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<u>Pastor's Epistle August 2021 – Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah</u> The Heart Reflects the Real Person - Jealousy

In our May and June Newsletter editions, we discussed some take-home lessons from our Spring Pastor's Bible Study. But in the July edition, I shared my own personal Psalm with you, and I encouraged you to write yours. For this August edition of the Newsletter, we will continue with one of the take-home lessons from the Spring Pastor's Bible Study – Jealousy starts from the heart: the case of King Saul.

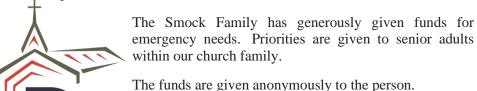
We noted in our earlier newsletter editions that it is of essence that we always take care of our hearts because God knows the heart and God looks at the heart. Consequently, we must constantly keep our hearts checked through the word of God, through prayer, through fellowship, and through counseling to make sure that our hearts yields, through our actions/reactions, who we really are and who we want to be. However, in this month's edition, we will talk about a specific sin that pollutes the heart, jealousy, and how we must get rid of it.

In I Samuel 18, King Saul's actions displayed what he had in his heart. We learned from Saul's actions/reactions towards David that people may conceive evil in their hearts against others, not because others did them wrong but because their hearts are "sick." In several chapters of I Samuel, Saul exhibited a sick heart. For instance, Saul used several tactics to kill David for no good reason other than his jealous heart and for his selfish ambition. I Samuel 18: 12-16 has this to say about David, "David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him ... all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle." So, Saul had no reason to hate David! Unfortunately, Saul hated David because he was jealous of him. I Samuel 18:25b-29 captured it this way, "Now Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines ... But when Saul realized that the Lord was with David, and that Saul's daughter Michal loved him, Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy from that time forward."

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DEACON'S SMOCK FOUNDATION FUNDS:

If you know someone who is a church member, who lives in Indiana, and who may need economic help due to an emergency, job loss, death of a family member, etc., please let a deacon know of the need.





"Church isn't just a place we go.



The Church is who we are.'

-anonymous

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*** SESSION NOTES ***

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, July 20, 2021, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Following the opportunity for Formal Examination for Membership, elected to receive Zonda Bryant into membership by Re-Affirmation of Faith during worship on August 1.
- Decided to replace the furnaces and air conditioners for the south wing.
- Sadly, reported the passing away of Betty Barnett on Saturday, July 10. Services were held at the Soller-Baker Funeral Home chapel, and interment was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort, IN.
- Learned that Sunday School Kickoff will occur on Sunday, September 12.
- Approved a Committee
 Request to designate
 September as "Friendship
 September," featuring
 outdoor worship and a picnic.
- Approved having Stewardship Sunday on October 17.
- Reminded all to attend Worship at the Fort on August 8 at 10:30 a.m., with worship, Communion, and lunch at Fort Ouiatenon.

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session



Pastor's Epistle

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A clear diagnosis of Saul's sick heart was jealousy. Right from the early times he knew David, Saul exhibited an unpleasant behavior towards David that shocked everyone. Instead of joining the rest of the people to rejoice for the victory David won for his nation, on Saul's behalf; Saul allowed his heart to drift away to jealousy instead. Saul's heart showed in Saul's actions and words, that a bad heart produces a bad attitude. For example, Saul could not sustain his initial appreciation of David, but soon displayed a jealous heart with an unpleasant action towards David as people expressed appreciation for the good job David was doing. This shows that Saul's heart was sick from the outset.

"Jealousy may not seem to be a major sin, but in reality, it is one step short of murder. Jealousy starts as you resent a rival; it leads to your wishing [in the heart] that rival removed; then it manifests itself in your seeking ways to harm that person in word or action."

1 Proverbs 27:4 warns us about the deadliness of jealousy. "Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?" It is difficult to escape from one who is envious or jealous. But we must do our best to stay away from a jealous person, praying for God's salvation and help for the person. Do you have people around you with a jealous heart?

Consider the following Bible passages as you examine the condition of your heart.

- **Job 5:2;** "Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple."
- James 4:2-3; "You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel."
- <u>James 3:14-15</u> "But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic."
- Galatians 5:19-21 "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."
- <u>1 Corinthians 3:3</u> "For you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?"

Conclusion:

Do you have a jealous heart? Do something about it today. Do you know anyone with a jealous heart? Help them out of it. The best solution to hatred, bitterness, and jealousy is love. God loved and still loves us and gave His Son to us. If we accept the love of God in Christ, we should be able to extend love to others and give them our good heart. Remember that our bad heart was nailed on the cross. Listen to this, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ..." Corinthians 13: 1-8.

WORSHIP AT THE FORT AUGUST 8, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and join us on Sunday, August 8th, at 10:30 a.m. for the joint worship service at Fort Quiatenon on South River Road, West Lafayette. There will be no regular Sunday worship service at Memorial on this date.



Communion will be served and the sermon provided by Jennifer Burns Lewis, Visioning and Connecting Leader, Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

Lunch will be provided after the worship service – no carry-in. Plan to join us for worship and lunch fellowship afterwards. Hope to see you all there!

Debbie Ward

Chair, Worship & Music Committee



FRIENDSHIP SEPTEMBER

The Seed Planting committee is hosting Friendship September and we need your help to invite guests! Here is a quick overview.....

- ❖ September 12th: Golden Girl and Grandparent recognition. Bring your kids/grandkids to Sunday School Kickoff.
- September 19th: Casual service outside! Bring your friends and lawn chairs to enjoy the fall weather. No need to dress up!
- September 26th: Friendship Sunday followed by a picnic lunch supplied by the Seed Planting Committee.

Be thinking about who you can invite to one or all of these special services. 82% of unchurched people are somewhat likely to attend church if they are invited.

"Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." Psalm 66:5



Golden Girls—August!!

August will find us at the Fowler House (https://fowlerhouse.org) at 11:30 a.m. on August 26.

Hoping to see a lot of you -- and always invite a friend!

DMPC August Events

August 3 @ 7:15 p.m. Trustees' Meeting

August 5, 12, 19, 26 Food Pantry Walk in @ 9-11 a.m. Pick up @ 3-5 p.m.

August 8 Worship at Ft. Ouiatenon @ 10:30 am

Luncheon provided!!

August 15
Change for Change



August 17 @ 7 p.m. Session Meeting

August 26
Golden Girls @ Fowler House
@ 11:30 am

Weekday Morning Bible Study



If you're interested in participating in a morning Bible study that would be held one day a week, please contact Nancy Edwards with your preferences on day (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) and time. Bible study would begin in September.

Nancy Edwards

Phone/Text: 765.427.5140 Email: nancye@mintel.net

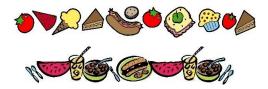
NEWS FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Worship & Music Committee is still searching for:

- ♣ Special music for August 15, 22,29 & September 5
- Prayer team ministry beginning September 5
- Technology team
- Liturgists beginning September 12

Prayerfully consider where you can help and either contact Pastor Gladys or Debbie Ward or sign up on the sheets located in the parlor by the bulletin board.

Thank you!!!!



Chancel Players of Lafayette will be presenting the musical performance of

GODSPELL.



Dates:

August 5, 6, 7, and 13 at 7:30 pm; August 14 at 1:30 pm Where: Federated Church, Sagamore Lane, West Lafayette

See notice on bulletin board in hallway for more details!

Church doesn't just *happen*....

Church doesn't just *happen*. It occurs as a result of a lot of activity in the background of worship services on Sunday. It *happens* because we want to thank, praise, and



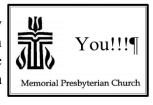
worship God for all of the blessings He provides. It *happens* because people care and want to have meaningful worship services and mission activities to extend the body of Christ beyond the walls of the church building. Memorial Presbyterian Church *happens* because people pitch in and work to make it happen. It *happens* because our congregation pitches in to make church functions occur.

Soon our church's Nominating Committee will begin to prepare a slate of candidates for officer positions for 2022 that make church *happen*. We need your willingness to fill these positions and help make our church *happen*. If you are inclined to volunteer for candidacy for any church position, please make it known to the Nominating Committee. If you want to help make church *happen*, we want you. Nominating activities for office in 2022 will begin in the fall. If you are contacted by the committee, it means that we think you would be a good candidate for office. If you are asked to be nominated for office, please give that request serious and prayerful consideration. We need you to help make our church *happen*.

Steve Hancook, Chmn: Nominating Committee Ph 765 414-1858

Tag! You're it!!!

To give Pastor Gladys a little help in getting to know all of us, we ask that you wear your name tag when you're here for Sunday worship. If you don't have one—or need a new one—there is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. Just ask the deacons!



Looking for a volunteer to help out in the office in September.

Affice Help Needed!

Our secretary (Mary) will be out of the office in September during the weeks of September 13 and September 20.

Days and times: September 14-16 and September 21-23 (Tues, Wed, Thurs), 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Tasks: Answering phone, assisting visitors; record attendance; checking emails; printing & folding bulletins each week; other specific computer-related tasks to be determined. (Mary will be working with Pastor Gladys to get as much done ahead of time as possible.)

Computer skills: use of Word mostly; some Excel and Publisher; email; Internet

NOTE: Time will be set up with Mary prior to the September dates to cover how-to's of all tasks.

Please contact Mary at 765.296.3199 if you have questions and/or if you are interested.

Who refreshes others will be refreshed. -Proverbs 11:25

Dayton KIDS CLOSET

KIDS' CLOSET— NEW SYSTEM RUNNING SMOOTHLY!!!

Families are preparing for the start of school by mid-August. Please begin thinking about school-appropriate clothing for children and teens. New or gently used donations are accepted during office hours—see right. We are asking that the donations are clean, placed in clean containers, and the containers/bags are dated. We are making a special request for **children's underclothing** (new, please) which are frequently needed by our families.

Our new system continues to operate smoothly. KC order forms are available through Facebook, our website, and in the Church office during office hours (see right). Please keep a watch in our newsletters, on our Facebook page and Church website for any further updates or changes.

For questions, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes.



The Church office is open for in-person drop in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please feel free to call 765.291.3199 or email secretary@daytonpres.org as needed.

OFFICE ENTRANCE IS NOW AT THE USUAL LOCATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH!!!



Food Pantry

Please encourage anyone in need in our area to visit our Food Pantry, using either the traditional walk-in option from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings OR the pre-order & pick up option on Thursday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. The new option operates in a way similar to the current Kids' Closet process. We are

asking individuals to submit their names, phone numbers, addresses, and number of people in their families to let us know they would like to use our pick up option. We will do our best to fill orders received by Friday to be ready for pick up on Thursday of the following week. However, we will also contact individuals by phone to confirm when their orders will be ready. NOTE: All restrictions on geographic area served and number of times individuals can come in will continue to apply. Order forms are available through the Church's Facebook pages and website, as well as on the Dayton and Mulberry town Facebook pages.

Donations that have been made of food items and grocery bags continue to be most greatly appreciated! Just drop off donations at the office any Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. *Bring your receipt to the office, and you'll be reimbursed.*

If you have ideas of how we can better reach families in need about our Thursday morning and afternoon programs at the Dayton Food Pantry, please contact the office (see pages 1 & 4 for contact information).

The DMPC Food Pantry serves the geographical areas of Sheffield Township (which includes the town of Dayton, IN), Lauramie Township (which includes the towns of Clarks Hill and Stockwell, IN), and Clinton County. Families whose children attend Dayton Elementary may are also served by the DMPC Food. Each family/individual may come to the Food Pantry once every 30 days.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact: Paul Houser, (765) 404-3317

HELP NEEDED AT FOOD PANTRY

September 16 & 23

Paul will be out of town. Please let him know if you're able to cover either of these Thursdays.

Thanks!!

Food Pantry Items Needed:

- green beans (14.5 oz can)*
- peas (14.5 oz can)*
- corn (14.5 oz can)*
- pork & beans (16 oz can)*
- fruit cocktail (14.5 oz can)*
- pineapple (20 oz can)*
- chicken noodle soup (10.5 oz can)*
- tomato soup (10.5 oz can)*
- Ramen chicken or beef soups
- saltines
- boxed mac & cheese (e.g., Kraft, 7.25 oz)*
- tuna (5 oz can)*
- peanut butter (18 oz jar)*
- toilet tissue

*approximate sizes





This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

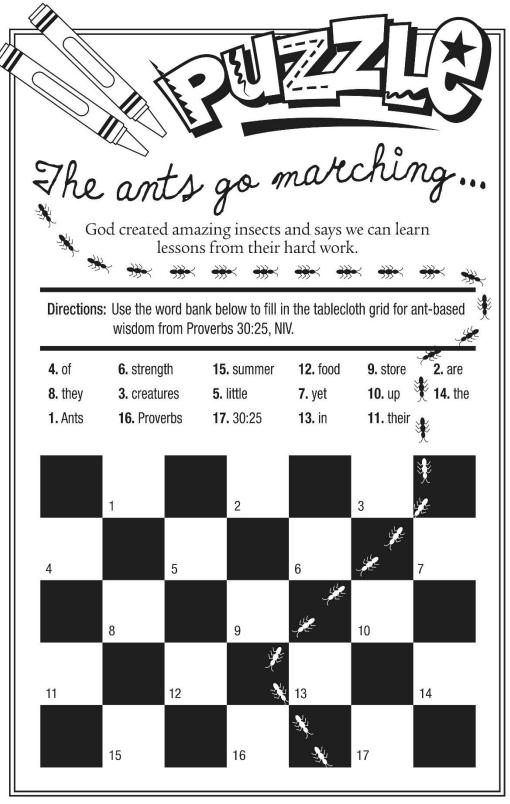
What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

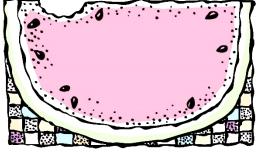
What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer:" Proverbs 30:25, NIV







IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Our military, our nation & its leaders, persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence;

Russell Lucas **Zachary King** Terry McKillip Jackie Ginther Kevin Konrad Jeff Smith Joan Shoemaker Terry Lynn Pfeiffer Bob Yost Ron Berry Kennedy Alkire LuAlice Huston Betty Pfeiffer Don & Joy Schwartz Cindy DeGolver Sarah & Jack Norris **Tracev Harris** Jean McGill Jon Grimes Fred Reichart Sandi Stingley James Franks

Mary Dillman
Levi Chisholm
Bonnie Robinson
Adina Hicks
Rick Stark
the family of Betty Barnett
Zoe (neighbor of Suters')
the family of Dave Burns
the family of Thomas Snyder
the family of Pat Kepler
the family of Rex Hammond

. . . and all who are dealing with the effects of COVID—health-related, financial challenges, separation from family and friends.





HUMAN LIBRARY Unjudge Someone

August 15, 2021 2-4 p.m. (EST)/1-3 p.m. (CST)

Join us for a virtual Human Library where we publish Humans as Open Books. We create a safe space to ask difficult questions, challenge stereotypes, and *Unjudge someone.*

Register now! https://forms.gle/ruJH7xQuRkwudWxn9

You will read 2 Human Books during the event. Our Books volunteer to confront prejudice, bias, and stereotypes by openly and honestly talking with you about their personal experiences. The Human Library is a safe space to ask questions to help better understand and *Unjudge someone* through respectful conversation. The reading session is a dialogue. During the Zoom experience, you will be assigned to a room with other readers, where you will engage in meaningful conversations informed by your courageous and authentic questions and the lived experience of your Books.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. --Romans 12:12

JOYS

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

- Esther Miller feeling much better as her hip improves and she is able to return to normal activities!
- Gratitude for all the "little things" God provides for us each and every day.

CONCERNS

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

--1 Peter 5:7

- Prayers for the family of Rex Hammond, brother of Nancy Hammond, who recently passed away
- Prayers for the family of Thomas Snyder, uncle of Teresa Mundell, who recently passed away
- Continued prayers for Jay Rosen and his family in the loss of his stepdad, Dave Burns.
- Prayers for strength and comfort of those in our Church and their friends who are dealing with and recuperating from COVID and for those who have lost family and friends.

Please send your Joys and Concerns to:



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Email: secretary@daytonpres.org
Office hours: Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays,
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our Church Family



AUGUST ELDERS: Debbie Ward, Communion and Devotions

AUGUST DEACONS: Bernie Parmely, Captain; Jane Phillips

- 3 Brian Sprague
- 4 Wyatt Edwards
- 4 Jane Reichart
- 5 Bruce Gibson
- 8 Clara Boles
- 8 Rick Ryan
- 9 Ray Hicks
- 10 Mike DeGolyer
- 11 Amanda Lane



- 12 Michael Harris
- 13 Gabreal Basden
- 14 Katie (Oswalt) Smith
- 15 Barry Bretz
- 16 Paul Houser
- 21 Charlotte Avery
- 22 Jon Grimes
- 22 Danielle Yoder
- 28 Jane Holladay



- 9 Ray & Patty Hicks
- 9 Tracy & Julie Rosa
- 17 Michael & Jill Edwards
- 19 Jeff & Jessica Bush
- 25 Dane & Cheryl Richard
- 30 Wes & Kathy Shaw

Errors? Omissions?? in birthdays or anniversaries???

Do you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter???

Please contact the secretary at (765) 296-3199 or by emailing secretary@daytonpres.org

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri -	Sat
Ahikam son of Shaphan supported Jeremiah, and so he was not handed over to the people to be put to death. [Jeremiah 26:24]	In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. [Galatians 3:26]	Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. [Hebrews 12:1]	4 I will not forget you! [Isaiah 49:15]	(Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again. [Proverbs 24:16] *Daily verses from DUR DAILY BREAD une/July/August 2021	
8 Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a neverfailing stream! [Amos 5:24]	We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. [1 John 3:14]	10 Do not despise the Lord's discipline. [Proverbs 3:11]	Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. [Matthew 7:14]	I will listen to what God the Lord says. [Psalm 85:8]	They gave as much as they were able. [2 Corinthians 8:3]	In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. [Job 2:10]
God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. [Acts 4:33-34]	Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress. [James 1:27]	17 When your words came, I ate them. [Jeremiah 15:16]	18 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. [Psalm 139:23]	19 [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remem- brance of me." [Luke 22:19]	20 [Our] help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. [Psalm 121:2]	21 He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. [Psalm 107:29]
[Saul said], "The Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me." [1 Samuel 24:18]	You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. [Acts 1:8]	See how the flowers of the field grow Will he not much more clothe you? [Matthew 6:28, 30]	Put [your] religion into practice by caring for [your] own family. [1 Timothy 5:4]	26 Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. [Matthew 10:33]	27 [Hezekiah] broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made. [2 Kings 18:4]	Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. [Revelation 22:12]
I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. [Romans 1:15]	30 [Josiah] began to seek the God of his father David. [2 Chronicles 34:3]	Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. [Isaiah 12:4]	NEW:	3-5 p.m. píc Is' Closet is provid	m 9 to 11 a.m.; kup on Thu	s time: rsdays



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