



Come Grow With Us

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Bible Study

8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Hands on Youth Gathering

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

February 2

Community Game Day with Lunch 10:00 a.m.

February 7

UMW General Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Hands on Youth Gathering & Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner 5:30 p.m.

February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

February 12

Administrative Council 7:00 p.m.

February 13

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 p.m.

February 14

Valentine's Day

Hands on Youth Gathering & Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service..... 7:00 p.m.

February 18

First Sunday in Lent

“Bring A Can Sunday” for FUMC Food Pantry

February 20

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins Lent Study8:30 a.m.

Community Game Day with Lunch 10:00 a.m.

February 21

Hands on Youth 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub..... 5:30 p.m.

February 28

Hands on Youth 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub..... 5:30 p.m.

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The deadline for articles to be submitted for the March issue is **February 27.**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Hello Church!!

I hope that you all are doing well and staying healthy. As for Kimberly and I, it seems as if we have reached the age where we are introducing ourselves to a different doctor every other day. Actually, Kim continues to improve each day and I praise God for her healing and all of your thoughts and prayers. Which brings me to the topic for this month's newsletter.

Is there a specific Christian discipline that you struggle with? If I were to do a survey, I would imagine that prayer would be the discipline many people would say they have difficulty with. Some struggle with what to say, others struggle with finding time, and still others find that their prayers seem to be the same prayer each time they pray.

So, to first improve our prayer life we need to know what prayer is, and in its simplest form prayer is communication. It is communication between:

- The Creator and His creation
- God and God's people
- The Father and His children

We as United Methodist pray to God, as we believe our path to God was unobstructed/cleared as the Temple curtain was torn from top to bottom at Jesus' death (Mt 27:51). Prior to Jesus' death the curtain in the Tabernacle of the Old Testament, and the curtain of the Temple, separated humans from the Holy place where God dwelt. But, in all ways Jesus provides a path or a way to God the Father.

So when we pray should we pray to God or Jesus? I believe that praying to God is to pray to Jesus, and to pray to Jesus is to pray to God. Because, under the teaching of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one and to address one of them is to address each of them at the same time. There are numerous scripture texts that tell us that whatever we ask for in His (Jesus') name it will be given such as; [John 14:13-14](#), [Matthew 21:22](#), [John 16:24](#), [1 John 5:14](#), [John 15:16](#), [John 16:23-24](#), [John 15:7](#), [Colossians 3:17](#), [Mark 11:24](#), [John 14:6](#), [Romans 8:32](#). Naturally, I believe, that what we ask for must be in accordance with God's will if it is to be received from God the most holy entity.

I also think many people make too much of a big deal on using "proper" language when they are asked to pray. You know what I'm talking about right? Some people when asked to pray panic because they think they need to pray in "King James' English. I hope I'm not the one that is breaking this news to any of you, but Jesus didn't speak English when He walked this earth. We also need to realize that God is the One who gave us all the languages of the world. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit takes our prayers and converts them into an acceptable message to the Father:

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:26 &27)

I think that our attitude is much more important than our words. My dad would have put it this way, "Boy, you need to remember who you are talking too."

Going back to our definition of prayer which is simply communication, I would ask you to think of communication that you have had with another individual. In any of your face to face communications with others, have you ever had someone walk up to you and start talking and when they are finished they just turned around and walked off? Have you ever had anyone call you on the telephone and communicate what is on their mind and then they just hang up the phone? I don't do well with one-way conversations, and I wonder how God feels about those of us that dial Him up, voice our concerns, wants, or even our thanks and then we hang-up or just walk away. Private prayer should include a time of listening for God's response. How will God respond? I don't know how He will respond to each of you with different request, but you HAVE to give him a chance to answer. If you do not allow Him a chance to respond, your prayers are nothing more than a dart being *flung* at a dart board in the dark.

In the first chapter of Mark after Jesus had driven out several unclean spirits and healed Simons mother as well as many others the scriptures tell us,

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

PASTOR'S ARTICLE CONTINUED.

As a matter of fact there are many times that Jesus found a private secluded place to pray, including just prior to His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane:

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:36-39)

I believe Jesus is giving us an unspoken example as to how to pray, that not only communicates to the Father a servant's heart, but also an example that rewards us when we follow it. One of my favorite places to pray is in our sanctuary during the week, when NOTHING is going on. It is quite, conducive to standing, setting, and kneeling. I suppose if you felt to lie prone and pray you could do that as well in the sanctuary. Most importantly the sanctuary is beneficial/advantageous in allowing God to communicate. I would remind you of God's communication to Elijah:

Then He (God) said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:11-13)

I've been told by individuals that they wanted me to pray for them, because they were so mad at God they just could not pray right then due to something they were going through. I am happy to pray for anyone, but not praying because you are mad at God is (in my opinion) ridiculous. God knows what we are going through; He knows our emotions, thoughts, and our feelings. To not express ourselves to our Creator, because we are upset is doing nothing but hurting ourselves. I assure you GOD is big enough for you to come to Him and express yourself, and would probably even think more of you (if that were possible for God) if you did communicate your anger to Him.

I could go on for days and days about prayer, but I'm just going to refer you to a very famous quote from a shoe maker: "JUST DO IT!" If you are a parent you know how much it means to you when your children call you. Regardless of what they are calling about it is still wonderful to hear their voice, God is always there waiting to hear from His children.

Let us pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

Until next month, stay safe and know that you are loved!

In the Name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

Pastor Chuck Jestis

STATS FOR JANUARY 2018

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Offering:</u>
January 07	45	\$3,956.00
January 14	48	\$2,635.00
January 21	44	\$1,961.00
January 28	53	\$1,195.00
Totals	190	\$9,747.00
Monthly Average	48	\$2,437.00
2012 Yearly Average Attendance = 39		
2013 Yearly Average Attendance = 46		
2014 Yearly Average Attendance = 48		
2015 Yearly Average Attendance = 57		
2016 Yearly Average Attendance = 56		
2017 Yearly Average Attendance = 55		
2018 Yearly Average Attendance = 48		

Happy Anniversary

February 1

Kimberly & Chuck Jestis

February 4

Dawna & Tony Vann

February 5

Mari-Kathryn & Paul Braswell

February 8

Margaret & Gerald O'Brien

February 14

Jennie & Skip Mann

February 22

Virginia & Doyle Lynch

Happy Birthday!

February 1

*Chuck Jestis
Mary Whatley*

February 14

*Dixie Gregg
Rosemary Reynolds*

February 26

Garrett Johnson

February 27

James Baber



Kids' Klub Celebrating
December & January Kids' Klub Birthdays!
Christian Binanti, Serenity White, Chad Gregg

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

Date	Reader	Greeters	Cleaning
February 04	Dan Gentry	Judy Farrell & Carroll Dill	Liz Johnson
February 11	Leann Baber	Jewell Dill & Carolyn Wood	Virginia Gafken & Marjorie Hess
February 18	Vicki Smith	Raymon Wood & Theresa Gentry	Jennie Mann & Virginia Lynch
February 25	Carolyn Hawk	Charles Edwards & Virginia Gafken	Natalie White & Judy White

Ushers for the Month of February: Chris Doane & Vicki Smith



Healings

Family

Friends

Children

Youth

Veterans

Answered Prayers

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| <i>Myrt Denham</i> | <i>Ella Leslie</i> |
| <i>Military Men & Women</i> | <i>Joan Smith</i> |
| <i>Glen an& Mary Whatley</i> | <i>Brenda Smith</i> |
| <i>Samuel Davison & family</i> | <i>Jennifer Jones</i> |
| <i>Rand & Omar</i> | <i>Bill Harvison</i> |
| <i>Arthur Littell</i> | <i>Jean Burke</i> |
| <i>Trent Tipton</i> | <i>Tony Dugger</i> |
| <i>Helen Ellzey & Family</i> | <i>Dwight & Linda Holcomb</i> |
| <i>Our Country</i> | <i>Noah Smith</i> |
| <i>Wassie & Rosemary Reynolds</i> | <i>Mullens Family</i> |
| <i>Shirley Brogdon</i> | <i>Billy Joe Griffith</i> |
| <i>Charles Scott</i> | <i>Odessa & Jean Dunn</i> |
| <i>Jeff Baker</i> | <i>John Massengale</i> |
| <i>Alice Peace</i> | <i>Tip Reynolds</i> |
| <i>The United Methodist Church</i> | <i>Family of Calvin Williams</i> |
| <i>Tiffany Tomblin</i> | <i>David Graves</i> |
| <i>Harriet Nauert</i> | <i>Mike Milligan</i> |
| <i>Mike Jensen</i> | <i>Family of Donnie Maxwell</i> |
| <i>Bobby Freeman</i> | <i>Jerry Hall Family</i> |
| <i>Mary Jo Eldridge</i> | <i>Shannon Wooldridge & Family</i> |
| <i>Keen Johnson</i> | <i>Kimberly & Chuck Jestis</i> |
| <i>Treaver Freeman</i> | <i>Liz Johnson</i> |
| <i>Debbie Krumme</i> | <i>Theresa & Dan Gentry</i> |
| <i>Mark Newton</i> | <i>Graham Gentry</i> |
| <i>Jana Tipton</i> | |

SHORT HISTORY OF VALENTINE’S DAY

Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special “valentine.” The day of romance we call Valentine’s Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia.

<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day>





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~ Liz