

# **Loving Past The Lines**

By Pastor Mike Snyder

It has been my observation that we as a society have become experts in drawing up boundary lines. We have continental divides, national borders, state lines, city limits and back yard fences. We also have invisible lines that separate us. We make distinctions between rich and poor, member and non-member, black, brown, yellow and white. We've even developed a numeric system that clarifies the distinctions. We have *first class*, second class and third class. Someone once asked Mahatma Gandhi why he traveled third class. To which he simply replied, "Because there's no fourth class."

One of the reasons we've created and set these boundary lines is in order to identify and separate "them" from "us." We want to keep "us" safe and "them" out. As a pastor, I have discovered that one of the most intimidating boundary lines in our society is the one laid at the front door of a church. We hang signs over our front doors that mark boundaries that run along denominational lines. And outsiders are closely monitored lest they stumble across some sacred boundary line in the church.

My question is: How can this be, when the founder and builder of the Church made it His mission to reach across every boundary line He ever encountered? Jesus loved past our lines! In His incarnation, He

reached across the boundary line that separated heaven from earth. During His earthly ministry, He reached across the boundary lines that separated religious people from sinners, first class from last class, upper crust from bottom rung, in order to minister to all those who were marginalized by the culture in which He lived; the last, the lost and the least. And now, in His deep love, He has crossed the boundary lines of space and time, in order to reach even you and me. You see, at one time, we too were numbered with the "outsiders." The apostle Peter reminds us that once we were not a people, but now we are God's people, once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy (1 Peter 2:10).

In loving past our lines, Jesus has set for us an example of *radical hospitality*. And as people who have been welcomed into Christ's Church, you and I are called to follow His example and to reach across every boundary line that we encounter in order to extend the same sacrificial, loving and inclusive hospitality that we ourselves have received. As United Methodists, we pride ourselves in viewing every individual as a person loved by God and of eternal worth. You see, if every individual is a person for whom Christ died, then every individual is worthy of our respect, deserving of our acceptance, and more than welcome in our church family. *They belong with us*, on the inside of an erased boundary line.









# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Chapel Hill Family,

Thank you SO MUCH for the 100+ volunteers who came out and made this an INCREDIBLE week for AMPED: Live Fully Alive Vacation Bible School. You made this week possible and we are so incredibly grateful for your sacrifice of time this past week. The energy of the Holy Spirit was EXTRAORDINARY!!! Because you let the Holy Spirit work in you, the elementary kids learned that to Live Fully Alive means to live like you know God has a plan for you, live like Jesus is alive, live like people matter & live



like you're apart of a bigger story. The preschoolers learned that to Live Fully Alive means: We are at our best when we do things God's way. With your help, we helped carry Jesus into this next generation. Thank you!

With much appreciation,

The Children and Preschool Directors











# **New Church Directory**

Photo Sessions Available August 8th through August 11th



Mark your calendars! Sign-up today! Online registration is now open. A link has been provided for you on our Facebook page and website, www.chchurch.org. You'll be able to schedule your appointment anytime and anywhere! If you have trouble signing up we will be available to help you between services 7/29 and 8/5. Portraits will be taken August 8th—11th and September 6th—8th. Wednesday through Friday available appointment times will be between 1p.m.-8p.m and on Saturdays 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Watch the bulletin, Facebook, and our website for more information.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR

IN MEMORY OF W.D. OWENS

By Randy and Marla Owens By Joyce Owens By Randy and Sally Sugg

IN MEMORY OF TIM GENTRY

By Tim and Angela Sh<mark>ultzenb</mark>arger By Lynda Osborn

IN MEMORY OF DALE OSBORN
By LYNDA OSBORN

IN MEMORY OF SEAN POWELL By JAN BRATCHER

In Memory of Ryan Owens By Bridgette Mallory

By Lynda Osborn

IN MEMORY OF LAURA HOWARD MURPHY
By Denny and Carla Howard

# Red Bird Mission

Craft Show August 4th and 5th at First UMC

Red Bird is a NATIONAL Mission of the United Methodist Church. Red Bird Mission began in 1921 as a school providing opportunity to young people through education, and despite many struggles, they continue to have a mission school today. Unfortunately, poverty and lack of opportunity persists in these mountain communities. By supporting Red Bird and their craft shows, we hope to help the people of Eastern Kentucky find opportunity.

A Red Bird Mission Craft Show will be held on Saturday, August 4th at First United Methodist Church. Their sale on Saturday will be from 9-2, and on Sunday after the morning services. First UMC had a craft show for them 12 years ago that was greatly helped by the participation of all the Methodist churches in Henderson County.

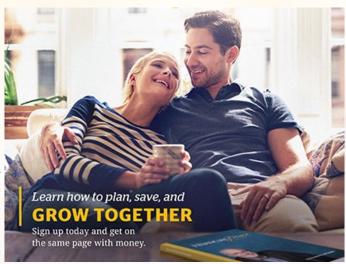
## **DISTRICT NEWS**

- The Owensboro District will be offering L.A.C.E. (LAY ACADEMY OF CHURCH EXCELLENCE) classes this fall on the following dates: Sept. 22nd, Sept. 29, and Oct. 13th. A pamphlet with more information is available in the turn style in the narthex.
- Bishop Fairly in the District Bishop Fairly will be holding Regional Meetings across the conference this fall. We will be hosting Bishop Fairly on Monday, October 1 at Chapel Hill UMC in Henderson. Please put this date on your calendars now and make your plans to come out and hear what Bishop Fairly has to share with you. Pastors and Laity are encourage to attend. We will host a dinner for the District Operational Team & dCOM Chair at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Fairly and at 7:00 p.m. Pastors & Laity are invited to hear the Bishop speak in our sanctuary.



## August 2nd through September 27th

Beginning August 2nd through September 27th, Allen Singer will be leading a new small group based on Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace. This study series will help you to be smart about money and allow you to maximize your ministry, work and financial life goals. Online registration is now available on our website under *Small Group Connections*.



Did you know...

- ☑ 64% of Americans can not cover a \$1,000 emergency
- ✓ 76% of people live paycheck to paycheck.
- ☑ The average amount spent on credit card interest is \$2,630 per year!
- ☑ The average American household wastes 24% of their take home pay on consumer debt!
- The Average consumer debt is \$187,187 in mortgages, \$29,575 on student loans, \$16,917 in auto loans, \$5,100 in credit cards.

"You will either learn to manage money or the lack of it will always manage you." Dave Ramsey

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Chapel Hill will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on Saturday, August 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Chapel Hill UMC.

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Give blood. #MissingType

Without A's, B's, and O's we can't save anyone.
There is an Emergency need for all blood types.
Schedule an appointment to donate today.

#### PNO (PARENT'S NIGHT OUT) IS BACK!

We will be having PNO (Parent's Night Out) Friday, August 10th from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.! Back to School Bash!!! All the activities will be held outside! (Except the nursery.) Dinner will be served! Register your child by Wednesday, August 8th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

#### BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

The Outreach Events Team is hosting a back to school party Aug. 6th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Bendgate school. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided. We will also be giving away backpacks and school supplies while supplies last.

#### HAND CHIME GROUP CHAPEL HILL RINGERS

As church musicians, we have the call to use the resources of our congregation – people and instruments – to lift our best to God in every way. By using our ringing instruments rather than discounting them, we can embellish contemporary music with their ethereal and sparkling sounds and we *can increase active participation in Worship* through the talents of members of our congregation.

Contemporary music can be played by a ringing ensemble as well. Over the years, we have seen more releases of published arrangements of popular music that are stunning. The same is true for Christian music.

We have a nice set of 2 octave hand chimes to utilize! Our group will be starting back again in August – date TBA. Come join us- you do NOT need to be able to read music to play!!!

# **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

Wed	AST D	10:00 a.m. Nellie Group—Small group that		
8/1		meets at various restaurants for brunch.		
0/1		Meeting at Denny's this month.		
	N/D	10:00 a.m. S.I.S.S. (109) Small group. Tammy		
		Storey leader. Meet every Wednesday.		
197	AZ-ES	Children's Wed. Night Program (Every		
		Wed.)		
		5:30 p.m. Children/Youth Meal (FH)		
		6:00 p.m. Grow!/Go!/S.T.A.T.I.C. Youth		
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		Cooksey Bennett Leader. Meet every		
		Wednesday.		
	ASO2	6:30 p.m. Choir (Meet every Wednesday)		
Thursday	<b>&gt;&lt;</b>	2:00 p.m. Care Givers Support Group (204)		
8/2	<b>}&lt;</b>	6:30 p.m. BSA Parent Meeting (SH)		
	<b>&gt;&lt;</b>	7:00 p.m. Financial Peace (Led by Alan		
		Singer) Will meet every Thursday.		
Saturday	ALS:	6:30 a.m. Band of Brothers (Meet every Sat.)		
		6:30 a.m. Live on Purpose Small Group (303)		
8/4		Meet every Sat.)		
	200	11:30 a.m. FH Reserved		
Sunday	3<	6:00 p.m. Middle/High School Girls Small		
		Group. Led by Nancy Bennett Meet every		
8/5	X	Sunday.		
Monday	ST.D			
	ALS:			
8/6		5:00 p.m. Meal and Worship		
		5:45 p.m. Break into Small Groups		
		Rm 102 Nursery		
		Rm 105 Celebration Station (Kindergarten)		
		Rm 104 Celebration Station (1st—5th		
		Grade)		
		Rm B-2 The Landing for Teens—Middle		
		School		
		Rm 303 Teen Recovery—High School		
		Rm 204 Family Group		
		Rm 109 Hurts of Life		
Tuesday	3<	6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations (Conf. Room)		
8/7		Kevin Kennedy Chair.		
Wed	ALS:	First Day Back to School for Handerson Co		
1000	ALS.			
8/8		Small group led by Stan Glenn. Meet the 2nd		
100		and 4th Wed.		
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Thursday	\$< 2:00 p.m. Care Givers Support Group (204)
8/9	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. Cursillo (Rm 303)
	⊁ 6:30 p.m. True Face Practice
Friday	6:00 p.m. PNO (Parents' Night Out)
8/10	
Monday	3 ≤ 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 280 (Meet every
8/13	Monday in SH)
	★ 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting (Amy)
	Call Chairperson)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Worship Team (204) (Artie
8/14	Thompson Chair.)
Saturday	३< 8:00 a.m.—Red Cross Blood Drive
8/18	
Monday	6:30 p.m. Finance Team (Steve Hoskins
8/20	Chair)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Outreach Events Team Marie
8/21	Rutledge Chair.
/ /	3 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Rm 109 (Ed
Saturday	12:00 p.m. FH Reserved
8/25	
Tuesday	★ 6:00 p.m. Trustees—David Jewell Chair.
6/26	★ 6:00 p.m. Chapel Kids Parents' Night
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#### **SCHEDULING CHANGES**

- ★ Chapel Hill Ringers will resume this month. Date TBA.
- ★ Sisters in Christ will resume in September on the first and third Friday.
- ★ Hilltoppers will not be meeting this month, but will resume in September.

#### **DRIVE TEAM MINISTRY**

Have you been looking for a Ministry to be a part of? The Drive Team is looking for drivers to help those in our community attend their doctor appointments. If this is something you feel you would like to be a part of contact the church office or Stan Glenn at 270-823-2479.

#### JUNE AND JULY 2018 DRIVING MINISTRY

Number of Transports	38
Miles Driven	1346
Volunteer Hours	122.5

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# "Making Disciples for Jesus Christ"

# Celebrating Our 56th Year

Lots of updates on all the activities going on at the Chapel on the Hill at www.chchurch.org



SO MANY WAYS
TO CONNECT!

Check out Chapel Hill Facebook Pages and Groups today!

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facebook.com/ChapelHill

#### COME WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. New Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Office Hours 8:30- a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

