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## An Encouraging Word

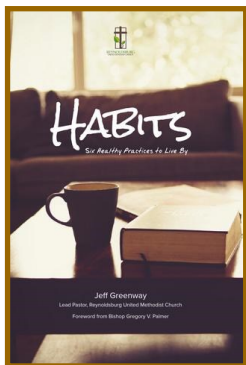
What were you doing January and February of 2020? I was rehabbing from shoulder surgery with 2 day-a-week physical therapy sessions. I thought that was a big disruption but it turned out to be small compared to the disruption the world experienced from COVID-19 by late March of the same year. Travel plans were disrupted. Employment and paychecks were disrupted. Education was disrupted. Family connections were disrupted. Friendships were disrupted. Social gatherings were disrupted. Healthcare was disrupted. Businesses were disrupted. Supply chains were disrupted. Local, state and federal government agencies were disrupted.

Worship services were disrupted. And the disruptions continue today to varying degrees.

Disruptions! We'd rather that life not include them. But let me remind us of something Jesus said to people who believed in Him. From John 16:33b "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Disruptions and the trouble that comes from them are to be expected. However, so is the overcoming of them. Jesus said to be encouraged about that. Expect his encouragement and disruptions can become the way that we find the way forward.

Sunday, January 16th, I'll begin to preach a series I've titled "Disruptions: And God's Amazing Way Forward."

—Pastor Mike



## Habits: Six Healthy Habits to Live By

Classroom Area, Thursdays 7:00pm

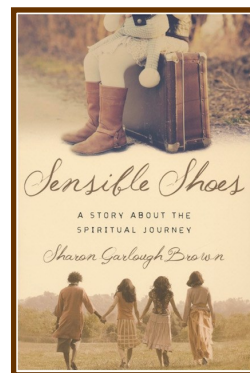
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

Led by Pastor Mike

God's Word has some things to say about healthy practices to live by. You'll learn about God's principles, the power the Holy Spirit provides, and the benefits of living in community with other believers. Each session of this study includes a DVD teaching. Please bring your Bible. Workbook cost: \$10. Register for this class at the "Sign-Up Table" beginning in February.

## Heart to Heart Women's Study Group

The ladies' small group, Heart to Heart, will be starting a new study, "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown beginning Wednesday, January 12th. We meet in the Narthex of the church at 6:30 PM. Although this is a fictional story the author digs deep into scriptural truths. Join us for study, prayer and fellowship.



## Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



Looking for a Bible study group that meets mid-morning? Beginning February 23, a women's small group led by Linda Henry will meet each Wednesday at 10 AM in the classroom area. During this study by Jennifer Cowart, executive and teaching pastor of Harvest Church, the group will dig into the lives of biblical heroes who were ordinary people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. Together we will examine the stories of selected Bi-

ble characters and learn how God can use broken people, restore damaged hearts and relationships, give us power to handle our critics, and help us deal with the hard moments of life. This 6-week study is video-based and has a study guide to use along with it. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Narthex for this small group so materials can be ordered.



Thank you!!!

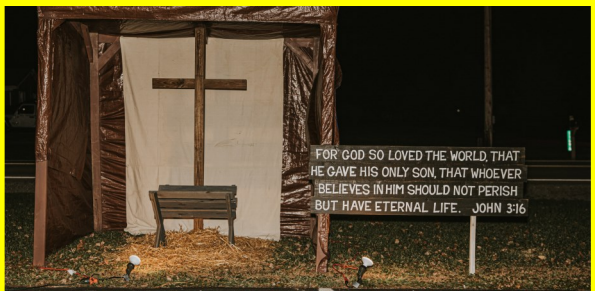
What were you doing Tuesday, December 21st, 2021? Over a hundred people associated with Mt. Nebo UMC were helping draw people's hearts and minds closer to the significance of Christ's birth and the gift of salvation only He can offer through this year's Drive Thru Nativity.

While most of us do not think of ourselves as Biblical scholars who teach, or preachers who proclaim His Word, God used people. At the Drive Thru Nativity he used people to; pray before and during the event, to create, construct and set up scenes, sew, organize and distribute costumes, organize and direct logistics and traffic flow, be a character in a scene or on the streets of Bethlehem and take down and store the materials and equipment.

Over 470 drove thru the scenes that taught about the birth and purpose of Christ's birth and His Word was proclaimed...

2 Corinthians 4:5 (Message) *Our message is not about ourselves. It is about **Jesus Christ as the Lord.** We are your servants for his sake.*

—Pictures continued on next page





Did you know there are 'small group' opportunities offered each Sunday from 10:15AM–10:55AM through our Sunday School program?

Mt. Nebo's Sunday School includes:

- \* An adult class which meets in classroom 3
  - \* A youth class for grades 6-12 that meets in classroom 2
  - \* An elementary class for grades 2-5 that meets in classroom 1
  - \* A primary class for ages 3 through 1st grade that meets in the nursery
- For more information about Sunday School at Mt. Nebo UMC, please contact Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator or Carol Ann King.



Family  
Night  
2022

Family nights are designed for those families with children preschool, elementary age, and beyond. Hope you can join us this year for Family Night each month. Family nights feature a Bible story, service activity and/or craft or game. It is a great time for families to connect in an informal setting to 'grow together in their faith and worship'!

- Monday, January 17th at 6 PM in the Classroom area—John 3:16. We will make Valentine Cards for shut-ins connected with our congregation. If you know of a shut-in or nursing home resident we should remember please let Brenda Reed or Virgie Luck know by January 14th.
- Monday, February 27th at 6 PM in the Classroom area—Jesus Tree. Activities for families to share during Lent.
- Monday, March 21st at 6 PM in the Classroom area. \*
- Monday, April 11th at 6 PM in the Classroom area. \*
- Monday, May 9th at 6 PM in the Classroom area. \*

\*Watch for details about themes for Spring Family Nights in the March/April Newsletter as well as the 'save the dates' for Summer 2022!

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**Sunday Evening Youth**  
**8th Grade thru High School**  
**Mark Your Calendar**

January 9th - 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Devotions - Overview for 2022 - Pizza

January 23rd - Snow Tubing (all youth families grades 6-12)

January 30th - Worship on the Road — Meet at Ohio Valley Manor at 1:15, then go to Georgetown Villa to share worship music and prayer with residents

February 6th - Youth Progressive Dinner — meet at 4:30 PM at the church



**D**evos and donuts meet every Wednesday 7:45 AM - 8:30 AM in the classroom beginning Wednesday, January 19. Students meet for breakfast, devotions, prayer and planning for service outreach.

**Note**—If Western Brown Schools are on a delay, closed, or has a remote learning day on a Wednesday, Devos and Donuts will not meet that day.

**T**his is a youth group designed for 4th through 7th graders. During 456, youth study together, engage in activities, pray together and have an after school snack.

456 will start meeting for 2022 on Monday, January 24th and will continue to meet through Monday, May 16th. In addition to 456, those youth in 6th and 7th grade may also fully participate in any youth activities and outreach events for grades 6–12.

Alyssa Eubanks leads this group. For more information about 456 please talk with Alyssa Eubanks or Brenda Reed.



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## Youth Family Snowtubing Event

Who: Youth, grades 6-12, and their families

When: Sunday, January 23 - tubing time will be 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person for those who are snow tubing,  
plus money for dinner on the way home

RSVP—by January 16th so we can confirm our  
group number with Perfect North Slopes.

We will plan to worship together at the 9 AM service, then meet at 11:30 PM  
in the Ministry Annex parking lot to travel to Perfect North Slopes.

(Each car will be 'on their own' to get a quick lunch enroute.)

Hot Chocolate, water, and snacks for the group will be in the domed area.

**NOTE**—Each youth going will need a signed permission slip (from Mt. Nebo UMC), current emergency medical form completed, and anyone who is snow tubing will need a signed waiver form from Perfect North.

Printed forms will be available at the Sign Up table in the Narthex.

Completed forms and money will be collected Sunday morning, January 16th and January 23rd between worship services.

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## February 6th beginning at 4:30 PM Mt. Nebo Youth - Grades 6-12

Youth will travel in small groups and go to different homes or places for each course (appetizers, salads, main course and desserts).

There will be an older youth group  
and one for middle school youth.

Any youth wanting to participate will need to sign up  
at the Sign Up table in the church Narthex.

### Adults

Here are ways to help with the February 6th Youth Progressive Dinner.

We are looking for 2 host homes or places for appetizers,  
2 for salads, one for the main course, and 1 or 2 for dessert.

This is a great way to connect with others in the congregation  
and a way to get to know several of the youth at Mt. Nebo!

If you would like to host one of these courses at your home or  
are willing to be a traveling host, please contact Brenda Reed.



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## *A wonderful washing*

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _ _ _ _	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _ _ _ _ _	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _ _ _ _	_____	your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _ _ _ _	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _ _ _ _ _	_____	in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _ _ _ _	_____	to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHS A _ _ _ _	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

**ANSWER ON PAGE 11**





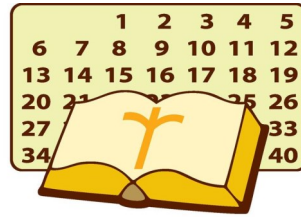
## New Year News From The Prime Timers

**H**appy New Year to all of you! We were so sorry that we didn't get to have our annual Christmas Celebration but we hope you will be able to attend the New Year Luncheon and Movie Matinee we are planning. It will be on Saturday, January 29th at 12:30 PM. A lunch of soup, sandwiches and drinks will be provided and we are asking you to bring a dessert or snacks you might enjoy during the movie.

We plan to discuss ideas that you may have for any future events or just plan an occasional fellowship gathering.

Following the discussion the movie, "Overcomer", will be shown. It is an inspirational and powerful Christian movie that we hope you will enjoy. Please join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!

—Bonnie Oney, Reporter



## January & February Sermon Topics

- Jan. 2 - Rediscover Worship
- Jan. 9 – Tracy Gibson Preaching

### **New Sermon Series:**

### **“Disruptions: Finding God’s Amazing Way Forward”**

- Jan. 16 – Religion Disrupted
- Jan. 23 – Business Disrupted
- Jan. 30 – Love Disrupted
- Feb. 6 – Trust Disrupted
- Feb. 13 – Life Disrupted
- Feb. 20 – Destination Disrupted
- Feb. 27 – Joy Disrupted

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ?? ?

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife’s name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ?? ?

In the book of Revelation, who or what is “prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband”?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem

**Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 11**



## Beyond Candy Hearts and Roses

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.



**Mitchel Irvin**, husband of Nancy Irvin, passed away on November 22, 2021, at the age of 86.

**Linda Lou Farrell**, aunt of Troy (Amy) Farrell passed away on December 5, 2021, at the age of 80.

*Deaths*   
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Our prayers and love go out to all their families ad friends.*



Mark your calendars for February 12th and March 12th for Men's Breakfast for the Soul. The breakfast starts at 7:30 AM, followed by a speaker and time of fellowship for men of all ages. The speakers for the Men's Breakfast in 2022 will focus on Man's Relationship with God. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or two to join you for breakfast; it is a great way for men of all ages to connect. For more information please contact Dan Reed.

**ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 8**

BLOT, WASH, CLEANSE, WASH, HIDE,  
BLOT, CREATE, RENEW, RESTORE,  
GRANT

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE  
QUIZZES ON PAGE 9**

Left — B (See Genesis 25:1)  
Right — D (See Revelations 21:2)



Mortgage as of  
December 31, 2021:  
**\$462,231**



**9:00 AM**

- 1/2 Nancy Moore
- 1/9 Kathy Pollard / Jessica Kunkel
- 1/16 Virgie Luck
- 1/23 Tara Wesley / Sandy Wesley
- 1/30
- 2/6 Alyssa Eubanks
- 2/13 Brenda Blair
- 2/20 Heather Fite
- 2/27 Pat Cornett
- 3/6 Nancy Moore

**11:00 AM**

- 1/2 Michelle Clark
- 1/9 Jenny Flores / Diana Starkey
- 1/16 Linda Stover
- 1/23 Tina Nolen
- 1/30 Shelly Arn
- 2/6 Gail Frazier
- 2/13 Jodi Keller
- 2/20 Phyllis Colliver / Kanita Tackett
- 2/27 Jo Warner / Emily Myers
- 3/6 Michelle Clark

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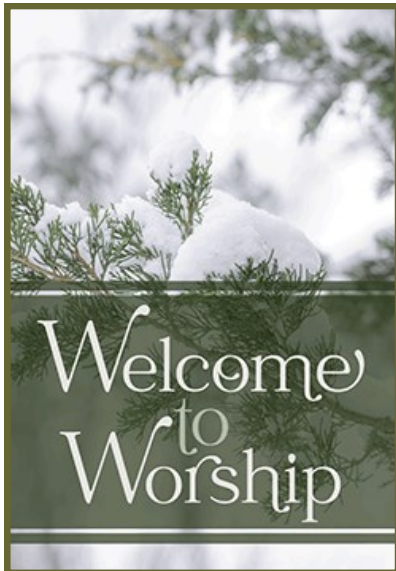
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**Invite Friends and Family to Worship!**

**Service Times:**

**9:00 AM** Worship with Piano and Hymns

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

**10:15 – 11:00 AM** Sunday School

**11:00 AM** Worship with Band

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

*Videos of all services are  
offered on our website  
[www.mtneboumcoh.com](http://www.mtneboumcoh.com)  
and on our YouTube channel  
(Mt. Nebo UMC).*

**Our Mission:**

***To Know Christ and Make Him Known***