



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at the home of Pam Gunter at 7:00. All women are invited to come and join them in fellowship.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on May 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men of the church are invited to join them in fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

For the month of May, we will be collecting socks for boys, small finger puppets, and small dinosaurs. Please place items in the container in the Narthex.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day is May 13 and we will honor all mothers during our morning Worship Service with a special gift. We will also honor our oldest mother present, our youngest mother present, and the newest mother present. We hope you plan to be present in worship for this special day.



High School Graduates

If you, or your child are graduating from High School or College this year, please give their name to Mary Griffin. We already have Kelsey Douglas, Kolby Harrison, Macy Gunter, Thomas McNeill, and Cameron Wells. We are planning on honoring them on Sunday, May 27 during the Worship Service.

Looking Ahead



We will have our annual Homecoming/Memorial Day observance on Sunday, June 3. During this service, we will remember those who have passed from this life during the past year, and welcome past members back for the day. There will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship, so plan to come with a well filled basket of food.



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 3rd at noon at the flagpole of the municipal building on Weatherspoon St. The theme this year is "Pray for America -UNITY."

Birthdays for May

02 Sam Taylor
02 Aubrey Bond
03 Mark Jones
03 Candis Adcock
04 Glynn Harrington
05 Jan Wilson
05 Ed Spivey
06 Oneda Dickens
06 John Haas
09 Kristie Gutierrez
09 Lisa Gunter
10 Darnell Miller
11 Beth Haas
12 Kelli Jones
12 Lora Currin
14 Gracie Currin
14 Ava Baldwin
14 Elyse Baldwin
15 Larry Thomas
16 Jennifer Watson
16 Robin M. Thomas
18 Mae Spivey
18 Alex McKenzie
19 Jensen Gunter
21 Bryant Holt
21 Jackson Godfrey
25 Marietta Watson
25 Camellia Hempe
26 Jackie Thomas
27 Clay Wilson
27 Rebecca Turner
28 Linda Holder
31 Savannah Godfrey



8 Genesis 1:1-2:4
9 Genesis 6:1-22
10 Genesis 7:1-24
11 Genesis 8:1-22
12 Genesis 9:1-29
13 Genesis 12:1-20
14 Genesis 13:1-18
15 Genesis 14:1-24
16 Genesis 15:1-21
17 Genesis 16:1-16
18 Genesis 17:1-27
19 Genesis 18:1-15
20 Genesis 21:1-21
21 Genesis 22:1-19
22 Genesis 25:7-26
23 Genesis 28:1-22
24 Genesis 35:1-15
25 Acts 1:1-11
26 Acts 1:12-26
27 Psalm 47
28 Exodus 19:1-25
29 Exodus 20:1-21
30 Exodus 23:20-33
31 Exodus 24:1-18



“It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God’s world; there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that what little we can do – won’t have an impact. But there is hope! Our gifts become blessings to people we don’t know and blesses in ways we can’t expect. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine.” These are statements and teaching ideas from the leader’s guide for the 2018 One Great HOUR of SHARING. Hopefully, this helps all of us to realize it’s everyone’s task to be a part of our offering. Not just a few people.

Our church has quite a few opportunities to help to change our community, nation, and the world. Are you seizing the privileges to help change and save someone’s life??

May if focusing on grits – especially the individual packets – for CUOC, please become a part of this effort.

Also, May finds us walking the halls of our partner school, East Lee, hosting our annual salad luncheon. We are told the staff is beginning to ask, “Are they coming”, “When is lunch?” Isn’t that terrific to be appreciated?? I guess you can say we are love for our efforts and support. Do you think?

Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 in the Library. All Deacons are asked to be in attendance.

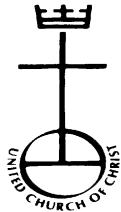
Bible Readings for May

1 Hebrews 6:13-20
2 Hebrews 7:1-14
3 Hebrews 7:15-28
4 Psalm 78:1-31
5 Psalm 78:32-55
6 Psalm 78:56-72
7 Psalm 110

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May Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: May 6: Caleb Johnston, Steven McNeill; May 13: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; May 20: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin; May 27: Lauren Godfrey, Gracie Currin.

Deacon on Call: May 6: Dawn Morris; May 13: Sandra Cotten; May 20: Alan Cox; May 27: John Godfrey.

Flowers: May 6: open; May 13: Linda Rhodes; May 20: Wilma Truelove; May 27: open.

Greeters: JoAnn Herring, Vera Batchelor.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Randy Gunter.

Ushers: Ray Norris, Kenny Cotten, Randy Gunter, Auburn Griffin Wayne Barber, Eddie Thomas, Johnny Watson.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Katie Kelly, Jada Holifield, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

I had a youth minister friend, once try to teach a group of youth how to make wise decisions with their choices. For this particular lesson, he was specifically talking about the music that they listened to. (Growing up, I was always taught in my church that any music that was not from the hymnal was “the devil’s music.” I did not completely buy that, but it scared me enough that I stayed away from certain types of music as a kid). The youth minister did not try to use scare tactics like the one I heard as a kid; instead, he divided the choices into three categories – positive, neutral, and negative. He would then pick a popular song at the time, and the students would have to decide which category the song would go into. It was fun watching the kids try to rationalize why a song that was clearly negative (bad lyrics or content) should not be labelled that way.

I thought that his way of showing this was brilliant. It made sense to the students, and they learned a valuable lesson. I have always remembered it. The idea that most of the choices we make can be divided into three categories helps us. If our choice is positive – it helps us or others, then that is the easy choice to make. If the choice is neutral, it does not hurt us or others, then we can make that choice, but it might not be the best one. If the choice is negative, it hurts us or others, then we should avoid that one.

We all know that we have like a thousand choices that we have to make each day. Some are basically harmless – what type of cereal should we have for breakfast? Others matter a lot. When we are faced with having to make the hard decisions we should ask, are the choices we make positive, neutral, or negative. We need to remember that people are watching us. We have the opportunity to impact other people’s lives with our choices. The best way to make sure our choices are the most positive is to spend time with Jesus every day. If we spend time with Him, and are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, then our choices are mostly going to be positive ones that help others. This is what we should always be trying to do.



