

May



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“Happy Mother’s Day to
the person who looks after
us and who makes us feel
endlessly loved!
* You might not wear a
cape, but you’re our hero.”
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THE HILLSIDE

Luke 2:48

⁴⁸ When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “[a]Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I [b]have been anxiously looking for You.”

Many times when watching TV we have seen someone wave at the camera and mouth the words “hey mom”. May is the month when mothers are celebrated, if anyone deserves to be celebrated it is our mothers. However, the United Methodist Men on May 7th will celebrate women in general and that is important. The reason is that all women have in some way or another acted as mother to people. So, to all of you ladies I want to encourage you because I know there are times when you are feeling like you are failing. You are not failing; you are raising broken children who are trying to find their own identity. You are in good company. The text at the beginning is the ending of Mary looking for Jesus when she lost the Son of God. Imagine being the one chosen to give birth to the Son of God, and you lost him. I want you to know that we see you. We see you struggling with the kids getting them to church, school, ball games, dance recitals, and fixing meals, Know that we are proud of you and as one who was raised by a mother I say thank you for all that you do; it is true “the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” Although Mother’s Day is one Sunday to celebrate our moms, if we are truly honest, we celebrate mom every day. Remember you are in good company when it comes to being a mother or having any influence in the lives of others.
Bro. Dwayne

KNOW YOUR PASTOR

Find a career that you truly enjoy, and you will never work a day in your life. That is advice I would give to someone graduating from high school as they begin to plan for college and their future. I have been working since I was about 12 years old; my first job was mowing yards with a push mower in my neighborhood. Through the years I have worked jobs that I loved and some I didn’t, but I had not worked in a job I enjoyed until I became a pastor. To borrow a slogan from the Peace Corp, “It’s the hardest working job that I love.” Being a pastor has its bad times but even then, there is joy in the work. I hear pastors talking about retiring and how they are looking forward to retirement, I’m thinking why you would want to retire from being a pastor. I do not see the possibility of retiring because being a pastor is part of my life; it gives me joy. Do I get being a pastor right all the time? No, I probably get it wrong more than I get it right. Even wrong it is still enjoyment. I do not have a job nor a career. I have a life that is filled with grace, love, and peace. Being a pastor is an honor I do not deserve, but it is an honor I serve proudly.

God: Excuse me I need to ask you a question.
Person: Uh, okay, I didn’t know you asked questions.
God: Oh yes, all the time. Would you be a pastor?
Person: I’m not sure I am the one you want. I don’t know the Bible that well, I don’t have the education needed. You of all should know I am not a person to go out in front of people.
God: I know all that. I just want to know if you will serve as a pastor.

Person: Can I pray on it?
God: Sure, but who are you going to pray too?
Person: Oh yeah. I guess I will.
God: I’ll take that answer. Now I want you to understand something. I don’t call the equipped; I equip the called. I will provide you with the education you need; I will give you courage. I must warn you, being a pastor is hard, but it will be rewarding. All I ask is that you be available and trust me.
Person: Well God, I have trusted you before and you have always kept your promises. I have one last question. Will you make this covenant between us.
God: My child I made this covenant before you were born, just in case you would say yes.

Bro. Dwayne

SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15th is Senior Sunday. Caden Meyers is graduating from North Pike Senior High. Congratulations, Caden!

The Youth will be in charge of the entire service. Thank you to Kim Burkett and the Youth for their Ministry in this service.



MY BLESSINGS

I'm so very thankful for I have received two huge blessings over the last several months. I have been so blessed to receive the gift of vision. On October 20, 2021, I received a donor corneal transplant in my right eye. On March 2nd, 2022, I was so blessed again to receive a donor corneal transplant in my left eye. When the doctor first told me I was going to need a corneal transplant in not one but both eyes of course I became very emotional, and it has definitely been a journey. I have 12 stitches in my right eye (had 16 but have had four removed). In my left eye I still have the 16 stitches. My right eye that I had done in October has crystal clear vision with no correction. When I went back for the follow up on my left eye a couple of weeks ago the doctor said when you follow back up in six weeks on your left eye we are going to remove the rest of your stitches on your right side and your vision will become even more clear. When I got up to the front desk to check out the lady said your next appointment is scheduled for May 9th. I sat there for a moment and tears started streaming down my face. May 9th will be one year exactly after the loss of my Dad. He would be so excited to know about the progress in my surgery and vision journey.

One day at a time on this journey of life. I have to remind myself of this every day. I also thank God each day for my many blessings. I pray for the two families of the donors that lost their loved ones and donated my new corneas to bless someone else's life. So very sorry for your loss. Thank you does not seem enough to say to

express my feelings of gratitude. I appreciate all the prayers and words of encouragement through this journey. My left eye continues to heal and eye drops will be part of my life forever now. Currently about 15 drops a day.

I'm an organ / tissue donor. Thankful and so blessed. Sorry for long post. My journey. I could not have done this without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ or my precious husband Dwayne Scoggins. He has taken such great care of me and been there for me through every step. Thankful for Dr. Griffith and Southern Eye. My entire precious and wonderful family, including our amazing church family and friends. Although my Dad is no longer here on earth, he has been with me in my heart through every step. I'm thankful for my many blessings and also the challenges that make me stronger. God always has me in his hands therefore I will not be weary or afraid. Just when I feel like throwing in the towel my Savior gives me strength to keep going always.

Teri Scoggins



Ushers: Robert Walker, Daniel Bales,
Jamie Newman, Tony Scroggs
Greeters: Beth Weems, Lakelyn Schifano



UMW will meet **Monday, May 9th** at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Yvonne Howell has the program. All ladies are invited.



UMM will not meet for Prayer Breakfast **Sunday, May 3rd**. They will be serving the women on Women's Appreciation Night Saturday, May 7th at 6:00 PM.



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



Wednesday, May 4th there will be no Family Night Supper. The men will be serving the women on Women's Appreciation Night Saturday, May 7th at 6:00 PM. All ladies of the church are invited.

KIM'S KORNER

Happy May! We had a great April celebrating our Risen Savior. The Easter Egg hunt was great. God gave us a beautiful day. We are so thankful to the Richards for allowing us to use their beautiful yard.

May is going to be a very busy month. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays and Sundays and May 15th will be Youth Sunday where we will honor Caden Meyers being a senior. The youth will be in charge of the entire service. Please come and see the drama we will be doing. It will be amazing.

We go on our youth trip on May 25th – May 30th. We are going to Student Life in Talladega Alabama. Please pray that our youth's spiritual life will be renewed and they will come back a different person!!! Can't wait to talk to you in June and let you know all that God has done for us.

Kim Burkett

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Colt and Rachel Rogers on the birth of their daughter. Danika (Dani) Claire Rogers. She was born on Monday, March 28th at 12:29 PM. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Also welcoming Dani is grandmother, Koni, great grandparents, Robert and Marilyn, and proud brothers, Matthew and Seth.

MISSIONS UPDATE

UMCOR SHOEBOXES — We are ready to pack our second set of boxes and have set the date of May 21, 10 a.m. for this purpose. Anyone who wishes to participate is welcome. We will be packing 58 boxes — 50 from the church plus 8 given in memory of Tara Abdul-Hadi. Our next packing date will be in November. Please continue to bring items on your shoebox shopping list plus any other small items you feel would go in the boxes. Items we already have for November are dolls (if you haven't seen these, please visit the "Operation Shoebox" room), pencil sharpeners, flip flops, color pencils. Boys walking shorts seem to be our hardest item to get at a good price (thank you, Diane Boyd, for those you have brought and thanks for continuing to watch for them). Thanks again to our seamstresses - Nancy Richardson, Pam Wall, and our newest - Kaylee Dunaway (my granddaughter). I will be glad to teach anyone else who is interested in doing this. I do order some of our items through Amazon, as I can get a better price on many items when I order bulk. So monetary donations are always appreciated to help with paying for these orders. Please use the special envelopes provided. Give to Yvette or drop in offering plate. Again, thank you so much for your continued participation.

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS — We are proud that our pastor has such a "giving heart" for missions. He has been named as the Brookhaven District Coordinator for this project. As his church, I

believe it would be good if we could be the first church in the district to make our goal of 11 buckets in support of our pastor's efforts to take the lead. Please be aware that the items must meet the descriptions on the list, as sizes are important for packing everything into the buckets. It costs close to \$100 if you buy all the items for a bucket. You may team up with someone else or you may bring whatever items you would like to bring. We will keep up with what we have and let you know what is still needed as we go along. Please feel free to give money if you want someone to shop for you. Special envelopes are provided for this purpose. Please give to Yvette or drop in the offering plate.

Carolyn Butler

WOMEN'S APPRECIATION
FISH/CHICKEN FRY

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE MEN WILL SERVE THE WOMEN FRIED FISH AND CHICKEN. MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP!



WHAT IS THAT SONG?

Several songs caught my attention which I thought about covering for this month's article. There is one I discovered while on a trip alone to Hattiesburg. I had recently purchased a new CD from a group that James and I saw in concert a couple of weeks ago. The song here came on and the first time I heard it, the message was deep and really spoke to me. I listened to it many times on that trip and it continues to play over and over in my head & heart, that's what lead me to share it with you all.

Joel Smallbone shared this story behind the song. We started writing this song from the perspective of a baby boy, and then into adulthood and the great sacrifice of Jesus and then how it impacted humanity. And somewhere along the way, we looked back and Luke and I called one another and said, 'Hey, maybe this is not just devoted to Christmas. Maybe this is a thought, an idea, that could carry with us through the whole year - through Christmas, and Easter, and beyond. Maybe this is a good reminder after so much loss, and so many questions about where God is in the midst of a pandemic, and where God is in the midst of racism or political division. It's kind of an offering and a celebration of the fact that we still believe that both religion and science points to this reality and it's continually pointing back to this reality that there is a creator, that there is a creative design, and that it's not just an abstract thought, but God is actually amongst us and with us and that this earth has been endowed with life and beauty that comes from God.' We hope that

it meets you where you are right now, into Christmas and beyond.

For God Is With Us
by for King & Country

Dare to imagine
Dare to believe in
A true love that gave us
A brand new beginning

No room for a king
No celebration and no ceremony
In that little town no, nobody would think
This is the story of the coming glory

Can you hear the prayers that people prayed?
Can you see the skies begin to break?
When Heaven and Earth were face-to-face
Oh, how the world forever changed

For God is with us, Oh
God is with us, Oh

All in the moment
All in an instant
The body was broken
And it was finished

So let us begin
The celebration and the ceremony
There's silence on Earth but the Heavens are
roarin'
Tellin' the story of the coming glory

Can you feel your heart begin to race?
Can you see the tide begin to change?

With all of our futures rearranged
The world will never be the same

CHORUS
For God is with us, Oh
God is with us, Oh
For God is with us
Oh, can you see, oh can you see (oh)
God is with us
Oh, can you hear, oh, can you hear (oh)
For God is with us

Dare to imagine
Dare to believe in
A true love that gave us
A reason for living

Can you feel the hope that's rushin' in?
Can you hear the song that's echoin'?
Join with the choir as we sing
This is where love truly begins

REPEAT CHORUS

Oh, can you see, oh, can you see
God is with us

Songwriters: Joel David Smallbone, Jordan Reynolds,
Joshua Kerr, and Luke Smallbone

Yvonne Church



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

Family of Wes Jordan – friend of Carolyn Butler

Family of Logan Bierbaum – friend of Yvonne Church

In Military or Working away from Home

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 - Health

Trudy Armfield – Covid, on ventilator

Donna Bales – Health

Tammy Beard – Health

George Best – recovering from surgery on Esophagus - cancer

Aubrey Boyd – Health - Back

Jackie Boyd – Health

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

Danney Bullock – Diagnosed with Merkel cell carcinoma and will begin chemo treatments

Lana Burkett – recovering from a fractured foot

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

Valencia Damond – Cancer – Kim Burkett

Carolyn Deer – Health

Pam Dixon – Recovering from dental surgery

Parker Dixon – Recovering from pneumonia

Shannon Dunaway – Health

Curtis Edmonds - Health

Peter & Sonya Francis – Health, their new home in Scotland

Phyllis Freeman – Health

Brenda Green – Health

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

Irma Newell Hart – Recovering from surgery - friend of Carolyn Butler

Gerald Howell – Health

Betty Johnson – Dale Freeman's Boss's Mother-In-Law – Not doing well

Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced

Joseph Kalil - Rare cancer (reoccurrence) – recovering from surgery – Cousin of Yvonne Church

Tammie Jones – Recovering from broken hip & at wound care for her foot in Jackson

Lonnie Keist – Health

Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor

Kathy Martin – Health

Patrick McCaffery – mass on his lung – Nancy's Friend

Craig Moak – Recovering from a kidney transplant

June Moak – Health

Susan Montgomery – Health – Barbara Rogers's Friend

W.B. Netterville – Back Issues

Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma

Tony Ramirez

Donna Reeves – Cancer

Mike Richard – Back Pain

Tony Ritter – Health

Clayton Roberts & Mary Roberts – Health

David Robert

Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

John & Sandy Roberts

Lamar Roberts – Health

Sharon Roberts – Health

Robin Roberts – Health

Jill Robinson – ALS

Teri Scoggins – Recovering from 2nd cornea Surgery

Rhonda Scroggs – Health

Jack Seale – Immunotherapy treatments for Cancer

Phoebe Sequin – Recovering from eye surgery

Kinley Smith – On meds for seizures –

2 year old great niece of Dale & Brenda Green

Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier's Friend – Radiation Treatments

Snuffy Smith – Health – Brenda Green

Sue Smith – Recovering from surgery – Brenda Green's sister

Betty Speaks – Mental & physical health – aunt of James Church

Jan Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation
Landon Stamps – Cancerous tumor in his abdomen

Charles Stepter – Father of one of Kim's students

Dwight Stockton – Health

Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health

Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam Dixon's friend's granddaughter

Beth Woodall Trantham - Health

Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health

Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our former Custodians

Charles & Annie Waguespack – Health

John Paul Wallace – Having seizures

Priscilla Wallace – Chemo treatments – Eva Nell's neighbor

Carson Wallace – Cancer – Eva Nell's neighbor

Linda West – Congestive heart failure – Brenda Green

Keith Williamson – Health

Noah & Molly Williamson and Sarah Mercier – David & Brenda's grandchildren

Renae Woods – Crohn's – Health issues

Joy Yawn – Recovering from hip surgery



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 - Barbara Rogers
- 07 - Adrian Brown
- 09 - Jennifer Brown Middleton
- 12 - Brenda Green
Brett Stockton
- 18 - Yvonne Howell
Yvette Lott
Deborah Johnson
Brooke Johnston
Kori Stewart
Gage Wisinger
- 21 - Ruth Humphrey
- 23 - Allye Byrd
Amber Byrd
Carolyn Deer
- 24 - Seth Rogers
- 26 - Wilhelm Kirkland
Joyce Orr
Gavin Reese Wicker
- 28 - Caden Meyers
- 30 - Annie Waguespack



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 - Chris & Bobbie Nell Wicker
- 17 - Drew & Kayla Kincaid
- 23 - Richard & Rebecca McKenzie
Tony & Rhonda Scroggs
- 24 - Harold & Diane Woodall



