flights within Turkey, all transportation within Turkey and Israel, entrance fees and guides, first class hotels in every place, and breakfast and dinner each day. Travelers will cover their own lunch costs, plus souvenirs!

People always wonder about safety when it comes to traveling to the Holy Land. I have been to Israel twice – in 1979 and in 1994 (also to Turkey that year) – and people were always worried about safety, because we always hear about unrest in that part of the world. But when was the last time you heard about tourists there being harmed? The fact is that travel in Israel and Turkey is extremely safe, undoubtedly safer than walking through some U.S. cities. There are two key reasons for this. First, many of the people living in tourist destinations are making their livelihood from tourism; they all are highly motivated to ensure that tourists stay safe! Secondly, the tour operators are very skilled at knowing exactly what is going on in each area. They avoid any potential trouble spots. I felt safer in Jerusalem than in many other places I’ve been.

The timing of the tour was selected because it is ideal for multiple reasons. In terms of calendar, it avoids the regular school sessions of KSU and area public schools. In terms of climate, it is a delightful time of the year in Turkey and Israel, with mostly sunny skies and moderate temperatures. Late June temperatures in Istanbul and Jerusalem are generally in the 60s for lows and 80s for highs. Some locations are warmer, such as Antalya on the southern Turkish coast, where June highs are in the 90s, but there you can also swim in the Mediterranean! The warmer season will be appreciated by anyone who does the optional sunrise balloon flight in Cappadocia; temperature at lift off will be around 50 (wear layers). The tour will extend across my final days as the pastor of the Kent church. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 11. The tour departs the following Friday (June 16) and returns on Saturday, July 1. The new pastor’s first Sunday in the pulpit will be the next day, July 2.

The brochure contains full information about registering for the tour. Please be in touch with me if you have any questions.

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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The time has come to start again. Fall Sports seasons have begun to practice, school shopping has begun and many of the traditions associated with the fall are beginning. Our youth group is also starting back up as well.

We **WILL** be having a confirmation class this year! Youth group will restart with a more normal format on Sunday, September 11. We are planning a Fifth Quarter party, the return of our annual Halloween party, a 30 hour famine, and much, much more. Be looking for a "Welcome Back" letter with all the details in the mail soon, and let get ready to GOOOOO!

AUGUST ACOLYTES

AUG 7	Savannah Phillips
AUG 14	Aiden Phillips
AUG 21	Allison Hinkle
AUG 28	Tyler Hymes

Shalom,

Rick <>

Attention all third graders and their parents

As you enter the third grade this year, your church would like to present you with a very special gift -- your very own Bible. The Bible is one of the most wonderful gifts that the church can give, because it contains God's message of salvation!

Bible Presentation Sunday will be August 21. During the early part of the 10:30 a.m. service, third graders and their parents will be called to the front of the sanctuary to receive Bibles. Parents are involved in the Bible presentation, because this is a way of recognizing the important role that parents play in enabling children to attend church.

Of course, the Bible only becomes really valuable when we use it. To this end, we have some powerful helps for third graders learning to use their Bible. First of all, our Sunday School enables children to really learn the Bible, how to use it, and how to apply its message to our lives. Secondly, we have a Bible mentor program. Each third grader is paired with an adult who will be his or her Bible mentor throughout the school year. Mentors guide third graders through a variety of activities that help them to enjoy, appreciate, and become familiar with their Bible. To begin the mentor experience, we invite all third graders, their parents, and mentors to a luncheon in the parlor on Bible Presentation Sunday (August 21) at 11:40 AM. We will explain the Bible mentors program, and children and mentors will have an opportunity to get started together. The gathering will take place immediately following the 10:30 service.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School department is in need of teachers and caregivers for both the 9:30 and 10:30 worship hours. If you'd be willing to help your church by either teaching Sunday school on a rotating basis or serve as a child care giver please contact Rick Stout in the office.

Goodyear Band Concert

The Goodyear Band will perform its annual summer concert in our church on Monday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Come for an enjoyable hour-long concert, followed by refreshments in Pierson Hall.

Confirmation News

One of the most important parts of the life of the church is Confirmation. For seventh (and sometimes eighth, ninth or tenth) graders, Confirmation provides an opportunity to really think about what it means to be a Christian, and it leads up to the Service of Confirmation, when young people "confirm" or "say yes" to the Christian faith.

Our Confirmation program is a combination of classroom experiences, where we focus on major elements of Christian faith, and local mission trips -- where we put Christian faith into action. Our Confirmation Class generally gathers once a month on a Saturday. We have a class session at the church in the morning, followed by an afternoon trip.

Confirmation begins with a CONFIRMATION LUNCHEON, immediately following worship on Sunday, August 28. This is for all students grades seven and beyond who have not been confirmed, and their parents and families. You are invited to a light lunch, after which Rick Stout and Dave Palmer will explain the Confirmation program in detail. We should be finished by about 1:15 PM. It is very important that everyone planning to be a part of Confirmation be present for this luncheon. This is what will "bring you on board" with our Confirmation program. To register for Confirmation and for the August 28 luncheon, please contact Rick Stout at the Church office

Disciple Bible Study

Time is running out to sign up for Disciple Bible Study! Disciple I, which takes participants through the entire Bible across 34 weeks, is starting on August 8, meeting on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00. (The orientation on August 8 starts at 8:00 p.m.) Disciple III, for people who have previously completed Disciple I, will meet on Wednesday nights, starting August 31. It provides an in-depth journey through the prophets and the letters of Paul. Sign up for Disciple I or Disciple III through our web site, or on the sign-up sheets in the church atrium.

Book Published

A new book by Dr. Palmer will be coming out in August entitled, *Rightly Reading the Good Book*. It deals with how to rightly understand the many parts of the Bible – a critical subject in these days when the Bible is so often distorted and abused! Dr. Palmer encapsulates in this book the key principles that he has taught for many years in Disciple Bible Study. Copies will be available at the church for \$15 each, or online through Amazon. All proceeds support our church missions.

Dr. Palmer also has a book in process dealing with the issue of abortion. All previous titles are also available at the church or through Amazon.



Interns being sought

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on a combination of youth ministry and Christian education.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better yet, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in these opportunity please contact me via, my cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office 330-673-5879 x12 to learn more about this exciting program.



Trash-n-Treasure Sale: A Mission Market

Thur., Aug 25	6 - 8 pm
Fri., Aug 26	9 - 3 open to all
Sat., Aug 27	9 - 1

- We need help knowing how to price items. If you are a thrift shopper, could you help us decide how to price?
- Also, we would like to try to sell some things on the local internet sites like Kent Buy Sell and Trade. This even could be done from your home if we send you photos
- Accept donations during designated hours
- Pick up large item donations
- Work during the sale: cashier, runner, department aid
- Clean-up, help deliver left over items after sale
- Sponsor a designated department with a friend:
 - Handle only the items in that department
 - Organize, price and help during sale
 - Determine your own volunteer time schedule

Date		
Wed. Aug 10	Table set up 9- 11 am	Donation collection noon - 4
Thur. Aug 11	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Sat. Aug 13	Donation collection 9 - noon	
Mon - Thurs. Aug 15-18	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Sat. Aug 20	Donation collection 9 - noon	
Mon. Aug 22	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Tues - Thur. Aug 23 - 25	Pricing 9 - 3	
Sat. Aug 27	Clean up / Tear down 1:30 - 4:00	
??? call Carol Pozuc: 330-571-5741		
Volunteers can choose to work whatever shifts or partial shifts that fit their schedule		
Clothes will be located in the air-conditioned gym! Books, Games, Crafts and Holiday will share room 200 and the children's choir room and have access to air conditioning as well!!!! Kitchen items will be in Pierson Hall (air conditioned)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please donate with dignity: items should be clean and gently used. • We do not accept Tube TVs, cribs or car seats 		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	3	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/Parlor	5	6
7 Summer Schedule	8 7 pm Goodyear Concert Band/Sanctuary 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 8 pm Root Beer Floats/PH	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 7 pm Leadership Comm./Conference Room	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Comm/Conference Room	12	13
14 Summer Schedule	15 Office Closed 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 6 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Music Committee/Conference Room	19	20
21 Summer Schedule	22 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Comm/Conference Room	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	26	27
28 Summer Schedule	29 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	30	31			
Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Sunday School—Preschool–6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall						

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
August 7	2
August 14	3
August 21	4
August 28	5

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x14 or email Cara at caradesko@kentmethodist.org.

**Our sympathies to:**

- Family and friends of Carolyn Plaskonka
- Family and Friends of Terrie Sargi
- Family and Friends of Carl Crawford
- Family and Friends of Joan Brubaker

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Karen Anderson, Jess Bennett, Morgan Closs

**10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE**

AUG 7	TBA
AUG 14	Andrew Alderson
AUG 21	Eric Wertz
AUG 28	Andrew Alderson

Pave the Way

Our parking lot project was completed in July, but funding is still needed! We had to borrow against some other church funds in order to complete the project before our very active fall schedule begins. The parking lot was in dire need of renovation and could not have survived intact through the winter. The project involved milling the entire lot – grinding down the deteriorated surface – and resurfacing the lot with two inches of fresh asphalt. The project also included replacing deteriorated concrete sidewalk areas around the building. The replaced sections dated to the original construction of the building in the 1960's and early 1970's. You can help with this project by marking your contribution "pave the way."

AUGUST LAY READERS

AUG 7	Janeen Phillips
AUG 14	Dottie Emerick
AUG 21	Pat Baldwin
AUG 28	Janet Sessions

Thank You Note

Thanks to everyone for your expressions of concern and prayers during Morgan's recent illness.

It is a comfort to worship with such a caring Church family. We appreciate the beautiful flowers from the Church service delivered by Mavis Palmer from Janus Circle.

Thanks again,
Morgan and Gail Closs



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Mailed August 4

*The Goodyear Band will perform its annual summer concert in
our Sanctuary on Monday, August 8 at 7:00 PM!*

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
August 7	"Listening for God"	I Samuel 3:1-10; John 16:13	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
August 14	"The Man Who Wrestled with God"	Genesis 32:3-12, 22-31	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
August 21	"In the Light of God's Future"	II Kings 19:1-16; Hebrews 11:1-3, 9-16	Dr. David Palmer	Bible Presentations
August 28	"True Freedom"	Judges 17:1-6, 21:13-21; Galatians 5:1	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Luncheon, <i>New Spirit</i>



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