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Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ~James 3: 13, NRSV

Do you have a favorite superhero? As your mind flashes back, let me clarify my question. Who is your #1 superhero of the Christian faith? I'm not referring to a biblical character. You probably have one of those already. Pick someone you know—or knew—personally that you look up to who models Jesus in word and deed.

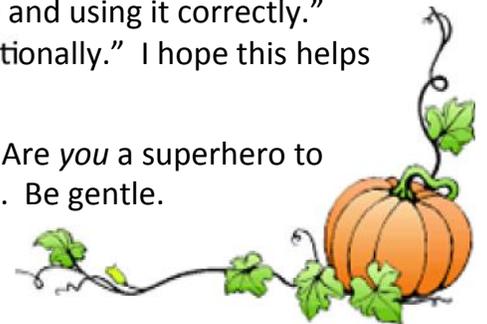
While I do have many superheroes, let me share about Art Murfin. He was the staff pastor at the first mission field where I served. At the time, I had been a Christian less than two years. Much of my early discipleship came during the initial month of my arrival after which he completed his term and returned to the States. Almost every Sunday after worship, I had tears in my eyes because Pastor Art's preaching and teaching reached deep down to my core.

Flash-forward four years. I am at mission headquarters here in the U.S. for several days of training. And who is one of the key leaders? Pastor Art Murfin. During a break from one of the sessions, I took him aside and told him the impact he had—and still has—on me from just that one month under his ministry.

James uses the word *wisdom* which is translated as "taking knowledge and using it correctly." And *understanding* is defined as "using intelligence carefully and intentionally." I hope this helps provide some clarity to these words of James.

Now, have you picked that superhero yet? Let's take it the next step. Are *you* a superhero to someone else? I bet you are and you may not even realize it. Be good. Be gentle. Be (godly) wise. Live intentionally for Jesus!

See You In Church, Pastor Glenn



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ready to pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes? This year a covid-safe online system has been developed by Samaritan's Purse. We now have a Tabernacle online Christmas Child Giving page showing our running total of shoeboxes that our church packs! Follow the link on our church website or the Tabernacle UMC facebook page to start packing a virtual shoebox. You can choose what items go in your shoebox and pay online by credit, debit or paypal. It's quick, safe and convenient! Help us exceed our goal of 20 boxes by November 7th.

Adult Sunday School Class Resumes on October 11th he after the 9:15 am worship service in the gym. All are invited to stay for a Bible lesson with Joe Williams. There is plenty of room to spread out and enjoy growing deeper together in God's Word.

Listen to the service on your phone! If you receive The Torch by mail and are unable to access the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen via your phone!

Call this number: (929) 205-6099 give the The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526 and the Password: 779813.

Shoprite cards are available by contacting Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or after the Sunday service. Tabernacle earns 5% on the price of each card!



Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, & many other stresses that are unique to the times we live in.

-) Pastor Glenn & Family
-) Jody Cathrall
-) John Dickinson
-) Dawn Garretson
-) Betty Wund
-) Carol Cahill
-) Ralph Genovese
-) Flo Magee
-) Andrew Wund
-) Lyndsey Bolton
-) Betty Church
-) Betty Carlton
-) Tandi Ankrum
-) Tom Ankrum
-) Jay Spurl
-) Cathy Oney
-) Cass Pascali
-) Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
-) Buddy Halbruner
-) Steve Brown
-) Braden Brojakowski
-) Margie Katity (knees)
-) Mary Still (pneumonia)

Prayer for those who have lost loved ones

-) Janis Halbruner & Family
-) The Chinn Family
-) Bill Stahl & family
-) Elizabeth Bailey & Family
-) Flo Magee and Family
-) The family of Mary Mason
-) Jackie Matkowski & Family
-) The Gorsline Family

Covid Related Requests

-) The Lords protection over those attending services at church
-) Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
-) Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
-) Basic Blessing workers and distributions during Covid-19

Those in Shut In & Convalescent Care

-) Court House Center: Carol Cahill
-) Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford & Shirley Halbruner
-) Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson
-) Victoria Commons: Mary Still

Those that live alone: Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, John Leo, Ernie Long, Bob Jenkins, Alice Fuffy, Steve Brown and others who remain anonymous.

CHURCH HUMOR

Question:

What do they call pastors in Germany?

Answer:

German Shepherds

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

A Note from Margie... MAILING CHANGES!

Due to Margie's upcoming knee surgery please mail all church offerings beginning on November 1st to:

**T.U.M.C. C/O Barbara Mortensen
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This change will probably run through December.

