

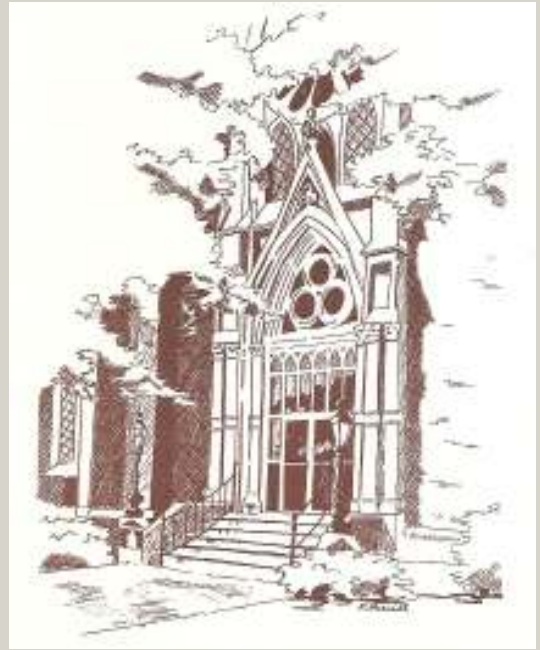
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Cliff Notes

Lessons From An Old Guy With A Familiar Tie

The other day I was looking at some pictures from our daughter's wedding that was held back in October. Of course seeing the pictures brought back all the memories of that wonderful day. As I was going through the pictures I came across one of my daughter dancing and I wondered to myself, "Who is that old guy that she's dancing with?" He's got a tie just like the one I have." And that's when it hit me. That old guy was me!

Rev. Cliff C. Wright, Jr. Time marches on, doesn't it? And in the march of time there is no about face, no rear march, no turning back. When it comes to time we can never go back and do it over. We can't play it again, Sam. Life doesn't have a rewind button. That's why what we do with the time we have is so incredibly important. It's a big part of what Living A Better Story is all about. It's about seeing our life as the gift that it is and living to the fullest.

That's why understanding what really matters in life is so important, and then to arrange our life around what matters most. Starting right now. Today. Because we'll never have another today just like this one.

Just think about it. Millions of people have lived before us, and billions will come after us, but this is our time. This is our day. And God has created us in such a way that each one of us has something to offer, and each one of us can make a difference right where we are because God works through us. So often we think we aren't good enough or talented enough or smart enough, or that we simply don't have enough to make a difference. But God makes what we have enough, even more than enough. The question is not how much do we have, but are we letting God use it right now.

The story you and I are living is important. There is no rewind button. That's why I want to live a better story now. How about you?

In Christ,

Cliff C. Wright, Jr.

This Week at Madison Street

Sunday, February 19

9:00am—Sunday School, *Various Rooms*
10:15am—Worship, *Sanctuary*
10:30am—Sunday Dinner, *Fellowship Hall*
4:00pm—Disciple II — *Rm. 120*
4:00pm—Sing for Joy, *Choir Suite*
5:00pm—UMYF, *Youth Lounge*

Monday, February 20

10:00am—Rebekah Group
5:00pm—Room in the Inn
5:30pm—Trustees' Meeting, *Rm. 120*
6:00pm—Disciple I — *Rm. 120*

Tuesday, February 21

6:00pm—Laudate Ringers Handbell Choir, *Rm. 215*

Wednesday, February 22

9:30am—Women of Banquet Bible Study, *Rm. 108*
10:00am—Priscilla Group
5:00pm—THRIVE! Dinner, *Fellowship Hall*
6:00pm—Ash Wednesday Service, *Sanctuary*
7:00pm—Chancel Choir, *Choir Suite*

Thursday, February 23

No church activities scheduled

Friday, February 24

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Library

Saturday, February 25

No church activities scheduled

Madison Street Announcements

- Our Living A Better Story experience is this Sunday. You're not going to want to miss it—and bring a friend with you!
- Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will have our THRIVE! dinner at 5:00pm and will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm for our special Ash Wednesday service. We will not have Children's Choirs for this evening but child care will be offered through Kindergarten.
- Our next hosting for Room in the Inn will be Monday, February 20. The Rentfro family will prepare dinner, and the Ages and Stages Sunday School class will prepare breakfast and lunch. The Pathfinders class will once again provide innkeepers. We appreciate the APSU Wesley Foundation for helping with the last hosting of Room in the Inn guests.
- We are preparing for a new MSUMC pictorial directory! Pictures will be taken in March on Thursdays-Saturdays, March 15-17 and 22-24. You can sign up for your time by going to our website (www.madisonstreetumc.org) and clicking on the banner on the front page, or by calling Janice Kelly at 647-0221.
- The Prostate Cancer Support and Education Group will meet on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Dave Keeton at 368-1903 for more information.