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2 Corinthians 12:9, which says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." In the past two months, all four of my children have had bronchitis, RSV, strep, and stomach viruses. Two of them had ear infections and one had a night in the hospital for something unrelated to any of this. We have all come through this very trying time healthy, and I never would have made it through without God's perfect strength in my great weakness! To God be the glory!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR APRIL:**

- Apr. 8 - Pork Loin, potatoes, vegetable, bread, & dessert
- Apr. 11 - Spaghetti Pie, salad, garlic bread, & dessert
- Apr. 18 - Chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, & dessert
- Apr. 25 - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, bread, & dessert

**Monthly Ladies Lunch**

(third Thursday of each month)

For April, we are going to meet at **Red Lobster**, in Perry. See you there on **April 19**, at **11:30 a.m.**! For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718.

**Monthly Ladies Get-Together**

(first Thursday of each month)

We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**, at **1:00 p.m.** Bring a snack if you wish. Bring a drink or a snack if you would like, but come on **April 5** and get to know one another. For more information, contact Diane South, at 988-9718 or 860-908-6687.

**Weekly at FCC:**

**Sundays**

- 8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
- 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1st - 5th Graders \*  
(\* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

**Wednesdays**

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



**Ministry Staff**

- Ron Nolen, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan, *Youth Minister*

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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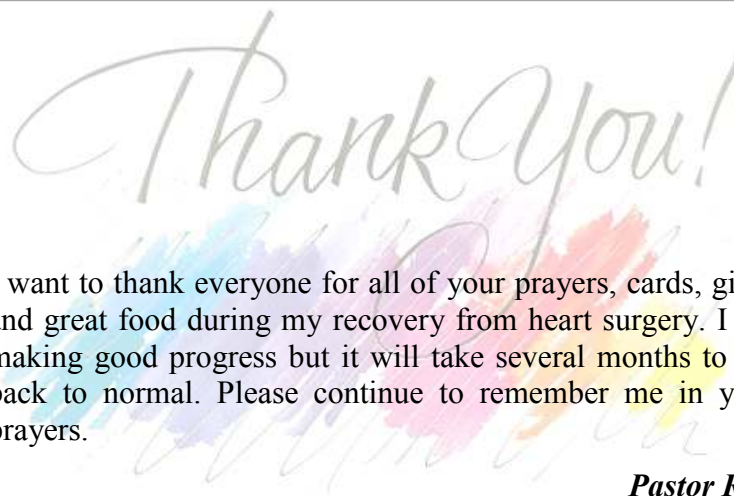
*"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"*



**Youth Yard Sale  
Saturday, April 21**

(All proceeds go to help fund this summer's trip to the **Christ in Youth (C.I.Y.)** conference.)

Please contact the church office or Rob Shawhan (919-7466) to set up an appointment for pickup or drop-off of donated items.



I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers, cards, gifts, and great food during my recovery from heart surgery. I am making good progress but it will take several months to get back to normal. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

*Pastor Ron*

**Child Dedication Sunday  
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13**

Please let the church office know if you want to participate or if you have questions.

## Literature & Latte

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

*in the Connection Cafe*

Ladies, we will be discussing the book, *The Sweetest Thing*, by Elizabeth Musser. You can purchase your copy of the book on-line for around \$10, at either [www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). For more information, contact Tonya Hipps, at 987-2626.

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## New Ladies Bible Study

*(from the Coffee Cup Series, Java with the Judges)*

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Connection Cafe

### REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO SIGNED UP:

**Begins April 17, sign up by April 1**

*(first lesson being due by April 17.)*

For more information, contact Pat Presse, at 951-3956, 988-7959, or [presse1722@windstream.net](mailto:presse1722@windstream.net).

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## New Wednesday Night Study

### *Christ and Islam*

Pastor Ron will be teaching a three-week study on Islam (Understanding the Faith of the Muslims) beginning Wednesday, April 11, in the Connection Café.

*If you would like a book to use as a study guide let the church office know.*

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### NEW SERMON SERIES: Dress for Success

Join us for 7 sermons (starting on April 15) on the positive virtues for living a good life, straight from the Scriptures!

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

4/1 - Charles, Susan, Jen, Harold, Lynn, Pat, Allen, and Jeanne

4/8 - Charles, Margaret, Veronica, Virginia, Susan, Kelly, Lee, and Linda

4/15 - Phil, Amanda, Allan, Krystal, Robin, Brenda, Johnny, and Tara

4/22 - Phil, Ann, Kayleigh, Michael, Kendall, Kastina, Ken and Cheryl

4/29 - Larry, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Jen, Harold, Carolyn, Allen, and Jeanne

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### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

4/1 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

4/4 - Lisa A.

4/8 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

4/11 - Melinda L.

4/15 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

4/18 - Brandy

4/22 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

4/25 - VOLUNTEER

4/29 - Linda, Angela B, VOLUNTEER

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### CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

4/1 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Brian A and Virginia S; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

4/8 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Jen and Griff C

4/15 - sh1: Steven K and Leigh S; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

4/22 - sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: ; Cheri R and Pat P sh3: Pat P and Carolyn B

4/29 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Elizabeth C and Brian A; sh3: Virginia S and Ann V

## God's Promises

*by Jennifer Pierce*

I would like to share with you a verse that brought me some comfort recently. Joshua 21:45 says, "Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass." This verse was after all the Promised Land had been distributed to the twelve tribes. The promises this verse mentions aren't just limited to the promises God made to the people about to enter the Promised Land. Nor are they limited to the ones made to just the people who left Egypt. This verse includes the promises made to Moses, Joseph, Jacob, Isaac, and even Abraham.

This God is the same one who promised that Jesus would defeat Satan very shortly after Creation. When I think of a God who can plan that far ahead, I am amazed at His knowledge and His power to make all these things happen as He planned. I can't even do that well with planning meals for my family. And that's only two weeks away at most!

Satan would like us to believe that God is powerless, weak, or uncaring. He doesn't want us to trust God to fulfill His promises because it's more distracting for us to function without faith. When we live outside of faith, we are filled with fear and distracted by our many concerns. Think for a moment about the promises God has made in Scripture. Which promise do you need to focus on today? Which would help you to remember that God is greater than your fears and stresses - even the really serious ones? Focus on His ability and willingness to fulfill His promises and then live in faith.

2 Corinthians 1:20 says, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God." Do you have an "Amen" to share that will give God glory? Share it! Tell someone about a promise God has kept for you. Mine is

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