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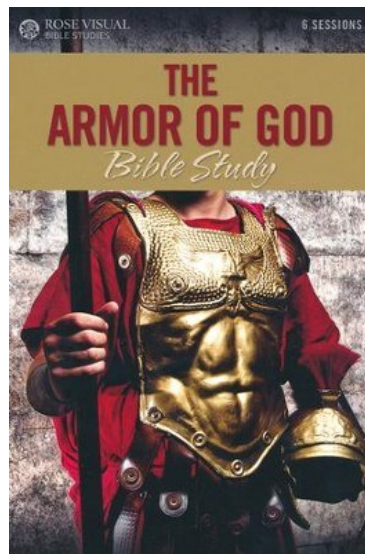
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## THE PRESBY TIMES

Are you looking for a short Bible Study? On Thursday's in June and July from 12n—1pm, there will be a Bible study for all ages completed 7th grade and older, including adults. We will be doing a 6-week study on the Armor of God, which is what the youth focused on during Youth Sunday. You are invited to bring your lunch and study. We will be done in time for you to return to work by 1pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Bonnie Ratcliff as there is a workbook that we will be using and we want to make sure that there is enough for all. You may contact Bonnie by:

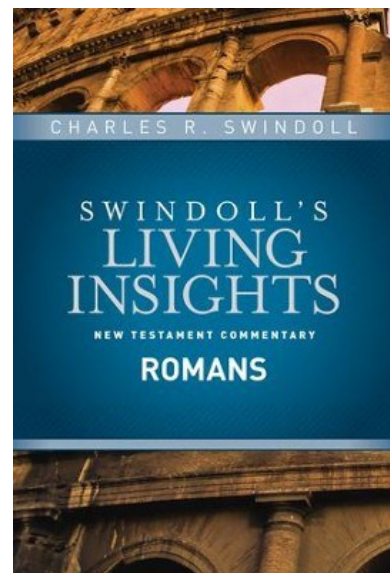
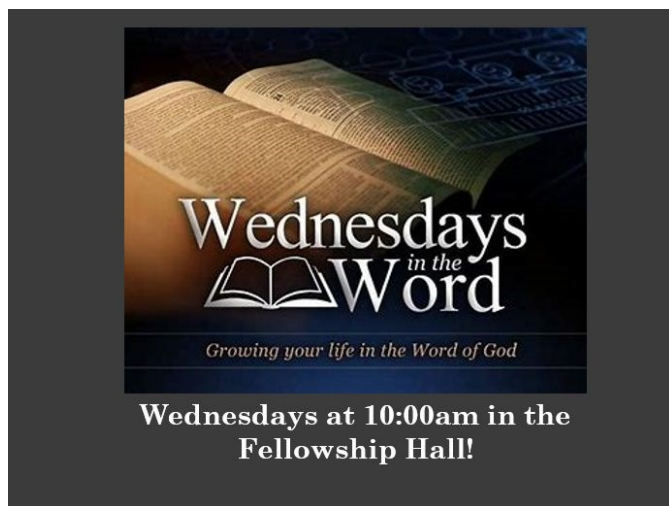
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Why did Eve want to leave the Garden of Eden and move to New York?

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On Wednesday mornings at 10am, Ruth Leslie leads a Bible study. They are now in the Book of Romans. This book was written by the Apostle Paul. It is a very deep book and has a great deal to teach us on how we should live our daily lives. If you aren't busy, please feel free to join this Bible Study on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you!

*(Please note, if weather is bad, we will not meet. Let's be safe.)*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.*

*Philippians 4:4*



**Sunday, May 5**

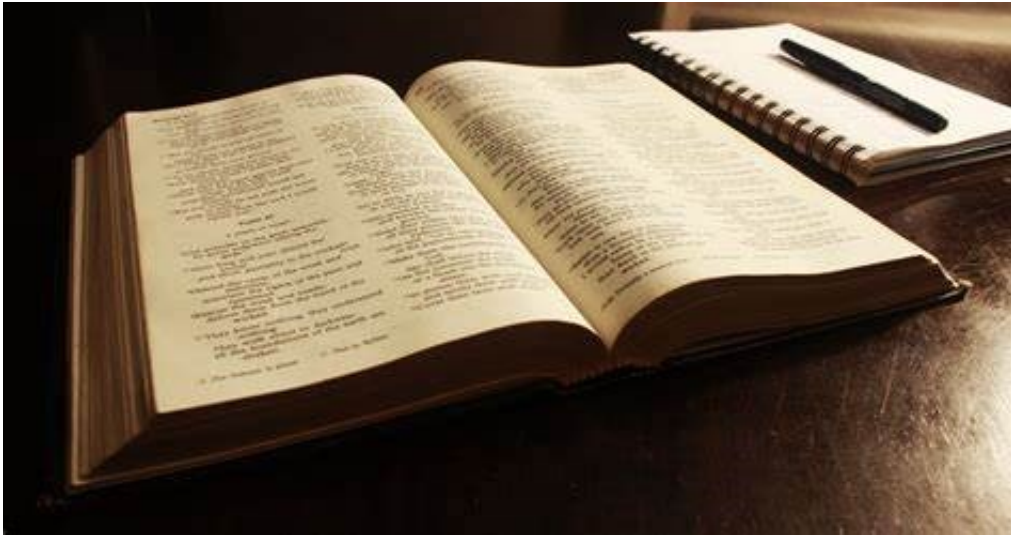
This Sunday is a busy day and you do not want to miss it!

During worship service, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper and the baptism of Hazel Grace Blessing, daughter of Kyle and Emily Blessing. This is a wonderful event as we welcome another child of God.

Following the worship service, we will be having a taco bar with so many fixings. And you can help to welcome Hazel to our church family.

Come help us to celebrate a wonderful day at church on Sunday, May 5!





## MAY DEVOTION

What is it like to start something new? Scary? Terrifying? Exciting? All of them! Can you imagine starting something new that would change the face of the Christian world? That is exactly what happened in Acts 1 & 2, also known as the “Birthday of the Church.” It is described as, *“there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.”* (Acts 2:2-3). I don’t know about you, but this is something that sounds extremely scary! A visual of the Holy Spirit. Normally, when we think of the Holy Spirit coming down, we think of the dove and a light, like when Jesus was baptized. But here, it is fire. A dove is a symbol of peace and comfort. Fire is the opposite. It is a symbol of chaos, which I believe this qualifies.

If you can imagine that not that long ago, a leader who proclaimed they were the Messiah was crucified recently. Then, he rose from the dead and met up with his disciples to tell them to go proclaim the Word of God. Next, they are in they are seeing tongues of fire coming down from heaven and landing on them. I imagine that they were confused and didn’t know what to make of what was happening around them.

It also is a great concept of where we are as a church. Currently, our Pastor Nominating Church (PNC) is working diligently to find us a new leader. We are in the midst of some “chaos” in our church right now as they are looking for a new leader for us. And no doubt there will be a little more chaos when the new leader comes in. We will all be trying to figure each other out and probably some anxiety in there as well. However, this new leader that God is guiding towards us is going to help us move in a the direction that we will need to go in and we must trust the process. Chaos is not always a bad thing. It can a catalyst for us to see how much better we can become!

In Christ,  
Bonnie Ratcliff



Answer: She fell for the Big Apple.

## Maundy Thursday Service



Top left: Ruth Leslie playing piano; Above: Washing of the feet; Bottom left: stripping of the sanctuary.

It was a beautiful service led by Rev. Carl Eskridge, Carla Patterson, and Bonnie Ratcliff.



## Easter Sunday

Above: Our children playing together and learning about Jesus; Top right: Rev. Carl officiating the Lord's Supper; Bottom right: the cross draped in white to symbolize Jesus' resurrection.



# Summer Activities for Children and Youth

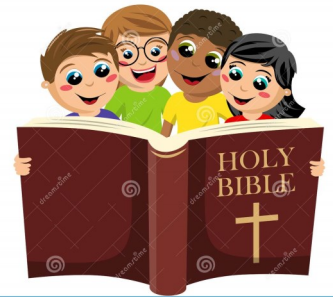


## Summer Activities

During the months of June and July, we will meet on Tuesday's from 9am—11:30am. During this time, we will be studying the Bible and doing lots of art in various forms. To make sure that we start out with enough materials, please contact Bonnie to let her know that you will be attending.

Bible Stories we will study:

1. Adam and Eve
2. Noah's Ark
3. David and Goliath
4. Jacob and Esau



During the month of May we will be taking a break. We all know that May is a very busy month with so many things happening. We hope that you have a great little break and are able to spend some time with your family. However, don't forget Sunday mornings at 10am is worship service and we still want to see you there.

## Summer Activities

On every Thursday, during the months of June and July, we will be meeting from 12pm—3pm. During this time, we will start off with a Bible Study of the Whole Armor of God. Then, we will take some time to dig deeper and doing some art of various kinds, including probably some cooking. If you plan to attend, please let Bonnie know so that she can get the appropriate amount of supplies.

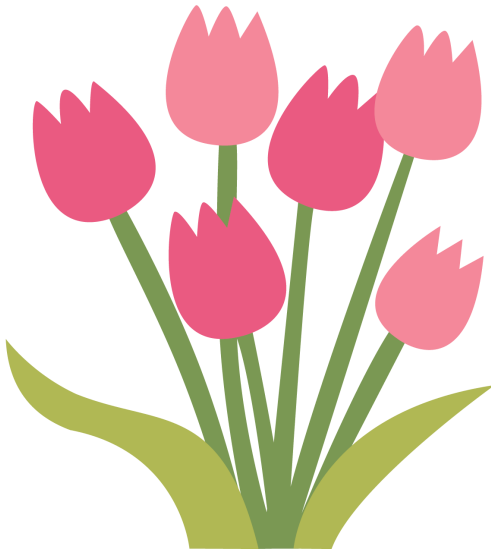




*May Birthdays*

May 4th—Mary Mellage  
 May 22nd—Jeremy Johnson

*HAPPY Mother's DAY*



*May Anniversaries*

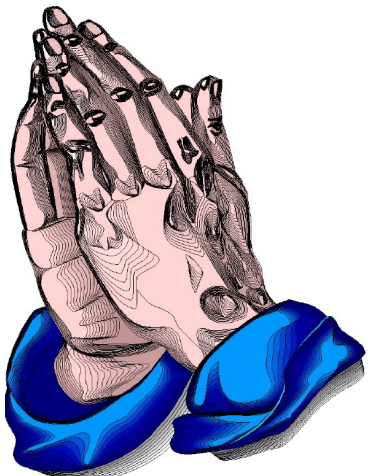
May 21st—Adam & Amanda Gilbert  
 May 26th—Bruce and Janet Kirkendall

Do you know of someone who is not on the list for birthdays or anniversaries? We would love to make sure that they are included in our church family.

Also, if you have a someone with whom you like to put on the prayer list, please contact Bonnie Ratcliff at 706-936-0327 or [auburnpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:auburnpreschurch@gmail.com).

***Prayer List***

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Al & Yancy Armstrong | Hunter Hestermann      |
| Linda Blessing       | Julie James            |
| Lauralee Bucher      | Sandy Kite             |
| Anna Dedic's Family  | Helen Moody            |
| Lawanda Franks       | Mary Ann Ratcliff      |
|                      | Dennis & Carol Wheeler |



***Service Men & Women***

- Charlie Arena (Air Force)  
 Christopher Gilbert (Navy)  
 Emily Nanse (Army)  
 Bryant Seeley (Navy)

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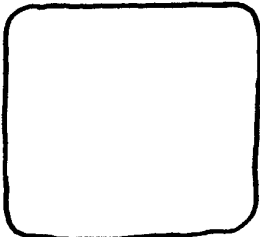
Reading  
from the Bible

Acts  
chapter  
2

LANGUAGES I  
CAN SPEAK

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

(CONTINUE OVERLEAF)



FIRE

Things that fall  
over when it's windy

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

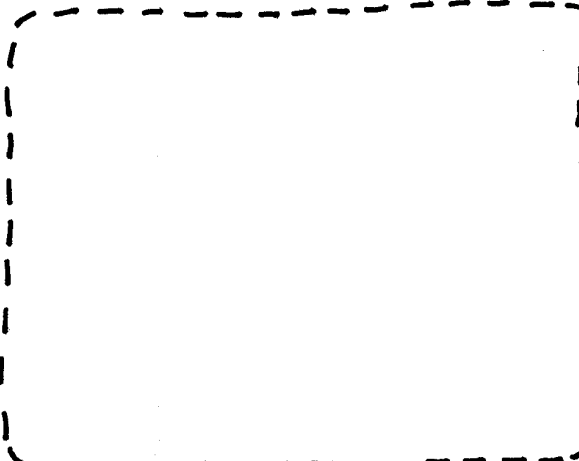
Why the hurricane  
sound, fire and  
different languages?

your ideas here



What seemed to be tongues of  
fire came to rest on each of  
them... It sound like a violent gale...  
they were filled with the Holy  
Spirit and began to speak in  
languages from all around the world...

OR



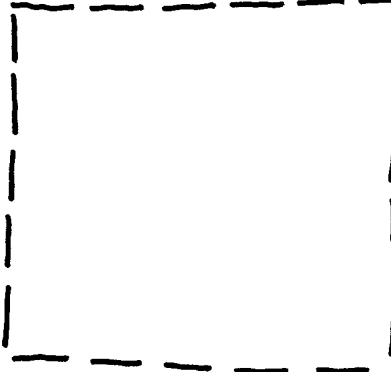
How do you imagine the scene?

I spend time listening to \_\_\_\_\_  
but I would prefer to listen to \_\_\_\_\_

I would like  
to speak to

what happened  
before this story?

What happened next?



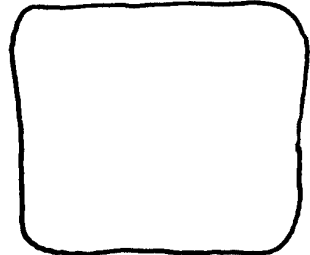
My name is

I prefer:

Flying a  
kite

sailing

chasing  
leaves



My hair on a  
windy day

MARKS OUT OF 10

Ornate  
fireplace

Fire alarm  
going off

Fire Engine

Firefox

Bonfire  
night

I would  
like it  
if the  
spirit  
helped  
me to...



## NEW HOURS AND LOCATION!

# NEMAHA COUNTY *Diaper Pantry*

If you are a resident of Nemaha County and in need of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes, come check out the Nemaha County Diaper Pantry!



**The 2nd Friday of the month 8:30-9:30 am.**  
**The 4th Wednesday of the month 6-7:30 pm.**

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Month: .....

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

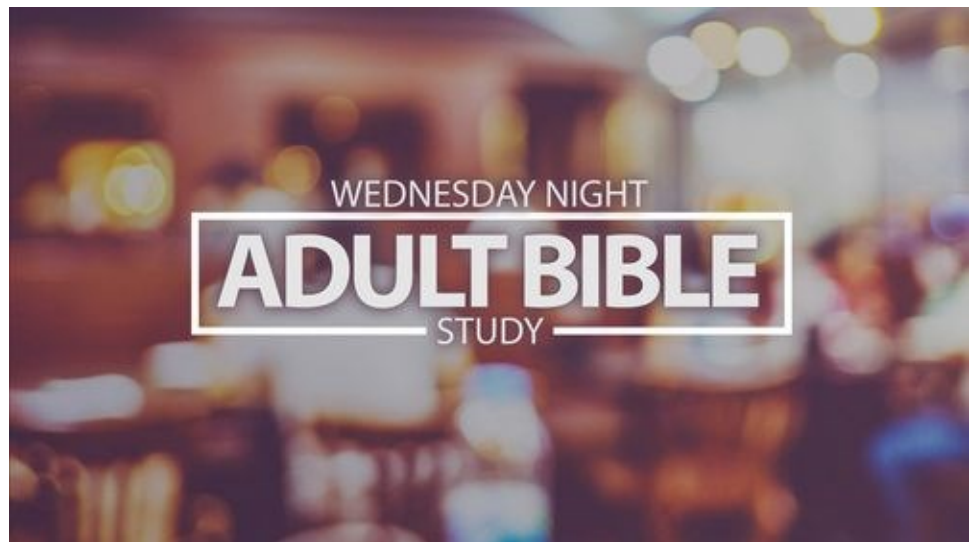
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

### Website update

Don't miss an event happening at the church! Check out the church's calendar on our church website ([www.auburnpresbyterian.com](http://www.auburnpresbyterian.com)). Look under the "Announcements" tab and you will find it! Bonnie is working hard to keep the calendar up-to-date with all of the activities and ministries that are happening at the church.

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**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

6pm—Dinner

6:30pm—Bible Study downstairs in the basement  
(Please park on the courthouse side to go downstairs.)

*Finishing up Nehemiah chapters 3 & 11*