



# The Good News

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## From the Preacher . . .

**Isaiah 43:18-19** “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. <sup>19</sup> For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

On Monday, I was sitting in my office thinking about what to write for the August news article. As my mind began to wander, this thought came to mind, this August will be different than any other August in the last 21 years. Of course, every year is different, and now every month is dramatically different than the next.

What makes this August different for me is all my kids are out of the public-school system. I remember an August not too many years ago when I had to go to Hardinsburg Elementary School, Breckinridge County Middle School, and Breckinridge County High School for open houses. Hallelujah, this year I don’t have to go to any. But the downside is all those kids are now in college.

There will be a lot of changes this year if all the kids go back to college and live on campus. Nissa and I will be entering the world of empty nesters. It will be strange, but I’m looking forward to spending less money on food, water, and electricity. But I can’t get too excited, because what we save, we will spend on college.

In 2020 we have seen so many things change. The way we live, work, and worship have totally changed. Some of these changes have been good, some not so good.

What does God say about change? **Isaiah 43:18-19** “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. <sup>19</sup> For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

The one thing which has carried me through this time is waiting in anticipation about what God is going to do through this crazy time we are living in. I don’t know what God is going to do, but I do know this life is always going to change. Kids grow up, get their drivers license, go to college, get a job, move out, fall in love, get married, and then have kids of their own. Maybe the order isn’t always perfect, but there is one thing that will never change.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So, no matter what else changes in 2020, God’s grace, mercy, guidance, and love will never change.

And that, my friends, is something worth holding on to.

In God’s Great Love,  
Bro. Greg

### Blessing Box

Thank you so much to everyone for the donations for the Blessing Box. This emergency food source has been used by many in our community. The need is great for the following items: vegetables, peanut butter, tuna, spaghetti, saltines, granola bars, soup, mac and cheese, instant meals, etc. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to make a donation, or you may place items on the table in the Worship Center hallway.



Photo provided by Bro. Greg Shannon

### Ministry Outreach Focus for August - Back to School

Many of the families in our community are struggling financially, and purchasing back to school supplies is an added burden.

We have been invited to participate in the Community Back-to-School Bash on Sunday, **August 9th**. The items we have been asked to donate are 200 glue sticks and 40 backpacks. We need these by **August 2nd**. You can drop them off at church, or Rebecca Glasscock can come by and pick them up at your house. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, Rebecca can purchase the glue sticks and backpacks for you. Please note “Back to School” on your check or offering envelope.

**Person of the Bible Study  
(Zoom Video Conference)  
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning August 4**

Each week we will have a specific person from the Bible to research. We can talk about how each person impacted the world and what you discovered about the person you didn't know before. Each week, questions about our person of the week we are studying will be emailed. In order to participate, you will need to download the "Zoom Meeting" app. If you are interested, just let Bro. Greg know, and make sure he has your email address so he can send you an invite to the meeting room. If you would like to participate but you are not able to Zoom, please contact Bro. Greg.

Aug. 4    Stephen  
Aug. 11   Hannah  
Aug. 18   Noah  
Aug. 25   Bathsheba

**Wear Your Favorite T-Shirt to Church  
Sunday, August 16**



**Ministry Action Team**

The Ministry Action Team will meet via Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m.

**Fifth Sunday Children's Home Offering  
August 30  
Giving Hope, One Child at a Time**

For 149 years, the Kentucky Methodist Homes for Children and Youth have served children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or trauma. They currently offer residential treatment, independent living, community-based behavioral health, outpatient therapy, and adoption services.

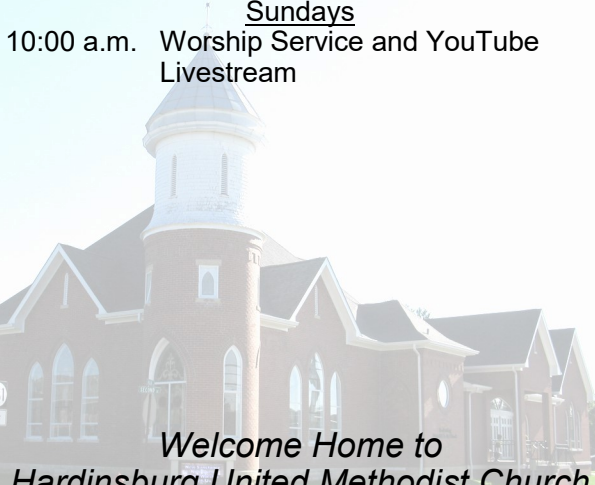

If you would like to mail a donation directly to the Kentucky Methodist Homes for Children and Youth, their address is 1115 Ashgrove Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356 (If mailed directly, please make checks payable to The Methodist Home of Kentucky, and place your church's name and city in the memo line so they can give your church credit for giving.) The August 30 Fifth Sunday Offering is one of four Fifth Sunday Offerings this year, meaning it represents twenty-five percent of this critical source of income for the Children's Homes.

**Word of the Month**

Transformed - changed in condition, nature, or character; converted

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 New International Version (NIV)

<p><b>W e l c o m e  H o m e</b></p>	<p align="center"><u>Sundays</u> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and YouTube Livestream</p>  <p align="center"><i>Welcome Home to Hardinsburg United Methodist Church</i></p>	<p>The Good News is a publication of the Hardinsburg United Methodist Church. Contact us at: Hardinsburg United Methodist Church P.O. Box 3 (123 S. Main St.) Hardinsburg, KY 40143 Pastor: Bro. Greg Shannon Church Phone: (270) 756-5901 Cell Phone: (270) 617-8718 Website Address: <a href="http://www.Hardinsburgumc.org">http://www.Hardinsburgumc.org</a> Email Addresses: <a href="mailto:brogreg63@gmail.com">brogreg63@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:secretary@hardinsburgumc.org">secretary@hardinsburgumc.org</a> YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/HardinsburgUMC">YouTube.com/HardinsburgUMC</a></p> 
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