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As Pastor Sonny is recovering from surgery, we would appreciate everyone wearing face masks in worship to help protect him as well as others with compromised immune systems.



Trusting in God's Hand A Survey Course Spanning from Genesis to Revelation

The New Fellowship Sunday School Class will meet in the New Fellowship Room on Sunday, **September 5**, at 10:00 a.m. Lesson One will be based on a lecture by Dr. David Jeremiah, *Noah: Overcoming a Corrupt World*. If you are interested in attending, you may want to read *Genesis 5:29-8:22*. Feel free to come and join us for discussion of God's word. All ages welcome.

UMM Family Picnic on Saturday, September 11, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Jim and Joy Ledoux. All invited for food, fun and games. Meat and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Jim Ledoux or Roger Williams.



UMM Spiritual Retreat for men at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, Friday, November 12, through Sunday, November 14. Cost \$130 (2 nights lodging, 5 meals) with \$30 deposit due with reservation. Topic will be Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Life, What am I Here For?" Contact Jim Ledoux or Steve Petrus.



Empty Worship

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 29 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon Title: "Empty Worship"
Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Ahhh, we are back in Mark's gospel as we come to the last phase of the Christian year – Kingdomtide (green) – the season we are actually living in now. The church is full of "little t" traditions like seasons (and colors) of the Christian year. Some churches only observe Christmas and Easter while other Christians observe every season and every festival of the Saints. Jesus is making an important point here in Mark that we must give proper due.

Martin Luther said: "All festivals should be abolished, and the Lord's Day alone retained....feast days are abused by drinking, gambling, loafing, and all manner of sin, (think about St Patrick's Day) we anger God more on holy days than we do on other days."

When we focus more on the traditions and rituals than our relationships, we fail to get it. Listen to the "red letter" words of Jesus as he reminds us of what really matters to God and God's domain on earth. If traditions and ritual enhance our worship, then great! If they ARE our worship, then our worship is empty.

