

## Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

**Greeting:** Sharon Swisher

**\*Call to Worship** Randa Omear

Leader: We gather to worship the Living Water!

**People: Spring up, Oh Well, within our souls**

Leader: In our dry and arid places, Water of Baptism, refresh us.

**People: Stir up inside of us, renew us Living Water.**

Leader: In baptism you remind us of our connection to both the first church and the eternal Well that never runs dry.

**People: Burst forth within us, overflow, saturate the stagnant areas of our lives, reconnect us to you, our true Source.**

Leader: Let us remember our baptism and be thankful!

**All: Take us to the waters! Let us renew our baptismal vows. Amen**

**\*Opening prayer:** Sharon Swisher

**\*Opening hymn:** "Awesome God" (x3).....TFWS.....2040

**Old Testament Responsive Reading** (Isaiah 42:1-9) Randa Omear

Leader: Jesus was the Suffering Servant, chosen by God, born of Mary, and baptized by John.

**People: The Holy Spirit rested upon him and God spoke from the heavens, for baptism is a family affair.**

Leader: Through the baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, justice has been seen by every nation.

**People: He never resorted to violence but worked faithfully to model and teach justice and equality.**

Leader: His Spirit is alive in us today. We cannot grow faint; we will not be crushed. God's reign will be established throughout the earth.

**People: The Lord of Host, Creator of Heaven and Earth, has called us to right living, taken us by our feeble hands, given strength to our knees, and kept us to this day.**

Leader: You are a covenant, a light, the vision to prisoners, yet enslaved.

**People: Steadfast is our God. We offer God praise and glory, for the promises of God are faithful and true.**

**All: The Lord strengthens us and blesses us with shalom!**

**Anthem:** "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" Chancel Choir

**Children's Noisy Collection**

**Children's Message** Vince Thornburg

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Sharon Swisher

**Offertory Hymn:**

Pianist

(Ushers will collect during this hymn)

**\*Doxology**

Projected

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Sharon Swisher

**Scripture Lesson:** Acts 10:34-43

Pastor

**Joys and Glory Sightings**

**Prayer Requests, Prayer Cards, Prayer Blankets**

**Intercessory Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor

**Message:** "Baptism: Claim the Grace of Jesus"

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Remember Your Baptism**

Projected

**Hymns of Invitation** (sing as people come forward)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart p. 500

Sweet, Sweet Spirit p. 334

Spirit Song p. 347

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Choral Response:** "Go, Tell It On The Mountain" (2 x)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

**\*Stand as you are able**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Annette Carper

**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Charles McAtee

**ORGANIST:** Lorayne Fischer

**USHERS:** Dan McCafferty, Don

**LITURGIST:** Sharon Swisher

Chamberlain, Larry Bonar

**ACOLYTE:** Randa Omear & Hayden Harvey

Doug Richards

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus was baptized with the baptism of a Jewish prophet named John and nicknamed "The Baptizer." But this was not seen by Christians as Christian baptism. As the gospels record it, Christians understood John's baptism to be "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4, NRSV). While the baptism of John and Christian baptism would both involve water, John himself is quoted to say that the baptism Jesus would inaugurate be "with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8, NRSV).

We see early Christians making a distinction between the baptism of John and Christian baptism in the story of the founding of the Christian community at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-5). When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he found a community of people who had received the baptism of John through one of John's disciples. The story tells us they had never heard of the Holy Spirit, much less received the Holy Spirit. Paul offered them Christian baptism in the name of Jesus, and immediately they received the Holy Spirit.

United Methodists, together with the vast majority of Christians in the world, understand Christian baptism to be baptism "by water and the Spirit." Based on the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, we continue to offer Christian baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. -The United Methodist Church online-

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**In Care Centers:** Stella Decot Lila June Bungard Margie Holt  
Hilda Runyan Susan Marl

**Home Bound:**  
Dorothy Winland Carlene Cunningham James Cunningham  
Margie Younkins Mick Burk Elizabeth Boso  
Sherry Lusk Jim Bickerton Elizabeth Jaworski

**Others Needing Prayer:**  
Bud Wood Jordan Heckart Tom Cunningham Bob Lucas  
Barbara Holt Laura Mae Hartley Matthew Burk Don Potts  
Harry Logsdon Jr. Joyce Hall Alice Buzzard Lyn Kyr  
Janice Swartz Maria Watson Paul Brockus Lynn Gower  
Richard Black Clarissa Powell Becky Hill Sam Parker  
Bill Parker Eileen Dobbs Megan Turner Vicky Aston  
Sherri Mullins Mark Holt

**DISTRICT PRAYER:** Archer's Chapel/Little UMC - Rev. Sharon McDougal  
Retired Pastor: Rev. Glen Baker & Rev. Patty Beagle

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday School 20 Worship 60  
**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:** \$2,409.00

## BIRTHDAYS

January 14 – Midge Berisford January 18 – Megan Turner

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Every Sunday after Morning Worship meet in the front hall if you would like to go to lunch together.

**PRAYER BLANKETS** – If you would like one, please fill out a form in the back of the Sanctuary or see Susan Burk. The blankets for this week are for Dick Maidens.

**EMAILS** – If you have an email address, please give it to the office. Thank you.

**NIGHT TO SHINE** – Friday, February 7 - Seeking Volunteers. Please contact Janet Allen at 304-650-4126. (Sponsored by Bowman UMC)

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING** – “Developing Our Skills” Saturday, January 25. All Leaders and Church Officers are required to participate in training this year. This will fulfill your requirement. Please see registration forms or speak with Pastor Annette, if questions.

## BEAN SOUP AND CORNBREAD DINNER –

On Sunday, January 26, from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Following the Morning Worship Service

Bean Soup, cornbread, dessert & drink \$6.00

Hot dog, chips, dessert & drink \$4.00

**NEWSLETTER** – Deadline is January 26 and Assembly will be Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m.

*“Dear Church family, I wanted to say thank you for the Christmas gifts and cards you gave me. I really enjoyed them. I will be praying for you all in the coming year. May God bless you and be with you all.”*  
*Love, Stella Decot*

## SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

<b>Sunday</b> - Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> – Worship Meeting .....	6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> – Choir Practice.....	7:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING

- January 19 – Youth Group meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Washington Lands
- January 20 – Bible Study 101 resumes at 6:00 p.m.
- January 26 – Bean soup & cornbread lunch after church
- January 30 – Newsletter Assembly at 11:00 a.m.
- February 4 – Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- February 5 – UM Men meeting at Bob's Lunch at Noon
- February 9 – Scout Sunday
- February 16 – Valentine Dinner – covered dish
- February 22 – Cinderella Project
- February 24 – Blue & Gold Banquet at 5:30 p.m. - Scouts

GOOD SAMARITAN ITEMS FOR JANUARY  
Nothing right now  
Thank you

**PHONE TREE** – The Prayer Chain is available from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. From **9 – Noon**, Monday through Friday call 304-845-2732 and give message to Carol. After Noon and on Weekends call:  
Carolyn McCafferty at 304-218-4190

**Or**

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