



APRIL 2024

MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

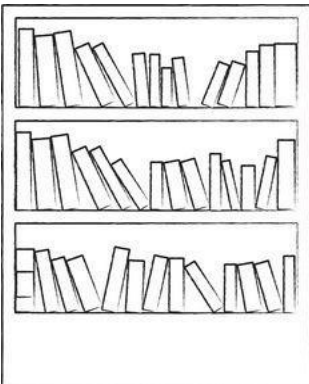
We are now fully ensconced in the season of Eastertide, which began on March 31st and will continue until the Day of Pentecost on May 19th. Friends, this is a glorious time for the church, and we must take every opportunity to live into the teachings of the resurrected Savior!

When I was in my third year of seminary, I took a class on Paul’s letter to the Romans. I had one of the most challenging professors for this class, but throughout the labor that went into deciphering both Paul’s words and his intent in Romans, one thing always stood out. My professor would always tell the class this: “When you read the Bible—especially Romans—no matter what chapter or verse you may be on, you need to read it and take Paul’s words as if the music of Resurrection were playing in the background. Trust me, you’ll see it in a whole new light.”

For this Easter season, our worship focus will be geared towards this very thing: “The Music of Resurrection.” Our lectionary texts will take us to various places where we may experience the abiding of the Resurrected Christ in our lives. We will learn and experience how the church should come alive as Christ did! We will worship and praise God’s holy name in magnificent ways. And we will become a people of deeper prayer. Friends, when we hear the words, “Christ is Risen!,” I pray that this will always be music to our ears.

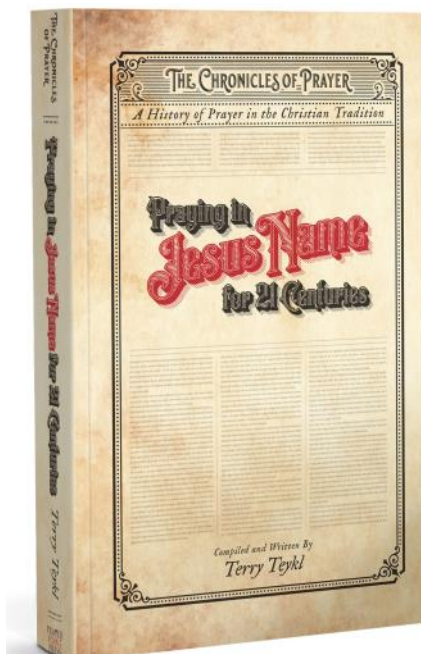
So how can we become true Easter people? By living our own lives as if the music of Resurrection were playing in the background.

Because of Christ,
Rev. Sam

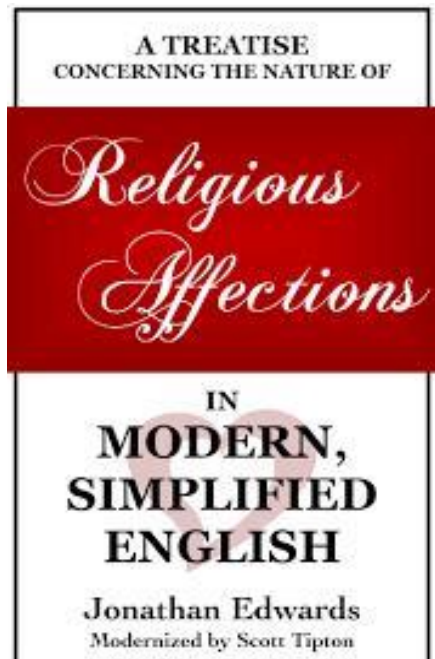


FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOKSHELF

I love to read. I love to read Scripture. I think that reading is important to sustain our growth in various topics surrounding our faith practices. That's why I like to read other books and I thought I would share with you what I'm reading every month. Many of the topics I enjoy are books on theology, Biblical scholarship, histories, biographies, and books on issues of social justice.



Chronicles of Prayer: Praying in Jesus' Name for 21 Centuries by Terry Teyki



A Treatise Concerning the Nature of Religious Affections by Johnathan Edwards

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITES

Youth Ministry

April Schedule:

Sundays:

Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Wednesdays:

Confirmation Class @ 6:00 pm (ends 4/17)

Confirmation Sunday: May 5

Saturday, April 6

Youth will assist where needed at Community Yard Sale

Two chaperones are still needed for M28 Camp, Friday, June 28th through Monday, July 1st. Final deposit of \$125 is due April 21.

Wednesday Night Activities

We have something for ALL ages starting at 6:00 pm

Kids for Christ (ages 4-5th grade)

Youth D Groups (6th-12th grades)

Adult Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)

Jesus was in a small group.



life change happens in small groups

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, April 11 at 11:30 am in the choir room. All are welcome to take part. If you cannot attend in person, Zoom is also an option. If you have any worship ideas you would like to see implemented or change in décor (we can always use help decorating! Pentecost Sunday is coming soon!), please contact Alicia Butler.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6120 GOODMAN RD--WEST PARKING LOT

COMMUNITY
YARD SALE
Saturday, April 6,
7:00 am-Noon Cost: \$20 (pay that day)

BARBECUE WILL BE SOLD!



Natalia & David

Engagement Blessing

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

First Baptist Church of Memphis,
East Parkway North, Memphis,
TN, USA

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No need to RSVP, this
celebration is open to all of our
friends and company



Greetings from the Finance Committee

In Kids for Christ, we are in the middle of teaching the Ten Commandments. This is a Finance article -no mistake- so keep reading. A few weeks back our Power Verse was "You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him." Luke 4:8. In the lesson we addressed different idols: Idol of Sports, Idol of Me, Idol of Entertainment, Idol of Laziness, and Idol of Popularity. As a grown-up the two that struck home with me were "Idol of Me" and "Idol of Laziness". Maybe yours are different, maybe not. But how often do we choose to do what we want in life, what's best for us, what makes us shine. Or maybe it's the laziness that gets you and you choose to do nothing. As a Christian, a disciple, we should be imitating the life of Christ. Do we see a reflection of Christ when we look in the mirror or when we look at how we live our life? When joining the church, God's family, we each vow to support the ministries with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Do you? Are you? How is that going for you? By praying more, showing up for worship more, giving more, volunteering more, and telling others of Jesus and His love more we are serving Him. We all can improve in those areas, I'm sure. The question is, do you want to? I hope the answer is YES! Let's be as driven and devoted as Paul was when he was delivering God's message. Let's all be God's servants and live out our purpose for being. Let 2024 be the year we choose God over self in all aspects of our lives.

God's Blessings for you,

Karla Lance

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Mike Arendale
Charlotte Goodwin
(Feed My Lambs fund)

In Memory of Cheryl Denley
Joyce Ingerson
(General fund)

In Memory of Glen Holcomb
Jay & Judy Harvey
(General fund)

In Memory of Everett Marbry
Jay & Judy Harvey
(General fund)

In Memory of Ann Robison
Joyce Ingerson
(General fund)

EXPERIENCE & SPEND TIME WITH GOD

As a spiritual discipline, consider praying for those on our prayer list and praying for each person on their birthday (and couple on their anniversary).

Prayer Concerns of the Past Month

3/3 Aline Turner

3/10 Jim Holland; Chuck Jolley; Polly Speed; David Guyer; Jim "Champ" Champion; Roseanne Liles (friend of the Clinkenbeards); Maci Myers (granddaughter of Gail Campbell)

3/17 Damon Hughes (co-worker of Andrew Jolley)

3/24 Owen Bandemer (friend of Judith Nance)

In Sympathy

Myfus Wims (uncle of Darlene McGee); Dorris Wilkinson (mother-in-law of Dawn Wilkinson); Patricia Wood (friend of Judith Nance)

Joys

Aline Turner's surgery went well; we welcome new member Gail Campbell; Randy Cox is back on U.S. soil after serving overseas (brother-in-law of Judith Nance)

3rd Annual "A Day Away"

Overnight Retreat for Prayer and Renewal

"It is a beautiful place for worship and fellowship. We enjoyed having time to rest, while also exploring new ways to pray and draw closer to God."
—Rev. MJ & Dena Pope, Byhalia, MS

"The prayer retreat was a time of spiritual renewal for me. Life had made me feeling disconnected from God and my calling, but the prayer retreat gave me a chance to step away myself."
—Randi Elkins, Seminary Student & Local Pastor

**Senatobia District 1
United Methodist Churches
Clergy and Laity**
You're invited to join us:
May 10—11, 2024

**St. Columba Episcopal
Camp and Retreat Center
Memphis, TN**

April 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sunday Morning Schedule: Joy Class 9:15 am Caring Peeps 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am	1 Church Office Closed ★Sandy Marby	2 ★Gabriel Harris Church Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	3 Wednesday Schedule: Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm ★Jake Cooper	4 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am ★Gabe Smith	5 ❤️ Clint & Cindy Wright	6 Community Yard Sale 7:00 am-Noon 
7 ★ Cedar Arendale	8 Disciple III @ 6:30 pm	9 10	11 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting @ 11:30 am	12 13			
14	15 ★Courtney Jolley	16 Children's Ministry Meeting @ 6:00 pm	17 ★Buddy Bynum	18 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am	19 20		
21 ❤️ Mike & Lauanna Beasley	22 Disciple III @ 6:30 pm	23 24 ★Jeffrey Taylor	25 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am	26 ❤️ Blake & Theresa Pretti	27		
28 <i>Wedding Shower for Cora Harris and Patrick Jones @ 3:00 pm</i>	29 Disciple III @ 6:30 pm	30 Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm Disciple III @ 6:30 pm					