

# keep in touch



September 21, 2023

## Feeling Weak

2 Corinthians 13:4 *For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you.*

I know I probably don't look it now, but back in high school, I used to be on the track team! I was primarily a sprinter, with the occasional field event like the long jump. Being a sprinter, our races were all pretty short. We would go all out, running as fast as we could for short distances. Long distance runners have to pace themselves better, so they don't run out of energy too soon. Regardless, when I didn't have the energy to keep up with the other runners, I realized how weak my body was, and it was often disheartening!

In 2 Corinthians 13:4, Paul knows what it feels like to be weak. In this verse, he is being scrutinized by certain members in the church at Corinth, who do not believe that he speaks from God. They think him weak. And Paul responds by saying (and I'm paraphrasing here), "Yes, I am weak! It is through the power of God alone that I have the power to deal with you!"

Weakness is not a bad thing. Jesus himself was crucified in weakness, yet it is by God's power that he defeated death and rose again! Weakness in body can be countered by strength in faith! Strength given to us by God to go further and be braver than we normally would be. Don't be disheartened by your limitations; know instead know that through God, all things are possible!

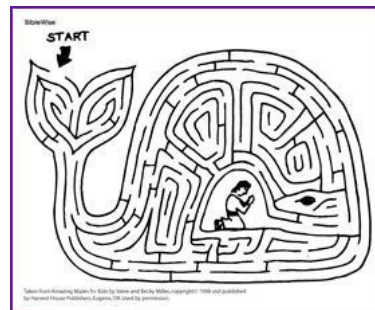
## Blessings

Pastor Andrew



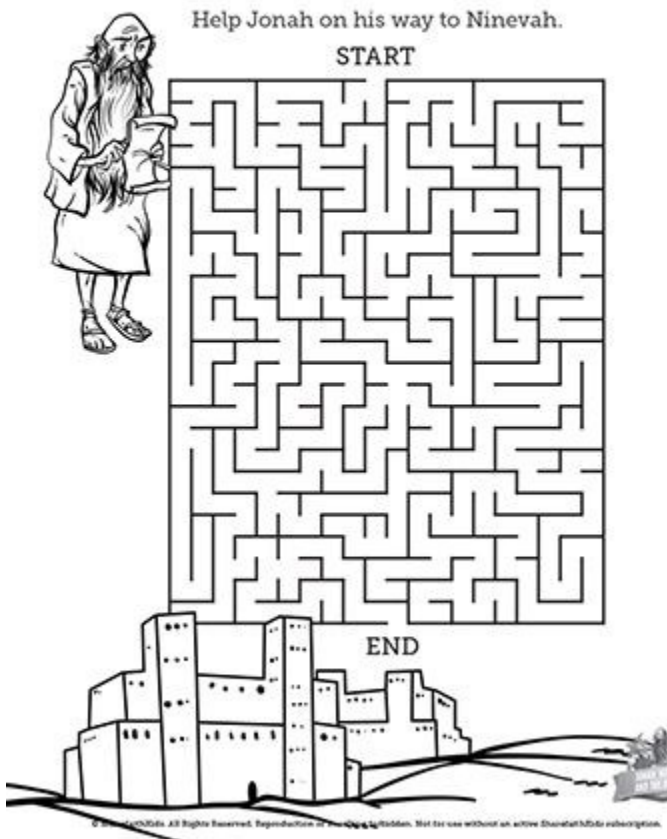
*Sunday September 24, 2023*

- ♦ Sunday Services on facebook page: Caldwell UMC Ohio.
- ♦ This Sunday's sermon based on Matthew 20:1-16 "Totally Unfair!"
- ♦ Old Testament scripture Jonah 3:10-4:11



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## JONAH, NINEVEH AND THE BIG FIS



## Matthew 20:1-16

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

AGREE	GRUMBLED	MANAGER	WRONG
BEGINNING	HEAVEN	MARKETPLACE	
DAILY	HIRED	OWNER	
EQUAL	IDLE	SCORCHING	
EVENING	KINGDOM	USUAL	
FIRST	LABORERS	VINEYARD	
FRIEND	LANDOWNER	WAGE	
	LAST	WORKED	



09/22 Brooke Zerger

09/26 Tiffany Sidwell

09/27 Bob Rudge

### Ladies Retreat 2023

Pine Lake Bible Camp

Sat. Oct. 7 9:30-11:30am

Breakfast— No charge

RSVP 740-732-2047

### Mens Retreat 2023

Pine Lake Bible Camp

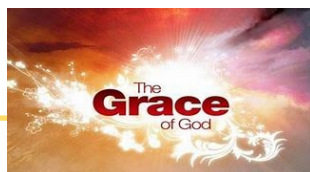
Overnight Oct 13-14

Fri 5pm dinner

Lunch noon Sat.

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The story of the gospel, the story of Jesus, is incredibly unfair. God takes this unfairness on himself, suffering the punishment that we deserve. You may not feel we deserve to be punished, you may not feel it was necessary for Jesus to die, but surely you find that story at least a bit compelling. This is what J. R. R. Tolkien described as a eucatastrophe. A catastrophe is a sudden calamity or downturn in a story; a eucatastrophe is a sudden reversal of fortune, a happy ending. If we were writing the story, we would want to see those who are guilty be punished, and those who are innocent be freed. But the Bible turns this on its head, saying that God's love is so great that he, who is innocent, is willing to be punished so that we, who are guilty, may be freed ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)). This is the ultimate happy ending, and it is a message which is meant not only to inspire us but also to shape and give meaning to our lives. There is a word for this, when we get what we do not deserve, when we are treated fairly when we have not earned fairness. The word is grace.

## Revival!

Oct 15,16,17 Caldwell UMC 7PM

Special Music & Brad Peoples speaker



OSU Buckeyes

Away at

Notre Dame

Sept 23 7:30PM on NBC



CHS vs Conotton Valley

Sept 22 7PM

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Shenandoah Vs

Buckeye Local

Sep 22 7PM

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THIS PARABLE BUGS ME.  
THE FIRST GUYS GET  
TOTALLY RIPPED OFF!

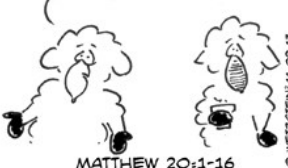


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YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU  
THINK ABOUT ALL THE  
PEOPLE JESUS CALLED,  
YOU AND I HAVE COME  
LATE IN THE DAY.



I LOVE  
THIS PARABLE!



MATTHEW 20:1-16

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Church Service at Caldwell UMC

10:00 AM Service

9:00 AM Sunday School

YOU'VE GOT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE TO BE  
MISERABLE, SO ENJOY TODAY



## Fall Equinox – September 23, 2023

### First Day of Autumn

Summer has slipped away. Hope you enjoyed the season!



The fall (and spring) equinoxes provide Earth with roughly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. From the time of the Druids, the fall equinox signaled the end of the harvest. Symbolically, the fall equinox reminds us to be grateful for the “harvests” in our own lives over the course of the year.

Take advantage of these early, crisp days of fall. Whether it’s just a simple walk around your neighborhood or a hike in the woods; enjoy the crunch of the leaves on the ground as you stroll. Head outdoors, inhale the fresh air and notice nature's changes all around you.

The full moon closest to the September or Autumnal Equinox is called the Harvest Moon. In 2023, Harvest Moon will first appear on the evening of Friday the 29th of September.

## Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day – September 24, 2023

The day is for honoring families of those who have received The Gold Star – the military award no one wants. The award commemorates the tragic death of a military member who has perished while in the line of duty and hopes to provide a level of comfort to the parents and families that are left behind. Since World War 1, a “Gold Star Family” has signified a family that has lost one of its members in combat.



We can often take the freedom we enjoy in the United States for granted but this holiday reminds us that freedom is not without a price; in this case, the ultimate price.

There is a Gold Star Park at 801 Lancaster St. in Marietta with a special monument to those who have fallen in military combat.

## National Roadkill Day – September 25, 2023

Although you may assume that National Roadkill Day is about raising awareness about the dangers of roadkill or how it’s an issue that so many animals die on the roads, this would be the wrong assumption. National Roadkill Day is actually about raising awareness about roadkill as an immediate and no-waste alternative to help feed many hungry Americans. Roadkill refers to wildlife being hit or killed by moving cars.

If the animal has died in the last few hours and the organs have not ruptured and tainted the meat, then the meat should be safe for consumption once thoroughly cooked. This practice is currently legal in 49 states.

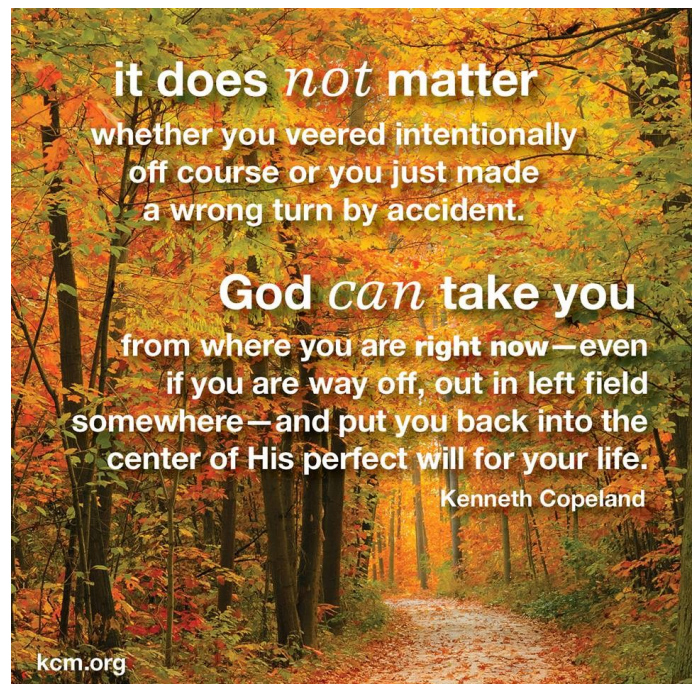
Regardless of how you view the cooking and consumption of roadkill, the fact still stands that roadkill is sometimes all a family has to eat. In 2020, a study found that 35% of Americans experienced food insecurity. This means that 35% of Americans skip meals, go hungry, and struggle to afford food every month. Roadkill offers a zero-cost, zero-waste way for this percentage of the population to ensure there’s food in their freezer.



### Here are some tips for having a successful school year:

- Project a positive attitude about school and confidence that your children will experience success and happiness.
- Establish supportive home routines.
- Have a designated place for homework.
- Tackle the harder homework first and in small increments.
- Set boundaries on activities during the school year to promote balance and have an emphasis on learning.
- Discover your child's learning style.
- Attend the school's open house or orientation to learn expectations and meet the teachers and staff.
- Read and respond to communication from your child's teacher.
- Work with your child's teacher as a team.
- Volunteer
- Set goals. Work with your child to create goals for the year and affirm them when they accomplish the goals.
- Rest up. Ensure your child is getting enough sleep each night.
- Give positive feedback. Draw attention to a student's good choices.

*Have a great school year!*



## Autumn: A Time to Let Go

As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives. Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden. All the religious traditions pay tribute to such acts of relinquishment. Fall is the right time to practice getting out of the way and letting Spirit take charge of our lives.

Buddhist teacher Sharon Salzberg, writes in Lovingkindness about one of the offshoots of letting go: "Generosity has such power because it is characterized by the inner quality of letting go or relinquishing. Being able to let go, to give up, to renounce, to give generously — these capacities spring from the same source within us. When we practice generosity, we open to all of these liberating qualities simultaneously. They carry us to a profound knowing of freedom, and they also are the loving expression of that same state of freedom." Fall, then, is the perfect season to give generously of your time and talents to others.



## A Scripture a day...



SEPTEMBER 22 - PROMISE #265

**I will give you a peaceful sleep surrounded by safety.**

Psalm 4:8

SEPTEMBER 23 - PROMISE #266

**I will enrich your life and renew your youth like the eagle's.**

Psalm 103:5

SEPTEMBER 24 - PROMISE #267

**I will not reject the sacrifice of a broken spirit and a contrite heart.**

Psalm 51:17

SEPTEMBER 25 - PROMISE #268

**I will always be close when you need My comfort.**

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

SEPTEMBER 26 - PROMISE #269

**When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will be with you.**

Psalm 23:4

SEPTEMBER 27 - PROMISE #270

**I will keep you from falling until you joyfully stand blameless in My presence.**

Jude 1:24

SEPTEMBER 28 - PROMISE #271

**I will soon crush the evil one under your feet.**

Romans 16:20

SEPTEMBER 29 - PROMISE #272

**You have an everlasting inheritance reserved in heaven for you.**

1 Peter 1:3-4

SEPTEMBER 30 - PROMISE #273

**I have the ability to do all that I have promised.**

Romans 4:20-21



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