



## NOTES FROM THE ROAD

Almost at the end of the New Testament, we read this resonant promise: "See, I am making all things new." Notice the tense. It's happening now. That sounds like good news to me.

But close to it I read, "the first heaven and the first earth had passed away," and I remember the Apostle Paul saying so too, "everything old has passed away." I don't like that as much. Some of what's old I'd like to keep around awhile longer. It's what I know.

Not all I know, though. I have an old bicycle I rescued from rusting away in front of a thrift store in Newport, Tennessee, and it says to me, "You know, if you're to finish what you've begun, you first must cut my cables, scrape off my crusty brake lever hoods, discard my torn saddle, and have my frame bead-blasted down to bare steel." I assent: sometimes we have to cut, clear, unfasten, unwind, and even break in order to let go so what should be, what wants to be, can be born. I hope for wisdom to choose the right risks!

*What I'm listening to:* "The Things We Were Taught Are Too Small" by Sarah Shook ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8wd7vxvmRg> ). Normally Ms. Shook is a strong dose, but here she minimalizes minimalism to tell a true story. What was becomes what's becoming only with our help. May God help us help ourselves.

—Doug

## Save the Dates

Mother Earth Wholistic Fair Saturday, April 7, 10am-4pm Cape Girardeau VFW Hall  
World Labyrinth Day "Walk as One at 1" Saturday, May 5, 1pm The Labyrinth at Abbey Road

### New Book: #GOSPEL: Life, Hope, and Truth for Generation Now, by Daniel Rice

The class that meets in the **Middle Room** will begin study of this new book on March 18. This book is for people who want to take a new look at the book of Romans and its masterful explanation of the Gospel in a new and engaging way. The book is not just a book you read, but rather a discussion that you enter into.

Please contact the church office to order a book if you would like to take part in this class. Books are \$13 each.

### Conversations That Matter: New study to begin March 18 in the Green Room

Does it seem that, for all the talking in our world, it seems there's not much communicating? Perhaps we can get some help with that!

We'll turn to Celeste Headlee, whose TED Talk about what she's learned about listening is one of the most-watched ever. Her book *We Need to Talk: How To Have Conversations That Matter* will be our text. Doug Job will convene us in the **Green Room** on Sundays at 10:45 am. We expect to discover that, with some principles and practice, we can listen better and improve our connections. Because people who have communion regularly together probably should want to communicate well with each other, right?

This Sunday, March 18, we'll begin by watching Headlee's TED Talk. It will be a stand-alone session, so you don't have to commit to a several-week course. But once your toe is wet, if you want to stay and swim, we expect to find that the water is welcomingly warm!



### Congratulations!

Steve & Carla Jordan  
along with Carolyn Taylor  
Announce the birth of their  
Grandson/Great-Grandson

#### Raiden Kain Helu

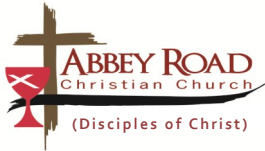
Rai's happy parents are:  
Lillian Jordan and Jaser Helu  
of Birmingham, Alabama



Barefoot on Sunday  
will present

### The Light of the World

written by David Giles and Steve Jordan  
on Sunday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m.  
at Abbey Road Christian Church  
The event is open to the public



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**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**  
**Please note: Names will be removed from the prayer list after 3 months unless an update is made to the church office.**

### Worship Notes March 11

**Attendance: 51**  
**Regular friends: 9**  
**Offering: \$2,123**

**March 18**  
**Glory**  
**John 12:20-33**

### Serving on Sunday, March 18

At the Table: Randy McLain (c), Judy McLain (o)  
Distribution: Peggy Bentlage, Adrian Wills+ ushers  
Communion Prep: Kilja Israel  
Scripture Reader: Marge Janssen  
Greeters: Linda Burns, Sue Kemp  
Ushers: Kilja Israel, Jim Main  
Abbey Road Adventures: Steve Piker  
Worship Capt.: Karen Piker  
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean



- ◇ Our sympathy is extended to Jeff & Barbara Breedon and to Jeff's mother, Billie Clayton, in the death of Jeff's step-father, Larry Clayton, on March 9.
- ◇ **Thank you** to all who have donated shoes to the Shoeman Water Project. For future reference, please **do not bring shoes in their boxes!** Just toss your shoes into the box in the narthex.
- ◇ **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. **ALL MEN** of the church are invited to join us for breakfast and conversation.

### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, March 15

6:30pm Deacons' Cabinet meeting

#### Friday, March 16

10:00am ARCL: Genealogy

#### Sunday, March 18


9:30am Worship  
9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Sunday School

#### Tuesday, March 20

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

#### Wednesday, March 21

9:30am Bible Study  
6:00pm New Life Singers practice  
6:45pm Chancel Choir practice

- ◇  Several very nice men's shirts (size Medium) and suits (size 40 Regular) have been brought to the church. If you can use them or if you know of someone who can use them, please take what you'd like from the coat closet in the narthex!

**Holy Week Breakfasts and Devotions are March 26-30, 7am.** The sign up sheet is still empty! Please consider preparing a breakfast or offering a devotion for one of the days and sign up!!



*A special thanks to all of my friends at ARCC. This overdue word bouquet is for all of the calls, posts, cards, and prayers since my Dad became ill in November, died in December, and through my hospitalization in January. I treasure all of you.*  
*All is well,*  
*Carla Jordan*

**The last day to sign up to serve in April is March 25! Avoid the rush & sign up NOW!**

