TIM TALK

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Mayberry"

In his book, All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, Robert Fulghum tells of the life lessons he learned. Even though the stories in his book span an entire lifetime; the basics of those lessons learned, he was taught, as he says: "in the sandpile at Sunday School." From sharing everything and playing fair to eating warm cookies with cold milk and flushing Fulghum says "everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation...

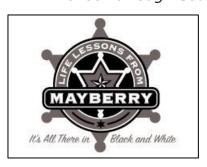
... Think what a better world it would be if we all — the whole world — had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap."



After almost nine years of watching episodes of the Andy Griffith Show every Sunday night for church I, like Fulghum, have learned many life lessons; not from kindergarten, but from characters like Barney Fife, Opie Taylor, Helen Crump, Gomer Pyle, Floyd Lawson, Aunt Bee, Otis Campbell and Andy Taylor. Some of those lessons learned come from the zaniest of mishaps in Mayberry, like the time Ernest T. Bass threw rocks through the windows of the court house, instead of hauling him off to jail, Andy instead invested himself into transforming Ernest into a well–mannered and respected citizen (it worked for a little bit, if I recall correctly). Or how about the time Opie became so critical of his Aunt Bee's fishing abilities that Andy took it upon himself to teach his son to see the good in everyone.

These, and many other of the zany antics of the characters of Mayberry have taught me much about how to live my life today. Wouldn't it be great if we could all step back into time and refamiliarize ourselves with some of our favorite episodes of The Andy Griffith Show in order to see life anew. Rascal Flatts may have captured it best in his song about missing Mayberry:

"Sometimes I can hear this old earth shouting Through the trees as the wind blows That's when I climb up here on this mountain To look through God's window."



Whether if we learned it in kindergarten, Sunday School, or Mayberry does not matter; what matters is how are we living out the Gospel message today. How are we, like Andy Taylor, being Christ-like? If Andy could put up with a bumbling deputy like Barney Fife, just think of how we could benefit from just watching Andy in action; after all, how many bumbling idiots do we have to put up with on a

regular basis? In many of the Mayberry episodes Sheriff Andy Taylor is the hero; and like Christ, shows us the more excellent way to live life.

During the month of January while Mayberry Church is on winter hiatus, Mayberry is going prime time. My Winter Sermon Series (see the preaching and sermon schedule below) is entitled: "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Mayberry. For the next several weeks we will be visiting clips of some my favorite episodes to learn how we too might become more Christ-like in how we deal with the Barney Fife's and Ernest T. Bass' of our day and era. I hope you will join me in this adventure as; borrowing from Rascal Flatts, "look through God's window."

In the words of the Apostle Paul:

"Love from the center of who you are. Don't Fake It!" (Romans 12:9)

Tim

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

WINTER SERMONS SERIES FOR JANUARY 2020 ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN MAYBERRY

JANUARY 5, 2020
WINTER SERMON SERIES
All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Mayberry
"Learning When the Time is Right"
Galatians 4:4-7 (CEV)

Episode: Christmas Story

JANUARY 12, 2020 WINTER SERMON SERIES

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Mayberry

"Cleanliness is Not Being Next to Godliness"

Psalm 51:1-13 (CEB)

Episode: Andy and Opie, Housekeepers





JANUARY 19, 2020
WINTER SERMON SERIES
All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Mayberry



"The True of Mark of Real Love" Proverbs 10:12 (CEV)

Episode: The New Housekeeper

JANUARY 26, 2020 WINTER SERMON SERIES

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Mayberry

"What We Do Versus What God Does" Romans 3:21-31 (MSG)

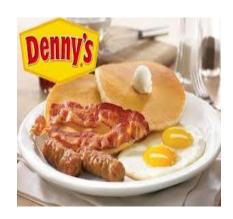
Episode: Andy and the Gentleman Crook







BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER
BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)



BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In January that's Friday, January 10th. This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00 AM!



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES

"Come to the river where you will thirst no more."

Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!
[On Sunday, January 18th (during NEST) The River will gather in the John Teter

Classroom.]



MAYBERRY CHURCH

MAYBERRY CHURCH IS ON WINTER HIATUS AND WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 AT 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

JANUARY 18, 2020

NEW CREATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4320 BRUCE ROAD, CHESAPEAKE, VA 23321

COST: \$30

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 8TH

pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Marcus Hincks - (Husband of Samantha McDonald and

Ann & Jimmy Lee's grandson-in-law)

Troy Hudgins - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Jared Meharg (Son-in-law of Dana & Don Moody)

Brian Miller - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Major Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

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Chesapeake, VA 23324

Jackie Munden 3009 Mattox Dr. Chesapeake, VA 23325

Pat Grover 1726 Harvest Bend Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Howard Combs
Autumn Care
Room 306
715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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January

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<u>January</u>

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Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!



<u>January Food Pantry</u> <u>Workers</u>

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Duane Johnstone

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Emma Beggs

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Mildred Walling

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Nancy Helsel

-20-

Stella Price

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JoAnn Story

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Carol Henry

&

Brenda Hodsdon

Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.

Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.

- C. S. Lewis





January
-5Jessica Weifert
-12Jerome Dickinson
-19Arte Jones
-26Barbara Bennett



Please use the following email address when communicating with the church: oaklette@oakletteumc.org

Wi-fi is available throughout the building. The password is blessing4u.



<u>January</u>

Ann and Jimmy Lee



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Carolyn Smith

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Amy Weber

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Hannah Bailey

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Edward Jackson

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Charles Litten

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Marvin Cress Jr.

Holly Engelbrecht

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Timothy Howell Eric Weber

Kaitlin Brooks

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Kevin Haluska

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LouAnne Poyner

Steven Carter

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Wanda Walton Yvonne Garcia Matilda Johnson

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Richard Hodsdon Jenny Obenchain -23-Jack Hicks III -26 Len Carter -27-Kathryn Woodhouse -30-Sandy Carraway

There are no anniversaries in January.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



HOLLY

Holly was first used by pagans to decorate for the festival of Saturnalia. When Christians began celebrating Christmas in honor of Christ, they adapted that decorating practice to reflect Jesus' life and death. Holly's pointed leaves symbolize the crown of thorns and its red berries symbolize Christ's blood shed on the cross. Because holly thrives and its berries retain their brilliance even in harsh winter conditions, non-Christians saw it as a symbol of eternity- which is fitting for Christians as

well.



AT HOME WITH GOD

Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for New Year whatever the brings...in Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because vesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

A. W. Tozer

THE LIVING PRESENT

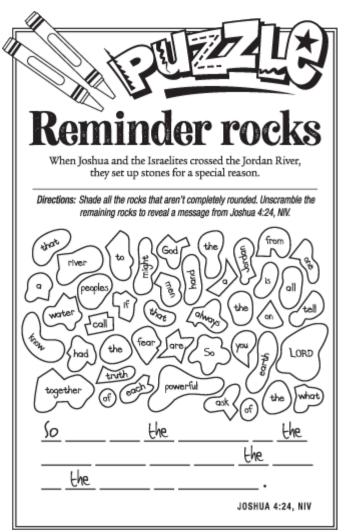
There are two ways of remembering. One is to make an excursion from the living present back into the dead past. The other way is to summon the dead past back into the living present.

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me," (1 Corinthians 11:24), he was not prescribing a periodic slug of nostalgia.

- Frederick Buechner Wishful Thinking

Kids page





The LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of



Bible Quiz

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples **Answer on next page**



What you need:

- Small stones
- · Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- · Quick-set concrete (and adult help)

 • Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

- 1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
- 2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
- 3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
- 4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
- 5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
- 6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
- 7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



Danny and I would like to send our thanks and appreciation to everyone for the baby shower that was thrown for us. We feel blessed and grateful to be in such a caring church family.

Thanks,

Kelly and Danny Castellow



Thank you to everyone for the cards, food, phone calls, visits, prayers and acts of kindness shown to me during the time of my surgery and recovery.

Judy Carter



Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with "absolute commitment to the way of love."

Love, declared the minister and activist, "Is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." And, he said, anyone who's "devoid of the power to love" is "devoid of the power to forgive."

King distinguished between true love and "empty sentimentalism," however. He taught – and showed – that love is "the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate "active outpouring" of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

"Because of Calvary I'm free to choose," writes Max Lucado in When God Whispers Your Name, "No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves."

Answer to Bible Quiz:

A and B

See Matthew 3:13-17



January 15-21, 2020

Our 26th Year!

NEST Planning Committee

Debbie Rippard, Chairperson
Helene Haluska- Corporate Contact
Brenda Swoope- Activities
Barbara Bennett- Food
Rachel Swoope- Communications
Arte Jones/Len Carter/David Rippard- Procurement
Bill Henry- Church Contact
Chris Carroll/David Rippard-Security

NEST At Oaklette



January 15-21, 2020

Our 26th Year!

2020 N.E.S.T. Supplies Needed

<u>Hygiene Kit Items</u>– Individual (travel) sizes

THESE ITEMS ONLY! WE HAVE PLENTY OF THE OTHER ITEMS.

- 1. Men's Deodorant
- 2. Shave Cream (Men & Women)
- 3. Quart bags
- 4. Gallon Bags
- 5. ½ Gallon Bags

Medicines

- 1. Tylenol or Ibuprofen
- 2. Aspirin
- 3. Cold Medicine (i.e., Alka Seltzer Plus)
- 4. Cough Drops
- 5. Antacids
- 6. Beano
- 7. Feminine hygiene items
- 8. Depends

Misc Items for Activities

- a) Insulated gloves (men's and women's)
- b) Belts
- c) Anything that can be used as a prize, male, female or non-gender, including \$5.00 gift cards to McDonalds, or Dollar Tree.
- d) Bus tickets
- e) Playing cards
- f) Games

Trash bags, cleansers, other cleaning supplies are always appreciated!

NO CLOTHING! WE DO NOT HAVE A CLOTHES CLOSET!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SYSTEM & NOMINATIONS REPORT FOR 2020

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Danny Etheridge (2 of 2) UMW President: Judy Litten Recording Secretary: Kelly Castellow (2 of 2) UMM President: Jimmy Lee Lay Leader: Don Moody (3 of 4) Bereavement: Lillian Everett

Church Treasurer: Debbie Rippard

Liz's Friends: Judy Carter Annual Conf. Lay Delegate: Chip Payette (1 of 4) Fannie Whitehurst Sunday Coord.: Chip Payette (1 of 4)

Staff Support Team Leader: Lisa Maddrey Ryno **NEST:** Debbie Rippard Administrative Team Leader: David Rippard Food Closet: Barbara Bennett Strategic Planning Team Leader: Julian Baker SHRMP Liaison: Pat Cruz (1 of 2)

Worship Team Co-Leaders: Joanne Rooks, Judy Carter Royal Kids: Sonya Pacillo

Outreach Co-Coordinator: Randy & JoAnn Story (3 of 4) Sunday school Superintendent: Jimmy Lee

Communications Coordinator: Debbie Rippard

Staff Support Team (made of 9 members plus Lay Leader and Annual Conf. Lay Delegate)

2020: Rachel Swoope, Pat Johnson, Nancy Helsel

2021: Charles Osuwu Ansah, Arte Jones, Lisa Maddrey Ryno (Team Leader) (2 of 3)

2022: Debbie Rippard, Bill Henry, Tom Obenchain

Lay Leader: Don Moody, Annual Conf. Lay Delegate: Chip Payette

Administrative Team (made up of 9 members plus Lay Leader, Treasurer and Pastor)

2020: Preston Basnight, David Rippard, Linda Tandy

2021: Calvin Gallop, Danny Castellow, Joanne Rooks

2022: Danny Etheridge, Amy Weber, Joe Peele

Lay Leader: Don Moody, Treasurer: Debbie Rippard, Pastor: Tim Hazlett (When Team is working as Trustees these three persons would have no vote.)

Worship Team (made up of 8 members plus Director of Music/Organist and Pastor)

Worship Team Co-Leaders: Joanne Rooks (1 of 4), Judy Carter (Altar Guild Coord.) (3 of 4)

Audio-Visual Coords.: Danny Castellow (4 of 4) Pastor: Tim Hazlett

Acolyte Coord: Arte Jones Members-at-Large: Ann Lee (2 of 4) Director of Music/Organist: Dana Moody Pat Newbern (1 of 4)

Head Usher: Daniel Etheridge

Strategic Planning Team (Include Pastor and Lay Leader)

Julian Baker - Team Leader, Lay Leader: Don Moody, Pastor: Tim Hazlett, Kelly Castellow, Holly Nance, Ericka

Litten, Charles Owosu-Ansah.

Other District and Conference Representatives

District Conf. Lay Delegate (1): Lay Leader

District Conf. Lay Delegate (2) Annual Conf. Lay Delegate

District Conf. Lay Delegate (3) Chairperson of Church Council

Alternant District Conf. Lay Delegate (1) Staff Support Team Leader

Alternant District Conf. Lay Delegate (2) UMM Pres.

Hermitage Representative: UMW Pres. District Steward: Church Treasurer

Alternant Annual Conf. Lay Delegate: Randy Story (1 of 4)

Counting Team: Julian Baker, Jane Basnight, Shellene Castellow, Helene Haluska, Arte Jones, Jimmy Lee, Pat Newbern, Debbie Rippard, Joanne Rooks, Amy Weber, Monica Whitehurst. Alternates: Barbara Bennett



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General Board of Global Ministries Street Children Ministry UMC, MMC Cambodia Merry Christmas 2018

Dear Friends,

It's Christmas time again. It is the happiest part of the year because we celebrate the birthday of the greatest gift God has given to prove His love for us. His name is Jesus. "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) We want to share this message to all the world. That is why General Board of Global Ministries is sending missionaries all around the globe. And yes, we are in Cambodia through the Street Children Ministry. The Street Children in Cambodia, together with their families have been enjoying the blessings of knowing Christ and had better life towards more abundant life. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10). These children, youth and their families wish to give back the love that you are sending by bringing you their best greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, give sight to the blind, mend the broken hearted, set the captives free and proclaim the reign of God. Yes, let us continue to bring this good news to the underprivileged children, HIV/AIDS patients, and the sick people of Cambodia, the poor who are receiving blessings through Methodist Ministry of Cambodia (MMC). They are praising God together through their songs and dances in celebration for the birthday of Jesus. God's grace through your love has sustained sufficiently.

We are now preparing for this great day, the annual celebration of Christmas. Everyone is enthusiastic as seen in their eagerness to participate and cooperate with the staff not only in the preparation but also visiting the sick as the they support one another.

We, together with the staff are doing our best effort, time and energy to make every activity become a success. Activities like educational guided tours, Sunday school, visiting the orphanages and celebrating national festivities. This is such a great privilege to be instruments to bring the Good News to these poor and marginalized children and their parents. It is a joy to watch them grow into mature and faithful Christians. They become responsible family members and citizens as they study and adopt social skills, vocational skills that guide them towards their goal in life. This is our ministry.

Thank you so much! You are indeed a blessing to these poor children and their families. You have become answers to their prayers. Miracles have happened in their lives. May God's blessings be multiplied as God showers his blessings upon you. May these blessings flow from God's children to all the people in need. Thank you for your prayers and love. Our ministry could have not been possible without you. To show their love and gratefulness, we attaching Christmas cards that have been sketched by our children.

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Clara M. Biswas Team Leader of Street Children Ministries, GBGM, UMC PO BOX 2493 Phnom Penh 3, Cambodia

Have the most blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year!!!



A WELL BALANCED CHURCH

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Model "A" Club	3	4 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
5 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 2:30-6 PM Girl Scouts	6 10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle of Love 6:PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band	7 Bulletin Articles Due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry	8 1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	9 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study	10 9 AM Breakfast @ Denny's	11 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
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