

CONNECTING MEOTA September 27th, 2023

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.

**Our next church service will be
Sunday October 1st , 10:30 am
at St. George's or Christ Church Millarville
and St. James invites you to join us
at Christ Church or St George's this Sunday !**

Livestream will not be available for the summer months. We will re-evaluate in the fall. Please enjoy the summer weather and attend one of our lovely churches in the Meota parish. The flowers at each church are beautiful. The services are upbeat and the fellowship is friendly. Please join us.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 7PM
ST. GEORGE'S DIAMOND VALLEY

Come sing, pray,
and enjoy the presence of God !!

Register now:

HEALING AND WHOLENESS PT 3

To be led by our wonderful-
Rev. Martyn

SEPT 30, 9:30 - 3:00

ST. Benedict's High River

Register: martyn.greer@outlook.com

Arrive at 9 am for coffee & muffins

Bring your own lunch but

Refreshments provided all day

You can come even if you didn't attend before.

You will learn lots, sing lots and make new friends!

Register now as space is limited!

THE TERRY FOX RUN

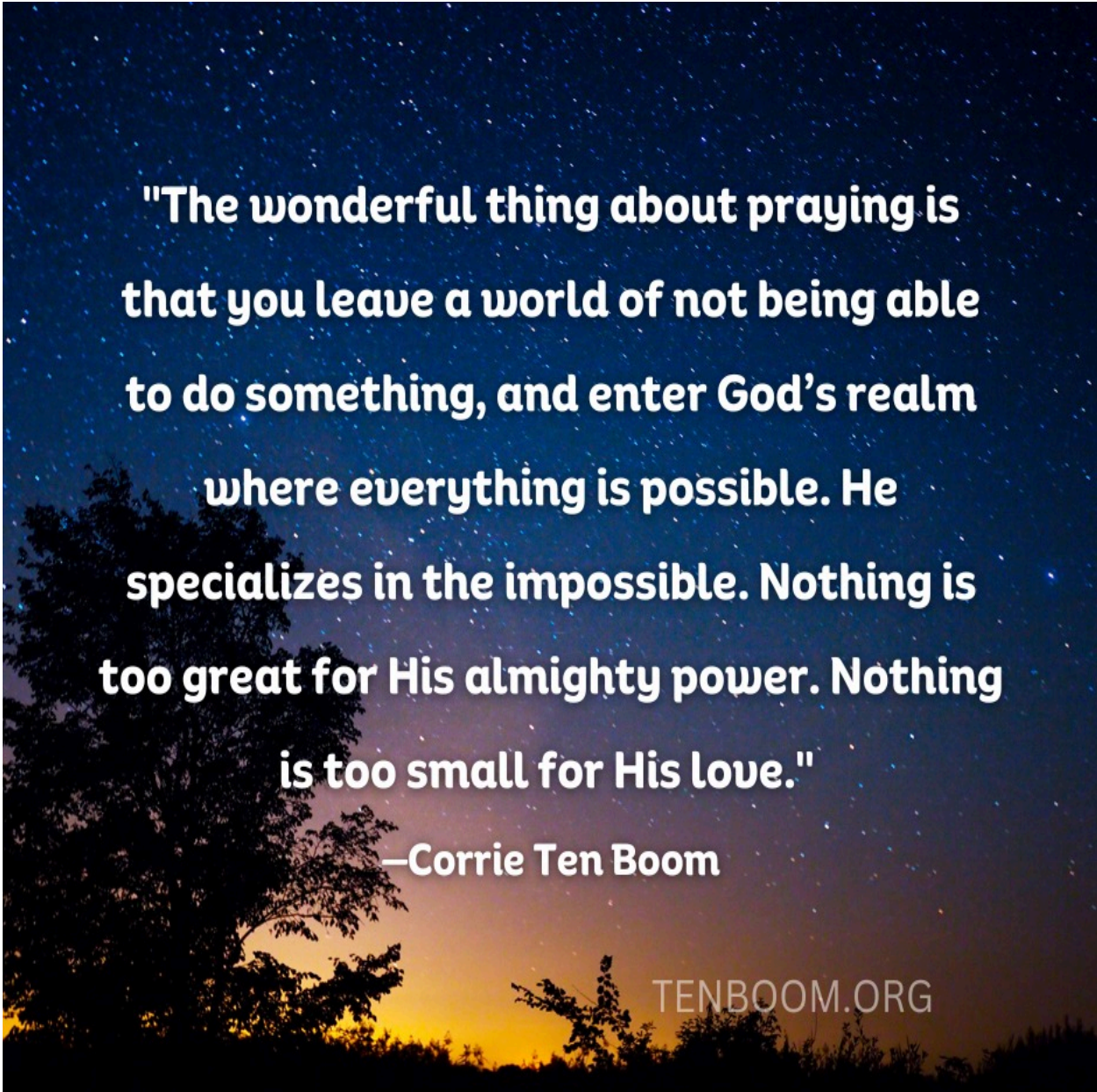


RUNNERS WILL BE RUNNING THIS WEEKEND

BE AWARE OF RUNNERS OUT ON OUR ROADS



Another really cool event in High River is the annual Heritage Inn International Balloon Festival. Opening ceremonies are on September 27 at 5:30, and then they will be heading over to the MacLeod Trail launch site for the first flight of these magnificent hot air balloons. The event runs Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 with daily launches at 7:30 am and 5:15pm. The event is free and is quite a site to see all these balloons in the sky. You can even buy a ride on one of them! For full details, go to heritageinninternationalballoonfestival.com.



"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love."

—Corrie Ten Boom

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A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,
in whose image and likeness each of us has been created
with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth
and destined for eternal glory,
Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth,
from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God,
that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us
and as we have experienced in these days,
is a peace which the world cannot give.

To world leaders grant the wisdom
to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation
to that common humanity that makes us all your children
and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge
or even in the cause of justice
grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue
and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror,
especially the frightened children,
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

And to those who have already lost their lives
as victims of human cruelty and warfare,
open wide your arms and enfold them all
in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

- Peter J. Scagnelli

Sunday, October 1st, 2023. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

EXODUS 17:1-7; PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13; MATTHEW 21:23-32

GOD PROVIDES WATER TO THE ISRAELITES IN THE DESERT

First Reading

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" EXODUS 17:1-7



Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Gospel. THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

MATTHEW 21:23-32

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW

FUNNY BONES –
USING UP ONES THAT I HAVE BEEN SAVING FOR A GOOD MOMENT TO SHARE



The CARTOON KRONICLES



"I specifically told you to book a cruise with Carnival, but you just *had* to go with Viking."

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Thank you Lord,
For this wonderful and amazing
blessing of TODAY,
For your WORD of hope which
gives us strength,
For your LOVE that makes our
life meaningful,
For your PEACE that gives
us comfort,
For your GRACE that renews
and restores our life,
WE give you PRAISE,
in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

ALLELUIA!