

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

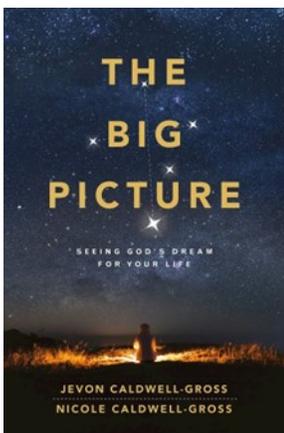
SEPTEMBER 2022

The Big Picture – An Invitation to Pay Attention

In September, we begin a new study called *The Big Picture; Seeing God's Dream for Your Life* (I hope MANY of you will join the study!). In the book, Pastors Jevon and Nicole Caldwell-Gross focus on the story of Joseph, and encourage us to see how God puts pieces of seemingly 'random dots' and works through our lives, even when we do not 'see' it at the time.

They write: *Life can often feel like a scattering of random events. The various choices, opportunities, or even pain we experience seem to have no real purpose or connection. But if we pay attention to God's work, our lives tell a different story.*

That 'paying attention' is the hard part! I am not sure about you, but I tend to keep my focus on one thing and overlook everything else God is doing in my life. It sure is a spiritual exercise to open our hearts and pay attention!



God seems to speak to our hearts through many ways – through prayers, scripture readings, through friends and fellow brothers/sisters in faith, even through 'random' strangers or events! Indeed, it is an ongoing learning and growing to take notice on God's presence and wondrous works in our lives. Through this study opportunity, may we learn and grown in faith together!

See you in worship/study! Keiko



Joint Outdoor Worship

September 11, 10:00 am (note the time- rain or shine!)
Jim Barnett Park, Rotary Shelter

**** Potluck will follow – Bring food to share**

**** Park Cleaning after the potluck – join us!**



A Dreamer's Prayer

*God, I want your dream for my life.
Nothing smaller. Nothing limited.
Nothing inherited. Nothing compared.
Nothing muted.
Your big, expansive dream.
Impossible for me to see without you.
Impossible for me to do without you.
Impossible for me to be without you.
Let me dream. Let me dream.
Let me dream, again.*

(From The Big Picture book)

Starting September 18

The Big Picture

Seeing God's Dream for Your Life

Classes Offered:

Sunday evenings (Zoom) at 7:00 pm
(Please contact Pastor Keiko for Zoom Link)
Tuesday mornings 10:00 am at Greenwood

** Books are available (\$13) – Contact Pastor Keiko



Thank you! for YOUR contribution!



Greenwood Fire Company's "Good Samaritan Cross" has returned again to Greenwood!

The cross is presented to the church that provided the most desserts at their Annual Yard Party.



Choir Practice Begins!

Would you like to make a joyful noise to the Lord??

Greenwood choir will begin practicing WEEKLY, starting on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm



Apple Gleaning Season Continues!

September 10, 17, 24

9:00 am at Marker-Miller

If you are able, please contact wincgleaning@endhunger.org

Society of St. Andrew



Waiver can be found at Society of St. Andrew at endhunger.org

Lay Servant Training Opportunities—September 2022

September 24 – Grottes UMC (300 4th Street, Grottes 24441)

Classes Offered: Basic course, Leading Prayer

\$25 per student. Contact Joe Amend (joe.amend3@gmail.com, 301-741-7633)



Virginia Conference ERT (Early Response Team) Training

The Virginia Conference Disaster Response Coordinator is receiving requests to help neighboring conferences in their efforts of recovery. The Virginia Conference Disaster Response team is hosting two ERT certifications on September 10, 2022.

Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Dr, Culpeper, VA 22701 8 am - 4 pm

Aldersgate UMC(Norfolk) 5767 Sellger Dr, Norfolk VA 23502 9 am - 4 pm

Register at <https://vaumc.org/ert-certificate-training/>



Church Leaders – Mark Your Calendar NOW!

Sunday, November 6th – 3:00 p.m.

In-Person Charge Conference at (Place – TBA)

All churches in our district will convene together at one time in one place. Lay leaders are requested to attend to approve your charge conference documents.



**Market Street hosts WATTS
November 12 – 19, 2022** If you
can support our partner church by
providing items, contact Pastor Keiko.

Items Needed for WATTS:

- Individual packs of Hot chocolate, snacks
(pretzel, fruit snacks, crackers)
- Powder coffee creamers Sugar (2.5lb)
- Fruit cups, pudding, applesauce cups
- Fruits (apples, bags of cuties)
- Instant lemonade (in cans)
- Tea bags Cold breakfast items
- Hand & toe warmers

Backpack Ministry 2022-2023

We support families from Redbud Run Elementary School. You may support the ministry by donating items below, or donate funds (check payable to “Greenwood UMW” with a memo line “Backpack”)

Items Needed:

- Individual mac & cheese, pork & beans
- Individual Peanut Butter crackers
- Individual fruit cups, applesauce
- Individual cereal boxes & cereal bars



Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND

Those who have health challenges, Those who serve others, All schools (students, teachers and staff)

Those who are lonely, All ministries in Winchester—including WATTS, CCAP and others

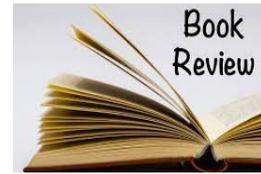
Those who grieve, The peace in the world—especially the situation in Ukraine

Our friends and family at Greenwood:

- Paul Haltzl, Coleman Lauderback, Paul Helsley, Harold Anderson, Larry Crane, Gary Sibert, Tasha Moomaw, Liam Starr, Don & Monti Vanness, Phyllis Tinsman, Laura Jahnke, Quick Family, Carolyn York, Carl & Beth Stickley, Joe Ganci, Megan Eileen Davis, Charlotte Mae Brasnan, Dora Bell Lowe, Daniel Schneide, Amber Calvert, Connie Tilley, Barbara Kern, Farrah M, Susie & Larry Bell, Susie Sencindiver, Gary & Brenda, Linda Clem, Kaiden Wright, Shaw Family, Robbie Swartz, Barbara Ritter, Mossy Stemberger, Nancy Orndorff, Dan Roach, Mable Carter, George Martin, David Powers, Harry Powers, Daniel Whitney, Bonita White, Carrie Eichelberger, Marion Clowser, Beverley Soule, Donna Belle, Donna Kay Stemberger, Steve Jones, Kara Stemberger, Marshall Lorant, Larry Braithwaite, Ashlee Saxon, Ed Lambert, Brenna Taylor, Roger Stover, Bob Saville, Jace Anderson, Margie Galderisi, Jay Hepner, Family of Bobby Anderson, Shirley Pierce Family, Caitlyn Roy, Pat Dunn, Linda Fenner, Dixie Townsend, Eva Moxley, Remy McDonough, Ryan Hardy, John Brill, Rodie Zubrack, Jeff Stickley, George, Sonja, Diane, Joanne, Kimberley, Linda B, Dana, Laurie, Tami & Ronnie Light, Kim Renner (her mother Loretta Jhanke), Green Valley, Greenwood UMC



Blessing of the Backpacks – August 14 Many Blessings to our students and families!



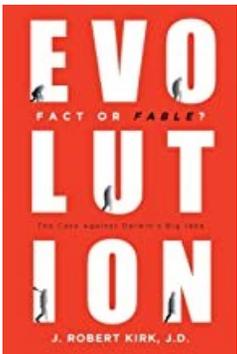
Read any school biology text and the concept of evolution will be taught as “gospel”. It’s just assumed that Darwin had it right, and the rest of us have no idea what we are talking about. However, Darwin’s theory of evolution is full of holes and “well just can’t explain why that happened”. Darwin admits this himself. But it is taught at all levels in school, college, graduate school, and PhDs involved in research talk about evolution as if yes we did indeed become the upright bipedal humans through the process of evolution. A series of events through the process of Natural Selection was certainly responsible for our complex body over the course of millions or billions of years. Or was it?

A gentleman who lives in Hampshire County, J. Robert Kirk, J.D. recently published a book titled *EVOLUTION FACT OR FABLE*. He is a retired trial attorney who presents the evidence through his 25 years of researching this topic to you, the jury. He lays out the facts in his book and lets you decide. He makes his case as if he is in a courtroom and needs to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that evolution is not “the way it happened”.

An example is the complex process of blood clotting. How could the process of blood clotting evolve? Wouldn’t an organism that requires blood die if the process wasn’t already in place? If cut, the blood needs to clot, but still allow blood to flow. If blood flow were entirely cut off by the clot it's curtains. And if it doesn’t clot enough to stop the flow of blood from the wound the outcome is death. How could that process "evolve" through billions of years without the species dying off? The cellular cascade involved in blood clotting has to work perfectly. Each and every step has to happen at just the right time or the blood doesn’t clot and the bleeding doesn’t stop. This is just one example in the book that really makes you think. This member of the jury doesn’t think the evidence is “without a reasonable doubt.” We know how it happened! It was put in place by our creator from the get-go!

I highly recommend the book. As usual, you can get it on Amazon and support a local author who deserves recognition for an excellent read.

See ya all in church, Jeff.



Jeff Swift is a member of Market Street. He is a physical therapist at Hampshire Hospital.

Hi Greenwood!

If you’re looking for something to do this fall, there’s still lots of things happening here at Greenwood!

- 1). On September 11th, we will have joint outdoor worship with our sister church, Market Street. The service will be at the Rotary shelter in Jim Barnett Park at 10:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Be sure to bring a lawn chair and join us! We hope to see many of you there!
- 2). A new Bible Study opportunity kicks off on September 18th. It’s entitled, *The Big Picture*, and there are two different time sessions available. See Pastor Keiko for more details.
- 3). Fall means more gleanings opportunities! Keep your eyes peeled for more information as these local opportunities become available!
- 4). If you like to make a joyful noise, join us at choir practice. We will begin practicing regularly in September. More information to come!

As we move into the “Ber” months, let us always remember how loved and blessed we are!

Hugs,

Heather Littleton, Lay Leader

