



GORDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...A Neighborhood Congregation

“To Sow, Grow and Serve in the name of Jesus Christ”

Pastor Travis Qualls, 311 East Street, Gordon, Ohio 45304, (937) 884-5129

Care Letter for April 15, 2018

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

THOUGHT:

***Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are.*** —Theodore Roosevelt

Can you remember that first carrot seed you planted? Diligently you watered and watched it. And when that orange vegetable popped through the ground, you proudly washed it and ate the tastiest carrot ever! Or perhaps you planted your first seed in preschool. It was a smooth, round bean, which you placed in a clear jar in such a way that you could watch it sprout. You were amazed when it showed signs of life in just one or two days. But planting that first bulb was another matter entirely. No smooth surface here. The bulb was a rather rough, craggy and downright ugly thing. You planted it at least 6 inches in a deep dark hole in the cool days of fall. It's safe to say that planting that bulb was a clear act of faith, for who could believe that weird-looking thing could bloom into a spectacular multi-colored tulip? Such is the story of faith. In our darkest times, we must simply plod forward, doing our routine of faith practices. We go to church if we can, or we attend the chapel service at the assisted-living residences where we live. We sing hymns, and maintain our times of quiet prayer. We read the Bible, and we think about what we read. In our days of doubt and confusion, we hang on to someone else's coattails of faith. We must nurture and care for what we have planted in years gone by. And one day, perhaps when we least expect it, our faith rises and blooms again like a bulb in springtime. —Melanie Silva

Prayer: Grant us, O God, the fortitude to believe in spring, especially during the winters of our lives. Keep us mindful of Jesus, who knew how what it felt to suffer the loss of loved ones through betrayal and death ...and who triumphed over all. In his name. Amen.

*We are praying for you and wishing you a good week!
Your friends at Gordon UMC*

Activity Page for the week of April 15, 2018

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Luke 4-6

Monday: Joshua 4-6

Tuesday: Joshua 7-9

Wednesday: Joshua 10-12

Thursday: Joshua 13-15

Friday: Joshua 16-18

Saturday: Psalms 34-36

Verse to Remember

"But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer."

—Psalm 38:15

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Use the Table of Contents in the front of your Bible to find a list of the books in the Old Testament. Then, locate them in the box to the left by searching horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward or backward. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once without their numbers.

S	E	T	S	A	I	S	E	L	C	C	E	D	H	T
O	E	J	D	R	I	N	Y	G	L	E	I	N	A	D
N	J	O	S	E	E	S	T	H	E	R	G	A	I	M
G	E	S	E	E	U	B	A	H	O	S	E	A	D	U
O	R	H	Z	S	L	T	M	I	J	O	N	I	A	H
F	E	U	E	O	E	C	E	U	A	A	E	H	B	A
S	M	A	K	M	V	H	I	R	N	H	S	C	O	N
O	I	C	I	A	I	H	A	N	O	J	I	A	A	R
L	A	M	E	N	T	A	T	I	O	N	S	L	R	U
O	H	H	L	N	I	G	H	B	N	R	O	A	Z	T
M	I	A	Z	E	C	H	A	R	I	A	H	M	E	H
O	D	C	G	K	U	K	K	A	B	A	H	C	Y	O
N	K	I	N	G	S	B	R	E	V	O	R	P	R	T
K	V	M	P	S	A	L	M	S	U	D	O	X	E	U
J	U	D	G	E	S	I	S	A	M	U	E	L	U	Z



DECODE THIS MESSAGE!

Use the lowercase letters to decode the message. Answer is in the box to the right.

SHwhGaRtgDEWodCRpAroJomiLYsesPRgQUAoSBdwODSiIKNIpXOLroN
OvWiTYde.

ANSWER: What
God promises God
will provide.