



The Good News

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From the Preacher . . .

I've been thinking of a word all week which has suddenly taken a whole new meaning for me. It's a word I don't use a lot, but I've used it more lately than I have in a long time. The word is "normal." We hear this word used in a lot of different ways like normal people, normal procedures, or a normal day. So what does this word "normal" really mean? According to my dictionary online, it means "the usual, average, or typical state or condition."

Over the last several months, our world and our lives in no way, shape, or form have been normal. It seems to me this world is becoming more and more abnormal by the day. All this got me to thinking, what does the Bible have to say about the word "normal"?

There are numerous scriptures that tell us to live normal lives and not get caught up in sin. For some people, when they hear the word normal, they cringe, because they don't want to live normal lives. Now this may sound crazy, but I believe many people think a normal life is a boring life.

But how many of you right now would like to get back to living life the normal way before Covid-19? I bet there would be a lot of people who would like to get back to some normalcy in their lives. So what are we to do until that happens?

Might I suggest we discover a new normal? Now please understand, I don't like living this way at all. But I decided a while ago, I'm going to keep on trying to discover a new way to live in this crazy world. How can we do that, or is it even possible? The only way I know to live in this crazy, messed up, abnormal world is to do one thing right.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

The answer for me during this whole time is simply trust in God to help me find a new normal. If we do this, then we will discover the new normal God desires for you and me.

In God's Great Love,
Bro. Greg

Ministry Action Team

The Ministry Action Team will meet via Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Together

Thanks to Bro. Greg, anyone at HUMC can attend meetings by using ZOOM! You can use Zoom if you have access to a cell phone or a computer with a camera. It is an APP (application) that you download for free. Different views are available, meaning you can see one, four or nine people at once! Just like a meeting, sometimes everyone talks at once, and it is a little bit harder to decide who gets to speak first! But it works out quite well. Even if you do not want to speak, it is great just hearing what others have to say. We encourage anyone and everyone who is interested to join us during this unusual time and Zoom Together! Committee meetings are scheduled via Zoom as needed.

Send Bro. Greg an email at brogreg63@gmail.com if you would like to join in fellowship with others on Zoom.

Sheila Eakin

Giving Options

During Worship Service, we won't be passing the offering plates through the pews, but they will be in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to mail your offering, please send it to Hardinsburg UMC, PO Box 3, Hardinsburg, KY 40143. Thank you.



“NOT-SO-TRIVIAL” BIBLE QUESTIONS

Remember Trivial Pursuit? Categories and questions about little known facts. Well, there really isn't anything about the Bible that is trivial, but you might like to try your hand at answering some not-so-well-known facts... We've added some for the kids too! (Answers on the last page)

Sheila Eakin

Adults

1. Why does Cain kill his brother Abel?
2. From which catastrophe does Joseph save Egypt?
3. Who betrays Samson to the Philistines?
4. Which Gospel is written by a doctor?
5. What did King Solomon ask for from God?
6. This woman gave birth to Moses.
7. What does Israel mean?
8. What was Jesus' first miracle?
9. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?
10. How many books are there in the Old Testament?

Kids

1. What did Noah tell the people to do?
 - a. Go to war
 - b. Make him a nicer place to live
 - c. Repent
 - d. Build a library
2. What did God say He would do because the people wouldn't listen to Noah?
 - a. Stop the earth from getting rain
 - b. Make an earthquake
 - c. Start a wildfire
 - d. Send a flood
3. How did God tell Noah that he could escape God's punishment?
 - a. Build a large boat
 - b. Start a new business
 - c. Make a house out of stones
 - d. Save up money
4. How many of each animal did God tell Noah to save?
 - a. 200
 - b. 2
 - c. 2000
 - d. 20
5. What did God put in the sky to tell Noah that He would never punish the world in the same way ever again?
 - a. A jet
 - b. An eagle
 - c. A cloud shaped like a cross
 - d. A rainbow

Blessing Box

The Blessing Box has been used quite often during these uncertain times. The need is great for the following: 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.

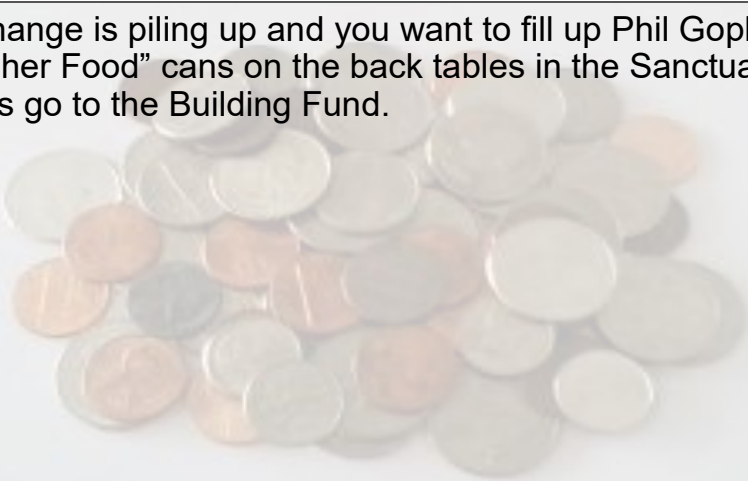


A small sampling of the many delicious and nutritious items that have been donated for the Blessing Box. Thank you to everyone for caring for those in our community.

Photo provided by Bro. Greg Shannon



If your change is piling up and you want to fill up Phil Gopher, there are “Gopher Food” cans on the back tables in the Sanctuary. All donations go to the Building Fund.



Ministry Outreach Focus for July and August - Back to School

Many of the families in our community are struggling financially, and purchasing back to school supplies and clothes is an added burden. Providing some of these items is one way we can reach out to these families. The school Family Resource Center Coordinators are always helpful in distributing the items where they are most needed.

Giving Options

- ♦ You may choose to make a monetary donation designated as “school supplies/clothes,” or
- ♦ Purchase school supplies. Items may be placed on the table in the Worship Center hallway.

Suggested items: No. 2 lead pencils, multi-colored 2 pocket folders, spiral bound notebook paper, glue sticks, colored pencils, packets of loose leaf paper, 24 packs of crayons, binders, graph paper, backpacks (all ages)

If anyone has ideas about additional needs relating to back to school or ministry outreach areas that we could focus on at other times of the year, please contact the Church Office.

Bible Answers

Adult

1. Because God is more pleased by Abel’s sacrifice than by Cain’s.
2. Famine
3. Delilah
4. Luke
5. Wisdom
6. Jochebed
7. Prevails with God
8. Turning water into wine
9. The Gospels
10. 39

Kids

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. D

Word of the Month

New - recently created or having started to exist; different from what previously existed
¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 New International Version (NIV)

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