

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JULY 2023

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Shhh!!! Be very quiet I am going to let you in on a little secret. Each month our Communication Director approaches many of us with the same request, newsletter articles. My response is the same each month, "I am boycotting the newsletter!" He then gives me the look that reminds me that I will never get a moment of peace until he has the article in his email inbox. So, Brennan, this one is for you.

Years ago, the office supply company Staples came up with a marketing campaign called the "Easy Button". What a unique concept you just push a button, and everything becomes easy. Now Staples and their easy button wants you, their customers, to contact them for every one of your needs, and by contacting them life becomes easy.



I think many of us would love to have such a button for our lives. Press the Easy Button and financial worries go away. Press the Easy Button and all health issues are resolved. Press the Easy Button and you have a perfect family who always gets along. Press the Easy Button and all your doubts and fears are resolved, and life becomes "easy".

Many Christians falsely believe that because they have faith, life is easy street, filled with beautiful meadows, cute puppies, and kittens. This is very far from the truth in our relationships with God. Our relationship with God is a partnership where God invites us to allow Him to help guide us in this life. *Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* (Matthew 11:29-30.)

The implication is that if we yoke ourselves to the Savior, we have Him to labor with us at our sides. When yoked together, the two must go in the same direction and be united in their efforts. What a marvelous analogy, that we should go in the same direction as the Savior! Going in His direction, we will learn His ways.

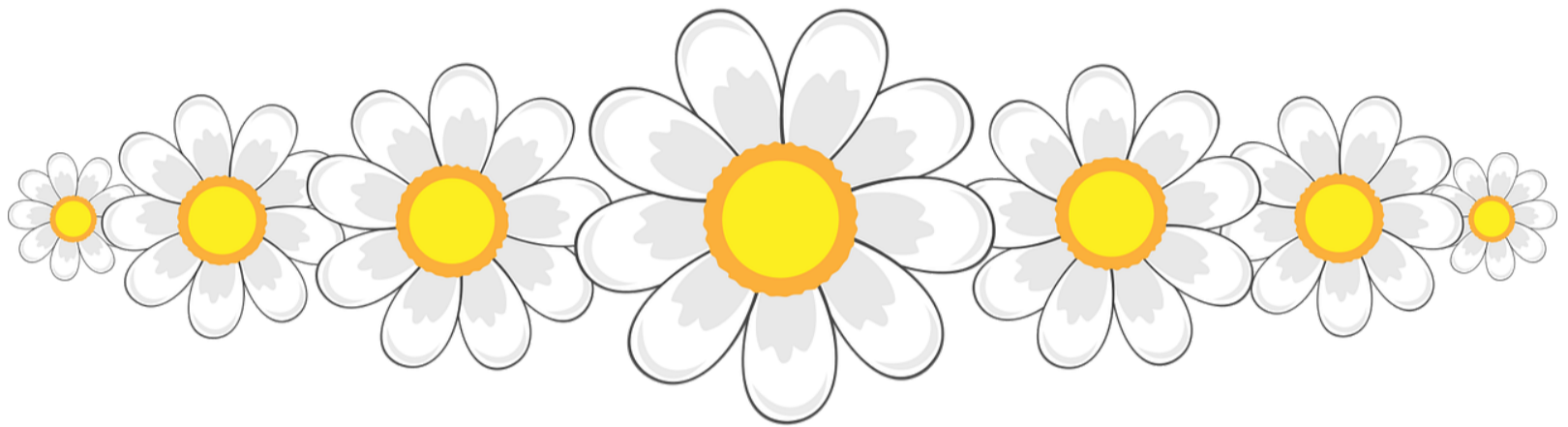
We all have witnessed the struggles of our nation, churches, family life, and there is no point in rehashing the past. I say that we all search for the Easy Button that comes in being yoked with Christ. We all can say that the troubles of past years are not going away anytime soon, and the woes of life are going to occur regardless. But how great it would be to recognize that we are not journeying alone. There are going to be difficult times, but those times will be easier to handle when we walk in unison with Christ.

Go ahead – you know you want to.... push that button!

Pastor Terry

Second Wednesday Dinner

July Second Wednesday Dinner will be a carry in dinner! Please bring your favorite dish or desert and join the nurture committee on July 12th. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm.



Movie Night

Movie night will be Friday, July 28th at 6:00 pm! Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Come wearing your comfy clothes, bring your blankets, your favorite chair and anything you need to make this movie night great for you!

Join us for a fun and easy night!

July Hint: "On a quest, the right way isn't always the easy one"
See you at the movies,

- Kirbie & Wryn

NOW

NOW Summer Lunches are in full swing! If you would like to sign up to serve lunches, please use the link: <https://signup.com/go/FKwWPoW>

Our Back to School Shopping Day is August 5th, beginning at 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer please use the link here: <https://forms.gle/skYYpB42J4bQvLmJA>

On July 22nd, NOW will be hosting a volunteer day! We will be working in the NOW space getting ready for the back to school shopping day! Join us at 9:00 am for a day of volunteering! We will provide lunch!

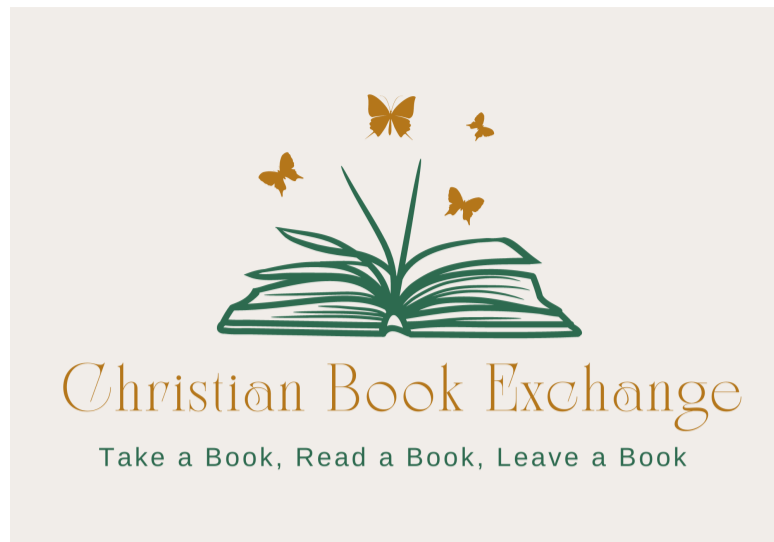
If you have any questions, please call Kirbie!

SPY



SPY will meet on Thursday, July 20, at 6:00 pm!

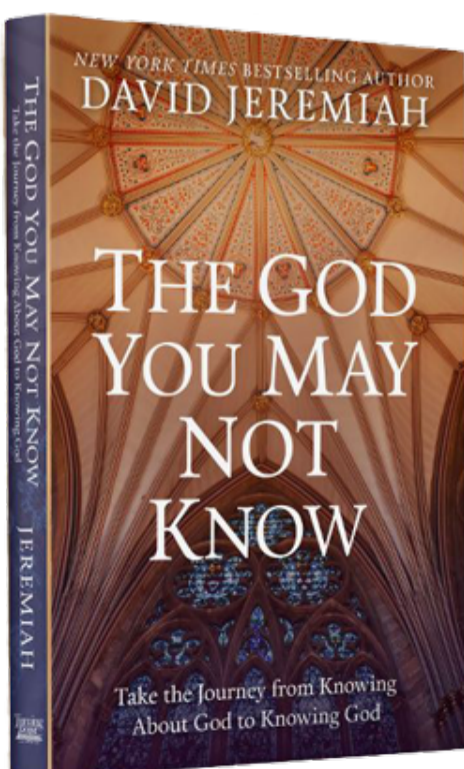
Christian Book Exchange



Calling all readers! Did you know that we have a Christian Book Exchange in the narthex? Currently located at the welcome center, if you have a Christian book that you enjoyed and want to share, drop it off. If you are in search of your next book, take one home. Older books will be periodically removed/donated and new ones added, so check back often and see what gems you can find.

July Featured Book: *The God You May Not Know*

Take the Journey From Knowing About God to Knowing God. You've trusted God with your eternal life, but do you trust Him with your tomorrow? Even if you grew up in Sunday school, the truths you learned as a child will not carry you through life in a world that



unravels more each day. This may surprise you, but nothing is more critical to your personal needs right now than to know God fully. He is the greatest answer to life's questions and the source of all truth. If you would like to experience His presence—His peace—His limitless power, take an intimate journey into the heart and mind of God the Father and God the Son with Dr. David Jeremiah.

July Birthdays

7/1 Jeanette Berty, Pam Cooper
7/3 Dave Freeland,
Jeremy Markello,
Sheri McGahey
7/4 Whitney Robinson
7/5 Roy Schlosser
7/6 Kellen Fuller
7/7 Hunter Murrell
7/10 Ruth Boatman
7/11 Tricia Anderson
7/14 Izabella Hays
7/16 Brandon Harmon
7/19 Monroe Nethery,
Roxanne Boatman
7/20 Barbara Ross, Kollin Ramos
7/21 Lou Bonnell, Sandy Anderson
7/24 Annika List, Mikayla Hardiman
7/25 Cash Veteto
7/26 Jack Wright
7/27 William Damron, Linda Null
7/29 Chris Freeland, Audra Bell
7/31 Jay Anderson, Ben Ackman

July Anniversaries

7/4 Jack & Nina Davis
Libbi & Dan Fearday
7/6 Jay & Alice Holtzhouser
Valerie & Brian Weck
7/7 Gary & Janelle Oxford
7/15 Jeff & Sherri Murrell
7/17 David & Sheri McGahey
7/21 Rich & Leavone Johnson

Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; Lisa Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Jennifer Newlin; Bernie Limper; Melinda Wehrle; Mandy Harris; Cindy Weger; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Ruth Fiscus; Rhea Hayden; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey; Ninette Faith; Lou Bonnell; Claudette Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers; Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy; Paula Aydt, Connie Calvert; Randy Butcher; Marnie Inboden; Stephen Ministers; Care Receivers; Dorothy Fasig; Doug Finkbiner; Clem Aydt; Annette Leighty; Spencer Meagher; Craig Waggoner; Tom Price; Brenda Graham; Allen Stucker; KJ Reid, Tricia Anderson; Jon Anderson; Alex Townsend; Brad Harris; Andy Limper; Karen Villalobos; Dason Douglas, Dorris Ballard; Lora Simmons; Mary Etta Whitmer; Joy Anderson; Rhonda Moade; Barbara Bell; Jocelyn Ramsey; Leth and Jeff Stanford; Dorthy Youngs & Family; Mary Correll; Becky & Donna Beabout; Family of Arlene Bowman; Beth Rynke; Roger Hamilton

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 am - Unbinding the Gospel 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Deep Dive	3 4:00 pm - Happy Hour Gardening Club	4 OFFICE CLOSED 10:45 am - NOW Summer Lunches	5 10:45 am - NOW Summer Lunches 5:00 pm - Foundation Meeting	6 10:45 am - NOW Summer Lunches	7	8
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