

THE HILLSIDE

Psalms 107:8-9

English Standard Version

⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

It's the most wonderful time of the year. I know wrong month, but November starts the holiday season. Do you find it interesting that the holiday season is started with thankfulness? Most of our country really do not think about being thankful except this time of the year. We Christians, everyday should be thankful. Mature Christians understand that our hunger that has been filled and our thirst that has been quenched have been done by God. God has filled more importantly than material, God has filled us spiritually. God has extended to us his grace, grace that is greater than we can understand at times. Grace that David writes about in the 23rd Psalm is the kind of grace that fills until our cup runs over – the cup of our heart, soul, and spirit, every day that grace washes over us.

Grace is unmerited favor or unmerited gift; this means that it is given to us for nothing we have done except being born into sin. We come into this world so far from God there is

no hope. Yet God reached out to us extending to us his unending love. God gives us grace that has no end; grace has no beginning because grace is eternal as God is eternal. Grace is an extension of God's nature. Thanksgiving is every day for Christians.



ABOUT THE PASTOR

We are entering into the holiday season where there seems to be more opportunities to worship. As we prepare for that time, I want to take a moment to talk about worship, mainly why we worship. I remember when parts of the church were considered sacred mainly the sanctuary. I remember being in the sanctuary even if it was not having a service and people whispering in reverence of the space. My question for us, do we come to worship expecting an encounter with God? We do not have to worship; we get to worship. God's love for us brought about the possibility of each one of us getting to come into the presence of God. I assure you of this, when you are in the presence of God, you will have an encounter. We are told in the Bible that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves. In the Old Testament when Israel would gather at the

tabernacle or the temple, the regular folks had to wait outside as the priest went into the temple. Let's not forget there were places that even the priest could not go except once a year. When Jesus died on that cross the curtain was ripped and the separation of God and worshippers was removed. Now, God and his church can and should worship together. Over the last couple of years, the idea of worship being personal really has carried over and fellow Christians who used to be at worship when the doors were open are now staying home. I am not calling into question personal worship because it is important. I am begging you to come back to worship so we can hear how you have encountered God in worship. This is the perfect season for any of you who have been to worship before but have not come back, to use this season to return to worship with your church so we can encounter God together. Your family misses you and holidays are times when families get together.

Bro. Dwayne





Ushers: Lana Burkett, James Church
Lawrence Weems, Robert Walker

Greeter: Jackie Moak

Children's Buckets: Gracie Woods, Hayden Woods
Bentley Woods, Curt Weems



UMW will meet Monday, November 8th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The program will be presented by Donna Bales and Jennie Lou Stockton. All the ladies of the church and community are invited to come join us.



UMM will meet on Sunday, November 7th at 7:00 AM for Prayer Breakfast. The cooks will be Parker Dixon, Colt Rogers, and Tony Scroggs.



Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 we meet for Bible study in the fellowship hall. We have begun studying the book of Esther. Bro. Dwayne is our leader, and we would like to invite anyone interested. We serve coffee, or you can bring your favorite cola.



FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Family Night Supper was cancelled for Wednesday, November 3rd.

KIM'S KORNER

October was a wonderful month!!! The youth have been having really good Bible Studies on Sundays and Wednesdays. The most interesting was about how Jesus came to earth and knows how it feels to be human. With this we started to wonder if Jesus ever felt nervous. We talked about how we felt that he had to be nervous about how people would react to things he did. Or maybe he was nervous about how healing others would affect their families. Wow! What a deep subject. No matter if Jesus was nervous or not he still did what God wanted him to do and through it all kept asking for God's help!!! That's what we have to do too!!! Keep doing God's work even when we are nervous and always ask for his help and then give God all the glory!!!

Children are talking about how God makes us all different and that is ok!!!

A few highlights from October and things coming in November!!!

Oct 17th – The youth and children did an awesome job leading the service. They got out of their comfort zone to lead us.

Oct 31st – Fall Fest - We will tell more in the December Link on how awesome that event was!!!

November 7th – We will give out 9V batteries to remind people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Children will continue to meet on Wednesdays and Youth will continue to meet on Sundays and Wednesdays in November.

Remember:

YOUTH is just TH WITHOUT YOU!!!

Hope to see you soon!!!
Kim Burkett



WHAT IS THAT SONG?

November is here! Thanksgiving will be here soon and that seems to be the time when we focus on our blessings, and they can come in many ways. Newsboys have recently released a new CD and one of the songs is about blessings. Michael Tait, their lead singer, recently posted a devotional about this song. I took a few notes from it to write this month's article.

We are blessed to live in the U.S.A. because in many other countries people are openly persecuted and killed for their faith. Sometimes blessings come to us when we ask God for specific things but don't receive them. We should be thankful for what we do have because God knows what's best for us. God knows our needs and provides for us. When we receive such things as a new house, job, vehicle, etc. we should be thankful for those things, but we should be more thankful for our spiritual blessings. Christ saved us from sure death and God's wrath by dying for us on the cross. That also allows us to be in God's family and enjoy Him.

Blessings On Blessings
by Newsboys

Woke up this morning
Worries of the world all over my mind
Make plans, don't matter

Never seem to have enough time
But something seems to happen when I slow down
All I need is all I have right here, right now

CHORUS

I've got blessings on blessings written all over my life
Even when things are going wrong, I got so much going right
There's a song in my soul and there's breath inside of my lungs
So many things to thank You for, how could I just choose one?
I've got blessing on blessings, oh yeah

These trials I'm facing, You can use all of them for my good
My heart's reshaping like I never thought it could
For all the little miracles along the way
How could I not give you back my grateful praise?

REPEAT CHORUS

I've got blessings on blessings
I've got blessings on blessings

I just want to thank You, I just want to thank You, Lord
All the ways You're faithful outnumber the stars
I just want to thank You, I just want to thank You, Lord
Never-ending praises pour out of my heart

REPEAT CHORUS

I've got blessings on blessings (x3)

Songwriters: Michael DeWayne Tait, Jeffrey Thomas Pardo,
Hulse Ethan

"Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His faithful love lasts forever." Psalms 118:1

"My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

May we always recognize His blessings,
Yvonne Church



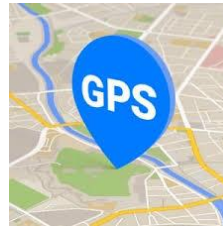
JOHNSTON CHAPEL UMC
LIVE NATIVITY

**COME! TRAVEL BACK IN TIME
AND EXPERIENCE THE BIRTH OF
OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!**

**DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH
6:00 – 8:00 PM**



**AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR
JOURNEY,
HOT CHOCOLATE WILL BE
PROVIDED
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AS YOU
TRAVEL.**



If you are traveling west on 98 from Summit, turn right at the first crossroad onto Johnston Chapel Rd. Continue until you reach the welcome sign. This will begin your Live Nativity journey. Follow the scenes.

If you are traveling east (from afar) on 98 toward Summit from Franklin County, turn left onto Johnston Chapel Rd. Continue until you reach the welcome sign. This will begin your Live Nativity journey. Follow the scenes.

If you are traveling down I-55, take exit 20B. Continue on 98W. Turn right at the first crossroad onto Johnston Chapel Rd. Continue until you reach the welcome sign. This will begin your Live Nativity journey. Follow the scenes.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

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OUR FAMILY ALTAR

Church & Its Ministries Children & Youth
Our Nation Unspoken World, Caregivers
Homeless

Rev. Dwayne & Teri Scoggins

President Biden, Governors, Mayors, All in Leadership

All of the First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals,
Pharmacists, Social Workers, Custodians, Everyone
affected by Covid

Shut- Ins/Nursing Home

Loss of Loved Ones

Military

Jonathan Young – Serving on the USS George W.
 Bush in Norfolk, VA
 J.J. Boshart – Race Willoughby's Brother-In-Law –
 Kuwait
 Nick Mercer–Fort Stewart, GA
 Haley Richardson – Marine Air Station – Yuma, AZ

In Institution

Bridget Dillon, Chris Yawn, Landon Burrough

Working Away From Home

Paul Allred (Kansas), Mitchell Leon (Gulf of
 Mexico), Brett Stockton (Texas), Shane Williams
 (Saudi Arabia)

In Hospital/ Sick at Home/Need Our Prayers

Marvin Adams - Recovering from Covid - Father
 of Chris & Chase Adams

Damien Allen – Recovering from car wreck

Donna Bales – Health

Aubrey Boyd – Health - Back

Jackie Boyd – Health

Kara Brashear – Cousin of Dwight, Glenda, &
 Darlene – Cancer has returned

Danney Bullock – Recovering from knee surgery

Kathy Capral - Treatable but incurable cancer -
 Aunt of Yvonne Church

Chuck – Phil Caudill's associate – A non-believer
 and dealing with health issues

Yvonne Church – Orthopedic problems
 Sandra Cummings & Chuck - Covid
 Valencia Damond – Cancer – Kim Burkett
 Carolyn Deer – Health
 Parker Dixon – Recovering from knee surgery
 Shannon Dunaway – Health
 Curtis Edmonds - Health
 Diane Fortenberry – Cancer treatments & Lupus
 Barbara Rogers' friend – Not doing well
 Peter & Sonya Francis – Health
 Phyllis Freeman – Health
 Virginia Freeman – Stage 4 cancer – Yvonne
 Church's friend's mother
 Brenda Green – Heart & knee issues
 Dale Green - Health
 Eva Nell Green – Health
 Kalie Green – Mental Health
 Tony Handberry – Amy Campbell's Father - Stage 4
 Cancer
 Judy Harrison – Health – Nancy's friend
 Ronnie Harrison – Cancer treatments – Nancy's
 friend
 Gerald Howell – Health
 Bethany Jackson – Recovering from neck surgery,
 Joe Jackson's granddaughter
 Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced
 Joseph Kalil - Rare cancer (reoccurrence) –
 Cousin of Yvonne Church
 Lonnie Keist – Health
 Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor
 Safiullah Makhdoom – Stranded in Afghanistan –
 Jeremy Roger's good friend
 Sharon Marse – Recovering from heart surgery –
 James Church's sister
 Kathy Martin
 Patrick McCaffery – mass on his lung – Nancy's Friend
 Craig Moak – Recovering from a kidney transplant
 Susan Montgomery – Health – Barbara Rogers's
 Friend
 Troy Nations - Covid
 W.B. Netterville – Back Issues
 Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma
 Tony Ramirez
Nolan Rampart – Recovering from surgery
 Donna Reeves – Cancer
 Mike Richard – Back Pain
 Tony Ritter – Health
 Clayton Roberts & Mary Roberts – Health

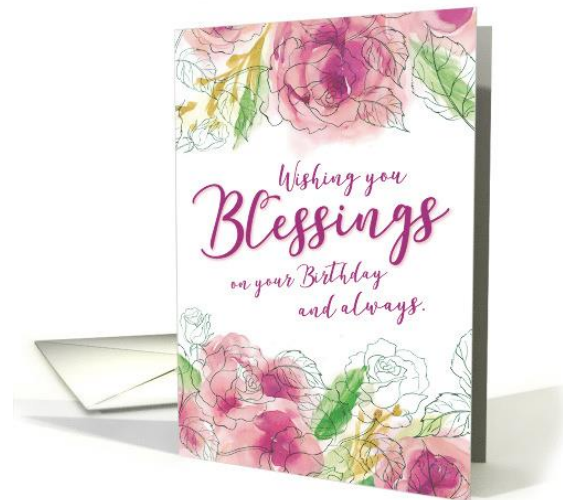
David Roberts
 Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson's
 Lamar Roberts – Health
 Sharon Roberts – Health
 Robin Roberts – Health
 Jill Robinson – ALS
 Teri Scoggins – Recovering from Partial Cornea
 Transplant
 Tony Scroggs – Recovering from back surgery
 Jack Seale – Immunotherapy treatments for
 cancer
 Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier's Friend – Radiation
 Treatments
 Snuffy Smith – Health – Brenda Green
 Sue Smith – Brenda Green's sister – Heart
 Jean Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation
Landon Stamps – Cancerous tumor in his abdomen
 Dwight Stockton – Health
 Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health
 Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam
 Dixon's friend's granddaughter
 Beth Woodall Trantham - Health
 Jessica Troutman – ALS – Friend of Darlene
 Johnston
 Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health
 Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our former
 Custodians
 Charles & Annie Waguespack – Health
 Curtis West – Health – Brenda Green
 Linda West – Congestive heart failure – Brenda Green
 Lyndia Williams – Recovering from knee
 replacement – Yvonne Church's friend
 Keith Williamson – Health
 Renae Woods – Crohn's – Health issues
 Joy Yawn – Blood clots in lungs and legs





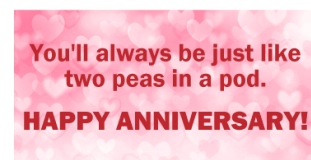
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 - SHELIA MOORE
- 04 - BRENDA WILLIAMSON
- 07 - SHARON YOUNG
- 08 - JONATHAN YOUNG
- 09 - CHRIS FOIL
- 13 - ALICIA ROGERS
- 16 - DWAYNE CASH
ROBERT WALKER
- 17 - MADDOX ABDUL-HADI
- 18 - JOY YAWN
- 19 - PAULA GRIFFIN
- 21 - DAKOTA FARMER
JOSH YAWN
- 22 - BRYAN BYRD
- 24 - CONNOR MIZE
JENNIE LOU STOCKTON
- 25 - SCOTT MCDANIEL
- 26 - LESLIE WORTHY
- 28 - LISA PAULK



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - PARKER & PAM DIXON
- 23 - JAMES & YVONNE CHURCH



OPERATION SHOEBOX

You are invited to participate in a mission project promoted by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

You may purchase (or furnish) all the items for a box, or you may bring any of the items listed. An inventory will be kept and you will periodically be informed of specific needs to complete the boxes.

You may bring your items to me (Carolyn Butler) or bring them to the College/Career Sunday School Room where the inventory will be kept. Thanks. If you have questions, you may call or text me at 662-528-3541.

*You may donate fabric (cotton blend) instead of dresses. I have a pattern for making the dresses. I will welcome others who sew to help me on this. Let me know if you can help. I will give a class in my home for those who wish to sew.

Also, if you would rather give money than to shop; please do so. We will use the money to shop for you (in stores or on-line.)

Thanks for your interest and participation in our mission project. Items still needed: wide tooth combs, small mirrors, bar soap, small dolls, marbles, small balls, wash cloths, No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, 6" rulers, 3 x 5 writing pads, and clothing (our UMCOR rep said it would be fine for us to go with one age group, which will make it easier), so please purchase items for 4 – 5 year olds: flip-flops, shorts (girls & boys), underwear, tee shirts, & socks. If you have fabric, it takes 22" x 44" to make a dress & 88" length of 5/8" wide ribbon which will be cut into (2) 44" strips.. Would welcome money for on – line shopping (\$15 to \$20 per box). Call or text Carolyn Butler at 662-528-3541 with questions.

(Operation Shoebox continued)

Items:

BOY

Hot wheel car
Small ball
Comb
Flip-flops
Shorts
Tee shirt
Crayons
Washcloth
Toothbrush
Small mirror
Underwear

GIRL

Small doll
Soap
Comb & Brush
Flip-flops
Crayons
Washcloth
Toothpaste
Small mirror
Underwear
*Dress



Sunday, November 7, 2021, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 7, 2021, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 7, 2021, than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

WESLEY FOUNDATION DESSERT AUCTION

Saturday, November 20th at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall we will have our Wesley Foundation Dessert Auction – Round 2. This is a project to help with funding for the Wesley Foundation on the SMCC campus.

Those that are able are asked to bake your favorite desserts (cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, etc.,) to be auctioned off. If you can't make a dessert fill your pockets with money and come to the bidding war. (It was so much fun last year.) \$950 was raised at the last auction!

LUNCH WITH THE SHEPHERD

Lunch with the Shepherd has been scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at 11:00 AM. Parents, put this special date on your calendars and plan ahead to bring your children, grandchildren, etc. This will be a very special activity.

