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**July Reflection**

*Acts 2:47 "[The Disciples] praise God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved."*

In light of the resurrection and in the glow of Jesus' world conquering act of breaking through the grave, the disciples were left with a simple question, "now what?" I believe it is a question we find ourselves asking anytime we experience a spiritual high, or we as the church do something amazing we find ourselves asking, "Now what? What is our next move? Where do we go from here?"

For the disciples the answer to this question was not readily apparent, in fact all of the gospels, except for Mark, record some story of the disciples going back to their normal lives after the resurrection. Peter, James, and John all go back to be fishermen, Matthew probably went back to be a tax collector, and the rest just went to wonder around. We can understand this, after three years of following Jesus around, seeing him give sight to the blind, cast out demons, feed five thousand with five loaves of bread and two fish, and rise from the dead, I could understand wanting some normalcy in your life.

Luckily we as disciples have not been called to a normal life, praise God that we have been called to more than simply twiddling our thumbs. We have been called by the grace of God to present a picture of his kingdom here and now. Thank goodness that Peter's stint as a fisherman didn't last long. After encountering the risen Christ on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, he heads back to Jerusalem. It is in that upper room in Jerusalem that the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter gives the first sermon of the church, and the church officially begins.

What I love about the verse that I selected for this month's reflection is once again the disciples find themselves at a "now what" moment. The Holy Spirit has flooded them, Peter has given that first sermon, and yet they aren't really sure how to proceed. They went from being a community of roughly 82 people to a community of 3082 people over night. It is hard to know what to do with a change that large.

So the disciples do something countercultural, something I think we as the 21<sup>st</sup> century church could really take a lesson from, they devote themselves to prayer and showing God's goodness. It seems so simple, devote yourself to prayer and show God's goodness to the community and to the world. However, in the church as we are currently constructed today, we are good at one of those two things, not both and certainly not together.

The more I read Scripture, the more I have become convinced that prayer and action are inseparable. If we do things without first praying about them, we miss out on where God is calling us. If we are not constantly praying, we are missing out on the greatest source of communication we have with God. By that same token though if prayer is separated from our actions, and we do not live like we pray, we are not showing God to the world.

Our church stands in a moment of transition today, moving from one pastor to the next. We are Methodist we are used to this, but inevitably in the midst of transition we will find ourselves asking, "Now what? What are we going to do?" In this space, I think we would do well to take a page from these disciples, trusting that the "Now what?" question will be answered by God in due time.

Pastor Zack

## **TRANSITION TEAM**

To help us welcome Rev. Christy, we have a Transition Team. The Transition Team is a group of members that solicits input from the congregation & communicates freely about the transition.

1. The primary purpose of the Transition Team is to facilitate conversations with both the new pastor and the congregation concerning observations, plans, expectations, proposed changes, and communications strategies.
2. This team is the place where Rev. Christy can receive feedback about potential changes in worship or church programming before he makes them.
3. It focuses its work on the first ninety to one hundred days of the transition and disbands after the pastor and the team mutually agree that they have reached the breakeven point, or end of the transition.

Transition Team: Randy Baxter, Judy Bingham, Johnny Brown, Jenny Emerson, Kaci Beck and Darin Webb.



### **VBS: 2019**

**A big thank you** to everyone who assisted with Vacation Bible School. We averaged 56 children each night. The children had a wonderful experience with VBS.

### **Community Revival**

\* Grace \* Hope \* Truth \*

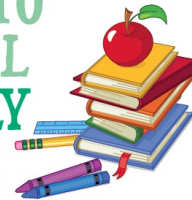
**The Community Revival** will be held on Sunday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 7, at 7:00pm at the "Buck Fraley Field". In case of inclement weather, services will be held at First Baptist Church.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR ZACK CHRISTY:**

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Pastor Zack's office hours will be Monday - Thursday from 8:00am to 11:30am and other times he will be out visiting.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**



We are now collecting **school supplies** for the One Body One Mission School Supply Drive. Our church has been designated to bring marbled composition notebooks (all colors) and subject composition notebooks (all sizes). There is a table outside of the church office to place supplies on along with more details regarding this event. If you have questions, please contact Bess Thornburg. Please bring your donations by before **August 6.**



Love,  
Jace Brittain

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W. Cone Carpenter, Jr.  
Nancy Catena

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**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to Carol Falls and family following the death of Steve Falls on July 7; and to Tommy Allen and family following the death of his father, Dr. Bill Allen, on July 19.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 Ned Heavner  
2 Devan Beam  
2 Sharon Sigmon  
2 Jack Stephenson  
3 Chris Ballard  
3 Steve Panton  
4 Greg Kirby  
4 Emilie Pope  
5 Lauren Bell  
5 Bella Thornburg  
6 Betty Jane Robinson  
6 Miney Saine  
8 Bowen Beam  
8 Sandra Carpenter  
8 Sylvia C. Norton  
8 Bill Moss  
9 Linda Alexander  
13 Kristyn Stroupe  
14 Dusty Pope  
14 Raelyn Thornburg  
18 Billy Crews  
19 Jodi Beam  
19 Ben Payseur  
19 Loren Stroupe  
20 Steve Bowen  
20 Janice Hovis  
21 Jerry Thornburg  
22 Gavin Burleson  
22 Vera Eaker  
23 Maxton Hartman  
23 Danny Webb  
24 Zane McGinnis  
24 Landry Pruitt  
25 Jeff Hoyle  
25 Jenny Emerson  
25 Braden Jones  
25 Frances Putnam  
26 Libby Ballard  
26 Scott Jones  
27 Harlee Austin  
28 Nicole Canipe  
28 Mickey Payseur  
28 Doug Whitworth  
29 Alex Blackburn  
29 Harris Hetrick  
29 Leon Roseboro  
30 Kathy Burleson  
31 Ron Walls



**If your birthday is in August and not listed, please contact the church office.**

**Catawba Valley Lay Servant Training** Sunday afternoons: September 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2019 3:00 – 5:30 pm First UMC (Morganton) 200 N King Street, Morganton, NC . For more information or to register, please visit :

<https://www.cvdistrictumc.org/post/lay-servant-training-september-2019-12856856>

Registration and payment of \$25 must be received in the District Office by September 1, 2019.



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Dear FUMC Church Members:

As a pastor in the United Methodist Church for over 10 years now, I know the influence and impact the UMW has both in our churches and our community. This is why I am writing to ask for your help in an upcoming event that I believe is of great importance.

Over a year ago, our DS.... discerned a need to do something to help inspire and equip the men in our district to live into their God-given identity and step into our God-ordained role in our families, our churches, and society. The result is the Restore 2019 Men's Conference that will be held in the Hickory Metro Convention Center on October 12, 2019.

Restore 2019 is an event FOR men... planned largely by men. It is a time where the men in your church can come together with other men from our area to worship, have fun, and be inspired by Godly men who have not only walked in the shoes of men in today's society... but they have overcome and thrived. Restore 2019 will be a time where the men from your church can be prayed for and prayed over in a discrete area set aside for those needing to talk or who need prayer.

While the event is designed for men... the ladies of our churches also play a vital role in the success of the event. We want to reach both the men in our churches as well as the men in our communities. The vital ministry of the UMW permeates both church and community as does your influence.

I am simply asking that you will help spread the word of Restore 2019 throughout your church, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY please pray for our event. Pray for the members of the Restore 2019 Team, the men in your church (that God will truly touch their hearts), and the men in your community. Additionally, if you know of a man, son, nephew, neighbor who is hurting and maybe in need of some support or healing, try and connect them in someone from your church who will be attending Restore 2019 (Or send me an email and I'll see what I can do from my end.)

Thanks you SO MUCH for your help. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Phillip

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### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT, JULY 21, 2019**

Previous Total..... \$183,633.22  
Total To Date ..... \$197,706.22  
Needs to Date ..... \$208,721.99  
Under. .... \$11,015.77

### **ATTENDANCE, JULY 21, 2019**

Sunday School. .... 73  
Worship. .... 129

### **PRAYER LIST (Members)**

Billy Alexander, Tommy Allen & Family, Mike Burgess, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Billy Crews, Deborah DeVenny, Carol Falls & Family, Carole Fields, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Eloise Mauney, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, Jack Stephenson, Gary Thornburg, Jerry Thornburg & Family, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

### **PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)**

Maurice "Jim" Beam, Logan Beck, Sam & Martha Beam, Cornelia Moss, Jeff Schrum, and our loved ones in the military.

### **LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:**

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, \*Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

# Church Member; \*Stationed in the Middle East

### **AUGUST USHERS**

Keith DeVenny, Danny Webb, Chad Bingham, Darin Webb, Wayne Watts

### **AUGUST NURSERY WORKERS**

Aug. 4	Phyllis Thornburg
Aug. 11	Linda Brittain
Aug. 18	Emilie Pope
Aug. 25	Shayne Turner

### **Sunday, August 4**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
7:00pm - Community Revival

### **Monday, August 5**

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle  
6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper  
7:00pm - Community Revival

### **Tuesday, August 6**

7:00pm - Community Revival

### **Wednesday, August 7**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir  
7:00pm - Community Revival

### **Thursday, August 8**

7:00pm - Trustees meeting

### **Sunday, August 11**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Saturday, August 17**

8:00am - UMW District Annual meeting at FUMC

### **Sunday, August 18**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
4:00pm - Preschool Orientation  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Wednesday, August 21**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, August 25**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Sunday, September 1**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth