

THE HERALD

LISTENING TO GOD'S HEART FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY



The Pastor's Pen

Lessons Learned

I believe that it may surprise some of you, probably not, that I was a little bit of a rambunctious young man. During the formative years my older brothers and I set out on a path to drive our parents, ummm crazy. Often our misguided shenanigans would result in lessons being learned, on our part, not theirs. Over the years my mother had several "Lessons Learned" opportunities for me to experience her years of wisdom. These are a few things that my mother taught me.

My mother taught me about WEATHER: "It looks like a tornado swept through your room leaving destruction in its wake."

My mother taught me about IRONY; "Keep laughing boy and I will give you something to cry about." Amazingly my father used this same line quite often.

My mother taught me about FORESIGHT: “Make sure you always wear clean underwear in case you are ever in an accident.” My reply; “If I am ever in an accident I won’t have clean underwear very long.” I refer you back to IRONY for her response.

My mother taught me about RELIGION: One day my brother and I wear using potato chips and Kool-Aid acting out communion, when our Kool-Aid man chalice was knocked over on the new white carpet. She instructed us on the power of prayer, “You better pray that this stain comes out!”

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: “Stop acting like your father!”

My mother taught me about simple LOGIC: From her decisive words, “Because I said so, that’s why.” I have used these same words on my own children.

My mother taught me about STAMINA: “Yes, I know that it is hot outside we do live in the Midwest, now get back outside and mow that grass”

My mother taught me so many great things during the years that she was with me. I learned how to cook, clean, sew, iron, respect my wife and family, and be the man that she knew I had hiding in me. The final lesson learned from Mom is one that I carry with me every day of my life. Love the Lord God your Father with all of your heart, mind, body and soul.

Happy Heavenly Mother’s Day Mom, “Lessons Learned”

Pastor Terry



ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025!



**SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH
THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH**

**Dinner at 5:00 pm
VBS Program at 6:00 pm**

**End of VBS Pool Party Friday, June 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
at the Pelican Cove Aquatic Center at the Robinson City Park**

FREE! ALL AGES WELCOME - INCLUDING ADULTS!

Sign up at www.robinsonfumc.org/vbs

Bake Sale!

The 3rd through 5th grade Sunday School Class will be having a bake sale on Sunday, May 18th before and after worship service! The money raised will go to a yet-to-be-announced charity! Bring an empty stomach and a full wallet!

Second Wednesday Dinner

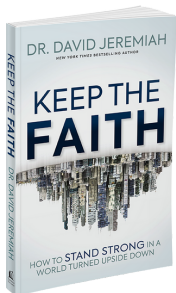
This month's second Wednesday dinner will be held on May 14th at 5:30 PM. The Nurture team will be serving a full meal salad bar with all the toppings! We will be raising money for the VBS meals that are served every evening. Please sign up to let them know how much food to prepare. Come join us for some fellowship and food!

Church Chums

The Nurture team will be hosting a Church Chum end-of-season pizza party on May 18th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, immediately following Sunday School. This will be a fun time when you get to meet your Church Chum, play games and share lunch with them!

If you enjoyed being a Church Chum, please consider signing up again in the fall! Please RSVP to Jennifer Boatman, 618-843-0908. If you have questions and need more information about the party or the Church Chum program, please contact Jennifer Boatman.

Christian Book Exchange



Greetings from the Book Exchange! Located next to the elevator in the narthex, our May highlight is **Keep The Faith**.

In this book, Dr. David Jeremiah offers biblically-based keys to keeping your faith steadfast, even when difficult times have left you feeling vulnerable. Whether it's common daily struggles that chip away at your confidence in God or an unexpected event that turns your world upside down, God will hold you up and care for you with His everlasting love. By remaining steadfast in your faith, He imparts to you grace, perseverance, and fortitude.

Care News from Stephen Ministry

So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Oooooops! Did you miss National Compliment Day? It was way back on January 24, and you and the rest of the country will have to wait until January 24, 2026 to acknowledge the next one. Hmmmm, here's a thought..... Perhaps we should make everyday a compliment day.

"There's emotional reciprocity involved with giving compliments. Seeing someone else happy, especially when you were the one who made them happy, in turn makes you happy. It's one of the simplest ways to boost someone else's mood as well as your own." -Hannah Owens, LMS

You may compliment someone for a variety of reasons: creativity, positivity, intelligence, resourcefulness, personal traits, accomplishments, personal relationships, and appearance. You may compliment your romantic interest..... hint... hint. You may compliment the person as a whole. Be genuine and sincere. You will make someone's day, and you'll feel pretty good yourself.

Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. Ephesians 4:29

If you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford. (618 553-9598). Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian Care.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 GARY OXFORD JR
HENRY TREADWAY
5/10 GARRETT GRAHAM,
SUSAN SILLS
5/11 LEAH HARBISON
5/12 JOHN SCHMIDLIN
5/14 AVERY DEDOMING,
JAY STEINMAN,
DEANNA WATSON
5/15 RON VEENSTRA
5/17 BEN MCDONALD
5/19 AMY DEDOMING,
FLOYD BRINKMAN
5/23 MARY CORRELL,
SUE ROALES
5/25 JOE HARTKE
5/26 KEITH CARTER,
LYNN MCCORD,
VINCENT BOATMAN
5/27 WESLEY EMKEN
5/28 JENNIFER BOATMAN
5/29 DAVID FOOTE

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/25 BOB & BARBARA BELL
5/29 GARRETT &
BRENDA GRAHAM
ROBERT &
BREANN QUICK
5/31 ERNIE & SUE ROALES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Holley; Hazel
DeDoming; Dottie Collar;
Luke Campbell; Letha
Stanford; Bonnie Smith;
Nancy Conrad; Rick
Garrard; Larry Quick;
Michelle Hall; Leah Parker;
Pat Campbell; Mary Kindt;
Doreen Elmore; Mike
Brady; Brenna Aydt; Les
Thurston; Jeffery Roche;
Mary Jane Parker; The
Mueller Family; Madison
Tracy; Rip York and Family;
Brian Frost; Brad Salhani;
Carolene Chapman; Debbie
Goff; The Morarity Family;
Phyllis Merritt; Cole &
Maddie Myer; Shelby
Kirchoff; Gary & Gayla
Templeman; Brody
Keesling; Emily Midgett;
Brent Owen; Donna
Beabout; Joe Ferris; Ivy Lee
Murray; Tonya Hornback;
Cora Childers; Ron Legg;
Trevor Seed; Allison & Kate
White; Sandy Anderson;
Mike Tracy; Kent Tracy;
Larry Bonnell; Stacy Baize

*To add or remove someone to the Prayer List,
please contact the church office.*

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging	2	3 9:00 am • Laundry Day
4 Native American Sunday 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School 	5 6:00 pm • <i>The Chosen</i> Study 	6	7	8 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging	9	10
11 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School 	12 6:00 pm • <i>The Chosen</i> Study	13	14 5:30 pm • Second Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm • Stephen Ministry	15 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging	16	17
18 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School & Bake Sale	19 6:00 pm • <i>The Chosen</i> Study • SPRC Meeting	20 5:00 pm • Nurture Team Meeting	21 11:30 am • Circle of Love 6:00 pm • Committee Meetings 7:00 pm • Church Council Meeting	22 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • SPY	23	24
25 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm • <i>The Chosen</i> Study 	27	28 6:00 pm • Stephen Ministry	29 9:00 am • CHEW	30 4:00 pm • NOW Summer Lunch Bagging	31

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