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Jaymon Loftis

Viola Johnson

Rickey Solomon

Maria Rakaska

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 17: 11:00am Easter Service

Monday, April 18: 1:00pm UMW Meets

Sundays, Feb. 6-May 1: 3:30-5:30pm GriefShare in the Fellowship Hall



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"A Caring Community of Faith"

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“And if anyone gives even a cool cup of water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Matthew 10:42

What do you carry in your pockets? Before I leave the house, I always check my pockets to make sure I have a few important items such as my wallet, cell phone, and keys. But I know a man in our church that's a little bit different than I.

And he uses his pockets differently than I do. He tries to always have something to drink and a handful of candies like peppermints or tootsie rolls. And it's not just the items that are different, it's the reasons.

You see, before I leave the house, I make sure to put things in my pocket that I am going to need, that will serve me. I don't carry a cell phone or wallet just in case I bump into someone who needs those things. Those are there because I know that I may need them. But what he carries, he does so to meet the needs of others. He doesn't carry something to drink in case he

gets thirsty. He carries it in case his wife gets thirsty. Could you imagine carrying a bottle of water or bottle of soda around all day just in case your loved one might get thirsty? And the little candies? Maybe he enjoys them too, but I've never seen him eat one. But he takes joy in handing them out to others that he meets. You have probably been the recipient a time or two. Imagine living your life in this way. And that would mean that every day before you

leave the house, you look around at the resources you have and realize they are not just for you but to serve those you will come in contact with today. It is more than a bottle of water and a Tootsie Roll. It's an attitude that your life and all your possessions do not belong to you but are given to you by God to bless others. Some might say I'm making too much out of such a little

thing. Would you like to know who else did that? Jesus. Christian discipleship is not just about doing big showy things for God. Sometimes all that is needed is to give a cool drink of water in response to the love Jesus has poured into your life.

This man's simple generosity serves as a reminder to me. Every time he gives me a peppermint, tootsie roll, or other small item I am reminded to examine my own heart. Do I gather treasures to make my life more comfortable? Or do I see every day as an opportunity to give away what I have for the sake of Christ? Next time he, or someone like him, gives you some

“pocket candy” ask yourself “what have I purposed to give away today?”



Let's Celebrate!

ALWAYS THERE

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Happy Easter!
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BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

3 Samantha Flanigan

4 Pamela Kilmon

5 Patrick Heinrich

8 Jerry Hawkins

8 Steve Neer

13 Carla Khouri

15 Fred Mattick

18 Andrea Thaxton

23 Angie Johnson

23 Colin Meaker

25 Jan Glover

MAY

2 Jim Eberly

3 Steve Burgess

12 Bill Mitchell

13 Alice Barlow

14 Kathy Neer

25 Stephanie Neer

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

18 Mike & Michelle Spivey

MAY

24 Steve & Kathy Neer

Send a card to those who cannot be with us, birthdays,
anniversaries, thinking of you cards!



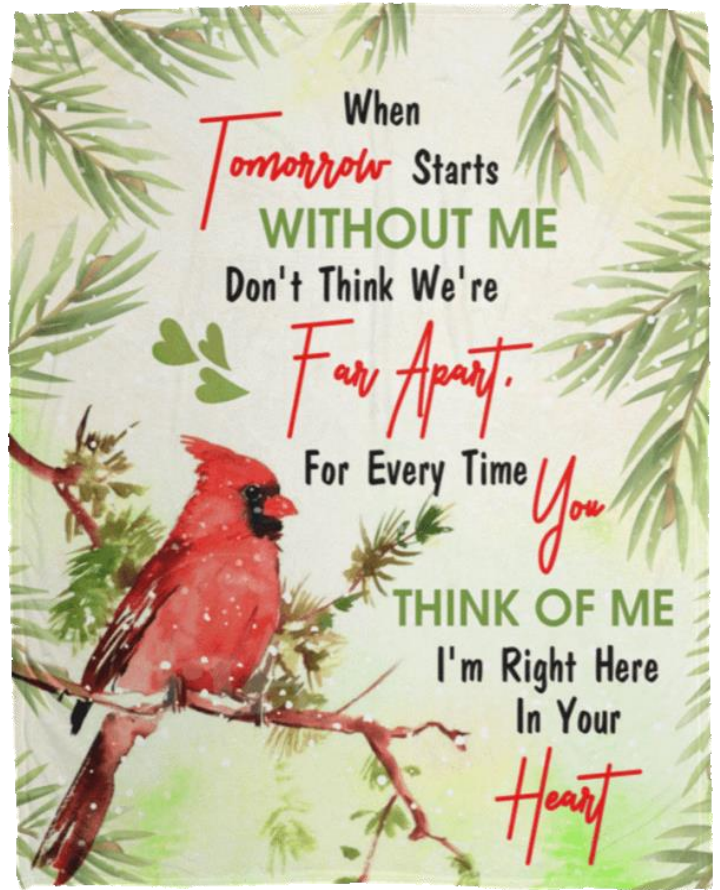


MEMORIALS

None for April



We would like to thank Rick, Rebecka, Kyler, and Jaxson Head for their tribute to our Memorial Garden. Pat is missed terribly by her church family and friends. She joined the church on April 9, 1967 and was a faithful member for almost 55 years.



Losing a loved one is hard and learning how to live without them is harder!

We will have a GriefShare class in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, Feb. 6-May 1, 3:30-5:30pm.

