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FAITH AT FOREST

Seed number three, "Prayer, down and dirty." In the book of Genesis, chapter 32, we are told the story of transformation of a man named Jacob. Now Jacob was a man who would lie, cheat, and steal in order to get whatever it was he wanted. He took advantage of his brother Esau, buying Esau's birthright for a bowl of soup. Jacob tricked his father Issac into giving him the blessing which should have gone to the older Esau.

With Esau breathing out threats of murder, Jacob has to leave home. He goes to live with his uncle Laban. Jacob, still being Jacob, continues to lie, cheat, and steal in order to get what he wants. In a little over fourteen years Jacob has worn out his welcome with uncle Laban. He is faced with returning where he will have to face brother Esau. Jacob has become quite wealthy at his uncle Laban's expense. So he sends several gifts ahead of himself hopefully to soften the heart of Esau.

Having now sent his gifts, his wives and children ahead, Jacob must now face Esau the next day. That night he is filled with dread and fear. All of those awful "What if's" are going through his mind. In the dark of night a man appeared, the Lord, and Jacob engaged in the battle of his life. They wrestled until almost daybreak, the man commanded Jacob to release him. Jacob refused saying, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The Lord put his hip out of joint, changed his name from Jacob to Israel, and truly blessed him.

The name Israel means, "One who strives with God." Which describes and defines prayer for me. Jacob lost but in losing he won. Which also defines a powerful prayer life.

I want us to pray like Jacob until our names are changed to Israel.

Grace,
Harrell

Recess Continues through November 18

Only two more weeks of the Fall Session of Recess remain. **We will end this season with a Thanksgiving dinner – bring a dish or 2 to share, turkey and dressing will be provided.** Remember, you can “jump” into Recess at 10am with Bible Study on the Gospel of John and join in again for supper at 5pm followed by a time of singing and “Time with Harrell” as we continue our survey of the New Testament. If you are joining us for supper, please make or cancel your reservation by noon on Monday of each week, Cost \$6.50/adult and \$2.50 for children under 12.

2015 Turkey Bake So far we have 19 baked turkeys promised for our Turkey Bake delivery on November 24. You still have time to bake a turkey for this annual Thanksgiving outreach ministry. Let us know that you will be bringing a baked turkey by signing the Turkey Bake sheet on the Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.

A Big Thank You: Many thanks to all who prepared food for the New Member Welcome Lunch and the Madison North Mission Sector of the Tennessee River Conference Church gathering. Your gracious hospitality and delicious food was indeed a blessing for all who attended.

Advent Study Awaiting the Already An Advent Journey Through the Gospels

When: Wednesday, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16

Where: Resource Room(2nd floor main bldg.) – Time: 10:00am

Books are available in church office, Cost: \$7

Please read the introduction and Chapter 1 for Nov. 25.

Toys and Gifts for Senior Adults

Mavis Johnson & Robert Carlton will be delivering new toys and gifts for senior adults who participate in Reelfoot Rural Ministries Christmas Toy Store. This store provides a place for folk with limited income to purchase new toys at reasonable prices for their children and senior adults with very limited incomes can receive new items at the Store as well. Please bring new toys in their original wrapping and boxes of Kleenex, socks, lotion and gloves to the church by Tuesday, December 1st. Our gifts will be delivered just in time for the Christmas Store that week. If you would like to go to Reelfoot contact Robert Carlton or Mavis Johnson

Happy Birthday this Month to:

Betty Nanney	Nov. 1	Tim Belton	Nov. 9	Tim Burgher	Nov. 19
Samantha Weed	Nov. 8	Nancy Williams	Nov. 9	Tony Johnson	Nov. 20
Lily Curtin	Nov. 8	Polk Waynick	Nov. 18	Janice Nation	Nov. 26

Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

Lynn & Tim Burgher – Nov. 8

Fa-la-la-la-la

All hands needed to help set-up the Christmas Tree and other arrangements as we move into the Advent and Christmas Season.

When: Monday, November 23rd – 9:30am