



FEBRUARY 24



A MONTHLY UPDATE FOR KIDS AND PARENTS AT LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KIDS GAMES

**Annual Meeting
For kids,
Ages 4 to grade 6
Held in
Rooms 102A/B
9:30- 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 4**



ON THE MORNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (FOR ADULTS), KIDS, AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 6, WILL MEET IN ROOMS 102A & B FOR A VARIETY OF GAMES FOR GROUP BUILDING, PRIZES, AND LOADS OF FUN! BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS: DUNKIN DONUTS!



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Messy Parables February 18 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Messy Church

Messy Parables

9:30-11:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 18

FELLOWSHIP HALL

JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES. A PARABLE IS A SIMPLE STORY THAT CARRIES AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE. JESUS TOLD PARABLES TO HIS DISCIPLES SO THEY COULD LEARN ABOUT GOD'S WAYS. HE USED EXAMPLES FROM THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES, LIKE PLANTS, ANIMALS AND PEOPLE TO CONVEY A LESSON, A TRUTH TO PUT INTO ACTION. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO LEARN SOME OF JESUS' FAMOUS PARABLES THROUGH CRAFTS, GAMES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! OUR ACTIVITY TIME WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WORSHIP AND BRUNCH. ALL AGES ARE WELCOMED.

Messy Church Program For February:

February 4-9:30-10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

February 11-Break Out Groups: 9:15 a.m. Nursery

9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 Joyful Noise, 10:00 a.m. Godly Play

9:30-10:30 a.m. Grades 1-5, Mini Mess

9:30-10:30 a.m. Parent Group/Special Session

February 18-9:30-11:00 a.m. Messy Church Celebration

February 25-Break Out Groups:

9:15 a.m. Nursery

9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 Joyful Noise, 10:00 a.m. Godly Play

9:30-10:30 a.m. Grades 1-5, Mini Mess

9:30-10:30 a.m. Parent Group/Lent Study

PARABLE MATCH UP-match the picture to the parable. How many do you know?



Prodigal Son (Lost Son)



the Pharisee & the tax
Collector



the Leaven



the good samaritan



Lazarus and the Rich Man



the ten maidens



the Pearl of great Price



the UNforgiving servant



THE PARABLES

Parable (n.): A short story that teaches an important lesson.

PARABLES are like cakes. They have multiple (delicious) layers.



STORY

MEANING

APPLICATION

WHY DID JESUS TEACH IN PARABLES? MATTHEW 13:10-17



TO HIDE THE TRUTH...

from people who thought they were too smart to learn from Jesus.



TO TEACH THE TRUTH...

to people who wanted to learn from Jesus.

WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49

A **wise** man builds his house on rock, and it withstands the flood.

A **foolish** man builds his house on sand, and it crumbles in the flood.

HOUSE ON ROCK =

the person who hears Jesus's words and **OBEYS** them

STORM =

judgment

HOUSE ON SAND =

the person who hears Jesus's words and **DOESN'T OBEY** them



The **sand** on the shore of the Sea of Galilee was hard when dry and would give the impression of being solid and strong. But rain storms would prove the sand was an unreliable surface.

So **wise** builders dug well below the surface of the sand to find bedrock to use as a foundation.



WHEN WE HEAR AND OBEY JESUS'S WORDS, WE ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND ANY STORM THAT COMES OUR WAY.

MUSTARD SEED

Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19

A **mustard seed** is extremely tiny, but after it is planted, it grows very fast.

MUSTARD SEED =

the kingdom of God

The **mustard seed** was the smallest seed grown in ancient Israel.



← mustard seed
← apple seed
← orchid seed

The **kingdom of God** would start very small, but it would grow faster than anyone could ever imagine.

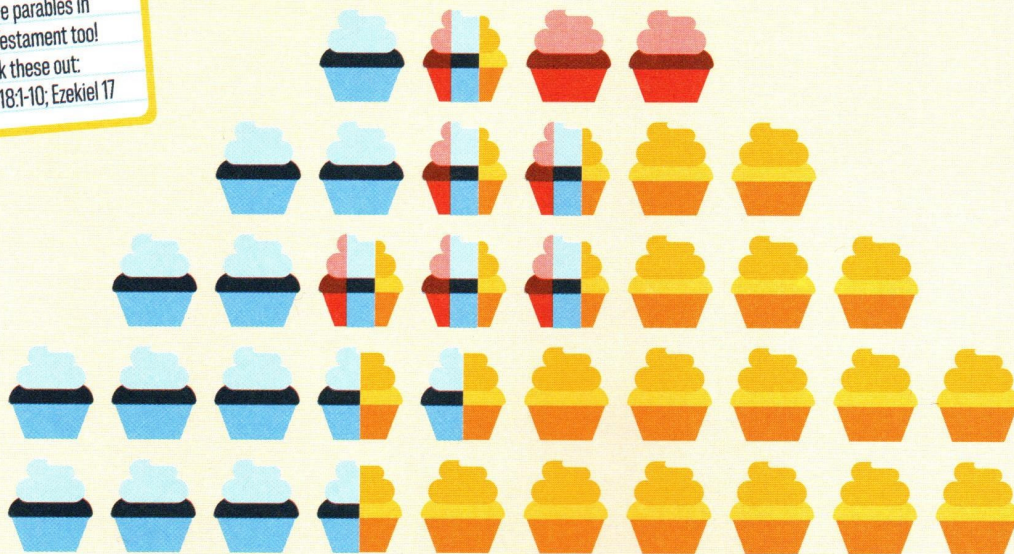
In just a few months, a mustard plant can grow over 10' tall. Imagine if you grew that fast!

Jesus promised, "I will build my church."
Matthew 16:18

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE CAN KNOW THAT THE GOSPEL WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE LIVES.

HOW MANY PARABLES ARE IN THE GOSPELS?

There are parables in the Old Testament too! Check these out: Jeremiah 18:1-10; Ezekiel 17

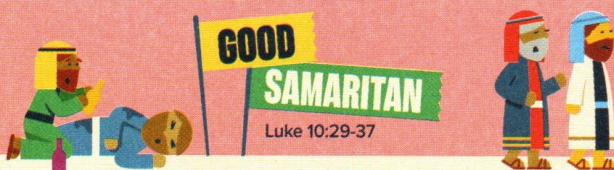


UNIQUE ACCOUNTS

- MATTHEW** (11)
- MARK** (2)
- LUKE** (16)
- JOHN** (There are no parables recorded in the Gospel of John)

SHARED ACCOUNTS (9)

- These are the same parables shared in multiple Gospel accounts



GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:29-37

A man is beaten along a **road** by robbers. After being ignored by a **priest** and a **Levite**, he is rescued by an unlikely hero—a **Samaritan**.

SAMARITAN =

a foreigner who was hated by the Israelites.

PRIEST & LEVITE =

religious leaders who were supposed to be the most righteous people, but even they were not willing to help.

ROAD =

a dangerous 17-mile journey with a steep and windy road where robbers waited for travelers.

Yet he was willing to help someone who didn't like him.

The **Samaritan** poured **oil** and **wine** on the wounds.



Olive oil was used medicinally



Wine was used to disinfect wounds

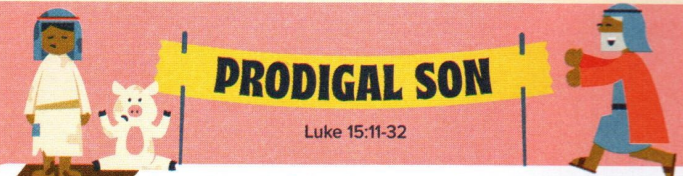
The **Samaritan** paid **two denarii** to the innkeeper to care for victim.



1 DENARIUS = 1 DAY'S WAGE



WE SHOULD LOVE EVERYONE AROUND US, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT KIND TO US.



PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15:11-32

A **son** takes his father's money and abandons his family. After spending all his **inheritance**, he returns and is joyfully accepted by his **father**.

LOST SON =

people who are not following God

FATHER =

God

Inheritance (n.): share of a father's wealth that a son would receive upon the father's death.

Runs to greet his son. In that time, fathers usually walked slowly to appear dignified.

Asking for the inheritance early is like saying, "I wish you were dead."

This shows how excited he was to see his lost son.

The lost son was given the best **robe**, a **ring**, **sandals**, and a **party**.



ROBE = honor



RING = the father's authority



SANDALS = the son's acceptance into the family again




PARTY =

where a fattened calf was served

Calves were usually cooked only for large events, like weddings. This means the whole village may have been invited to join in the celebration of the son's return.

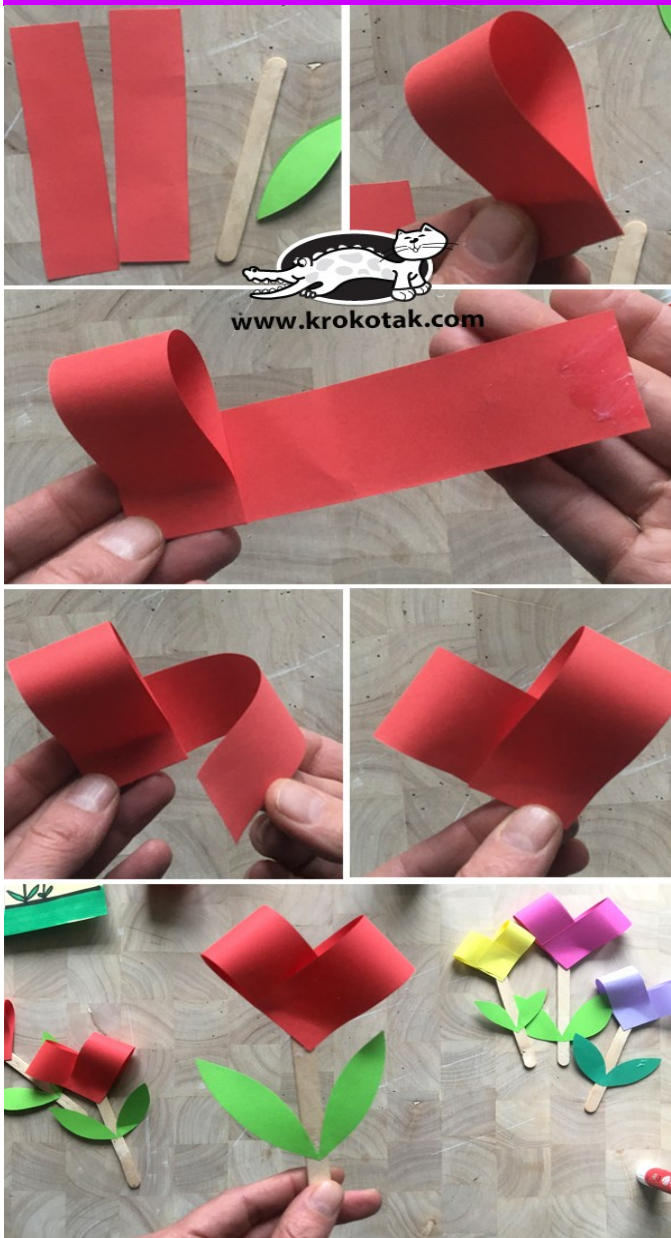
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO GOD, AND HE WILL JOYFULLY ACCEPT YOU.

<div> SERMON STORIES  </div>	Date	Season	Theme/Story	Activity/Project	Location
	FEB 4	EPIPHANY	Jesus' Parables	Parable of the Lost Son Craft	Room 102B
	FEB 11	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Jesus' Parables	Miracles of Jesus Match Cards	Room 102B
	FEB 18	NO SERMON STORIES/MESSY CHURCH-MESSY PARABLES			
	FEB 25	LENT 2	Lent Practices-Prayer	Beaded Lord's Prayer	Room 102B

FEBRUARY

Activities that explore a Bible story or church season for children, Ages 4 through Grade 2 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service following the Children's message-Held in meeting room 102 B

The Wiggle Worship Bags will continue to be available at every worship service. Please remember these bags should be returned to the blue bins in the Narthex at the conclusion of the service.



Valentine's Day is February 14 Here are two crafts to make as gifts or just for fun





Sunday, Feb. 13

**Shrove
Tuesday/
Pancake Day/
Mardi Gras
Pancake
Dinner**

**in
Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

What is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day or Mardi Gras?

SHROVE TUESDAY IS THE DAY BEFORE LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY. THE NAME SHROVE COMES FROM THE OLD MIDDLE ENGLISH WORD 'SHRIVEN' MEANING TO GO TO CONFESSION TO SAY SORRY FOR THE WRONG THINGS YOU'VE DONE. LENT ALWAYS STARTS ON A WEDNESDAY, SO PEOPLE WENT TO CONFESSIONS ON THE DAY BEFORE. THIS BECAME KNOWN AS SHRIVEN TUESDAY AND THEN SHROVE TUESDAY.

THE OTHER NAME FOR THIS DAY, PANCAKE DAY, COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH CUSTOM OF USING UP ALL THE FATTENING INGREDIENTS IN THE HOUSE BEFORE LENT, SO THAT PEOPLE WERE READY TO FAST DURING LENT. THE FATTENING INGREDIENTS THAT MOST PEOPLE HAD IN THEIR HOUSES IN THOSE DAYS WERE EGGS AND MILK. A VERY SIMPLE RECIPE TO USE UP THESE INGREDIENTS WAS TO COMBINE THEM WITH SOME FLOUR AND MAKE PANCAKES!

THE CUSTOM OF MAKING PANCAKES STILL CONTINUES TODAY, AND IN MANY U.K. TOWNS AND VILLAGES PANCAKE RACES (WHERE PEOPLE RACE WITH A FRYING PAN WHILE TOSSING A PANCAKE IN IT!) AND PANCAKE TOSSING COMPETITIONS ARE HELD ON SHROVE TUESDAY.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES SHROVE TUESDAY IS KNOWN AS 'MARDI GRAS'. THIS MEANS 'FAT TUESDAY' IN FRENCH AND ALSO COMES FROM THE IDEA OF USING UP FOOD BEFORE LENT.

the summer mission project planning team invites you to join us for a delightful evening of joy and fellowship at our mardi gras pancake dinner on february 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. indulge in the spirit of celebration as we provide an array of toppings and fillings for you to create your perfect stack of pancakes. it's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy delicious food, and embrace the festive atmosphere. don't miss out on this delicious and fun-filled event!

Burying the Alleluia

In many liturgical traditions the word 'alleluia' is purposefully left out of all liturgies and songs used during the season of Lent as a way to honor the solemnness of the season. Only then to ring out the Good News on Easter proclaiming, "Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!"

To recognize this tradition many churches have the practice of symbolically burying the alleluia at the start of Lent. (usually on Shrove Tuesday).

Color in this "Alleluia" and hide it or put it in a box and away/out of sight. Bring it out again at Easter.



YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENT: An Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring"

Forty Days: the number 40 is attached to historic events--Noah's Flood, Moses' days on Mt. Sinai, The Israelites wandering in the wilderness, Jesus' fasting and prayer in the wilderness before beginning his ministry.

Colors Violet and black: violet is the color

of repentance and royalty. This is the color most used during lent. Black is the color for mourning and is used on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Pull out your markers of purple and violet and color the map on the next page, square by square and day by day as you move through the 40 days of Lent

