



September 18, 2020

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Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Baker, Nika Peterson, Courtney Romans, Donna Colvin, Barb Peter, Bill Buss, Sophia Brice, Terry Alter, Gabriel Tipton, Laurie Charity



Happy Anniversary to:

Scott Giltner & Heather Keller-Giltner, Dale & Madeline Hendricks, Curtis & Kathy Fauble (30th)



Please add Jean Loeffler, Michael Oberdahlhoff and Quinn Russell to your prayers.



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Loeffler who passed away Sept. 13, 2020.

Our Sympathy also to the family and friends of Candace Willing, a past Salem member. She passed away on Sept. 12, 2020.

BJ's Café

9/19 Earl Bricker, Rob Cane & Friends
9/26 Dottie, Marilyn, Judy & Friends
10/3 Denise, Sharon & Jeannie
10/10 Jared Tipton

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Matt's Minute



Exodus 16:2-6

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way, I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.... Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

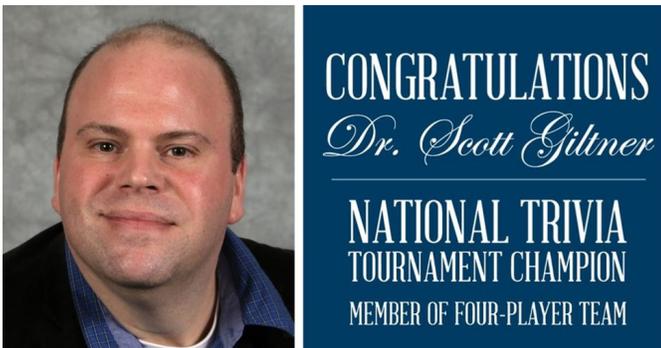
This is one of those scriptures that is surprising. When I read this text, I am initially irritated at the Hebrew people. I mean, are they really complaining? For real? God just delivered them from 400 years of slavery in Egypt, and they are complaining? Wow. How ungrateful. But, when I lift up a few layers from the scripture and stop to let it really sink in, I don't feel any irritation for the people of God at all. I feel hurt for them. My heart aches for them. When I stop to let this scripture absorb into my soul, I begin rooting for God to do something on behalf of the Hebrew people! Do you know how bad things must have been in order for them to start thinking back to their days of slavery and thinking they had it made? It was bad. They wanted to live, and they didn't have any food. And, when they looked into the wilderness in which they were living they could not see the land of milk and honey that had been promised. All they saw was hunger, emptiness, and starvation. So they did the only thing they could – they asked God for help. I am glad they did. God really came through for them. This is one of the most important stories told in all Hebrew families for centuries, and is still a critical story for us.

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God heard the cries of her people. This is important because when we understand that God hears our cries, identifies with our sorrow, and cares about us enough to do something about it, good things happen. Knowing that God cares and acts on our behalf means we can face the loneliness of 6+ months of social distancing. It means we can live with the threat of a virus that can make people ill. It means we can place our trust in the one who can provide quail at night, and bread in the morning. God's people learned that God's grace is sufficient no matter how barren the circumstances. So, take heart. God knows what is going on. God knows what to do about it. And, that is enough, because we are God's people. What we do is important however - so stay faithful and may our words and actions witness to God's goodness.

Pastor Matt



Culver-Stockton students already know Dr. Scott Giltner, a professor of history, is brilliant in the classroom. Giltner also showed his talents last month as part of a team that won a national virtual trivia tournament with educators from 39 states. <https://bit.ly/3ISq9Qo>

Scott was also recently in the Quincy Herald Whig for participating in an episode of David LaMere's "The Wild Huntsman" podcast to discuss Scott's book, "Hunting and Fishing in the South: Black Labor and White Leisure After the Civil War" which re-examines the dynamics of race relations in the post-Civil War South from the perspective of field sports.

God's Garden News

Sue Welch

I'm sorry to see the summer fade, but autumn brings its rewards, too. The garden is winding down but it has provided an abundance of fresh veggies for many people. Horizons Food Pantry and Kitchen has received most of our produce but we have also given some to the clients who come to Salem for Saturday Meals. We're still picking butter-nut squash, tomatoes, and peppers, but so far our garden has yielded about 400 pounds plus 9 grocery bags of kale! We've also harvested radishes, zucchini, cucumbers, and a few green beans. The many bees and butterflies enjoyed our beautiful zinnias. Many thanks to those who have made monetary donations this year. Paul Goehl and I look forward to a great crop next year. We made a great team!

I was the recipient of some of the beautiful zinnias. Thank you Sue for bringing a new batch to the office regularly.

Barb

Prayers for Our Church Family

Janet Adair
Pam Appel
Linda Baker
Ralph Baxter
Tim Brice
Sarah Campbell
Laurie Charity
Debbie Daggs
Victoria Dry
Denise Eastman
Marge Freeman
Wanda Hamann-
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Ken & Jeannie Kammerer
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Marian Maxwell
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Mardi & Mike Murphy
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Michael Oberdahlhoff
Valerie Ortbal
Connie Owens
Coulton Simmons
Paul & Molly Watson
Sandy Whitaker
Bill Winn (Joyce's son)
Pat Zander



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Wanda Hamann-Salsman
Sally Hibbard
Randy Hussong
Melba Loos
Kent Stockton
Dennis & Connie Sue Novotny
Joyce Winn

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Maxine Hawk	
John Maxwell	Marian Maxwell
Vi Schmiedeskamp	Hilda West
Elaine Wolkitt	Pat Zander

Barry Community Care Center

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Doug Mowen

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