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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

ARTICLE

This is a little out of the ordinary for a newsletter article since I am convalescing from my knee surgery. I thought I would use this forum to give an update on my condition.

The surgery itself went as planned and I was home the same evening. They had me at physical therapy the very next day. I felt I was doing gangbusters and thought I was doing all that was asked of me.

What I failed to do was elevate and ice my knee to the extent they recommended. As a result, by the fourth day my leg was very swollen and red. Honestly, it felt like it was about to explode. I have been icing and elevating as much as possible since then with some improvement. However, it is difficult for me to even merely sit at my desk to write this update. I am afraid I may miss at least a third Sunday since I cannot stand for any length of time just yet. Please continue praying.

Thanks

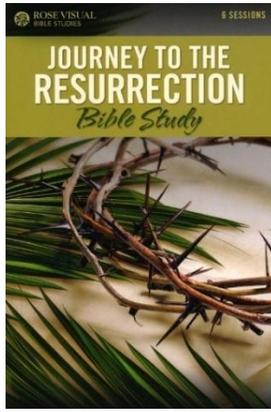
Steve



RUMMAGE SALE

We are gathering items for the Rummage Sale planned for May 28-30. You can put donations in the room across from the Ladies Room until we determine another location.

NEW BIBLE STUDY



We plan to begin a six-week Lenten Bible study perhaps as early as February 11th depending on Rev. Doyal's recovery and getting the books ordered and received. Email Steve if you are interested in participating.

BOOKWALTER DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The devotional books that many of you contributed to are hopefully going to be ready for distribution in a couple of weeks. Stand by for further updates.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Each year, churches give loose change to benefit children's ministries in Holston Conference and to United Methodist related ministries around the world. And each year, several groups receive that pocket change in the form of grants.

Change for Children grants support new and existing ministries with children, from birth to age 12, and their families. Holston churches and related United Methodist agencies are eligible for these funds as well as United Methodist related ministries beyond Holston.

That is what this little brown box is for!



RESURRECTION

We had 9 youth and adults attend this year's event in Pigeon Forge. By all accounts it was a meaningful and fun experience. Thank you to all who supported them.

