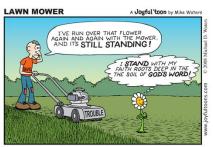
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The Newsletter of Jones Chapel United Methodist Church



"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease." Genesis 8:22





A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. - PSALM 91:7 NIV



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Viola Underdown Judy & Gene Webster Bill & Terry Aikens **Beth Heaton** Kim Babb Bob Clendenon Larry Wallace Family Swanson Family Clifford Lowe Bo Shugart Ruth Turner Wanda Davis Coach McPhail's family Marty Hochertz Sally Curtis Karen Rodgers Grace Trew Crowder Family Judy Watkins Angle Moses Tim Crabtree Cheryl, Joy, Renee, Janie, Ramos **Pickel Family** Roger Taylor Always pray for your Pastor Jay Boatman Our Church/Israel Our Nation/Leaders/Military Successful surgeries & procedures Jenny Self Justin Coleman Alberta Williams Famiily Traveling safety Diann Gibson Chad Smith Wentworth Family

Peggy Self **Evelyn Potent** Mallory Arp Jeff Ward Brianna Winters & Family Maynard Wilson Those Traveling Jerry Low Abby Hardin Addie Williams Louise Wattenbarger Adam & Katie Wilson Roger Robertson Paul King Area Opioid Crisis Savannah Blair William Daughtry Larry Wassick Family Sandy Lambert Cy Watts & Family McCain Baker **Bill Bigham Family** Beth Shelly McAllister Unspoken requests Clayton Clenden Dot Humphrey Randy Rayburn Ukraine war Carl Ledford Stacey & Doug Shelly Willis Frank Clark Steve Davis **Renee Jamerson** Family killed in wreck

"...You restored me to health and let me live. Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back."— Isaiah 38:16-17

Pastor Bert's Thoughts:

Seasons come and go, summer is waning and fall is coming, thankfully. As we start to put the heat and humidity of summer behind us remember seasons don't just pertain to the weather. Seasons also come in many forms, age, relationships, work and so on.

As Jones Chapel enters into a new season in our church may we all look back on past seasons of this church with thanksgiving on our hearts and lips for those God raised up to plant the church, those who gave sacrificially of land and finances to build the buildings, those past and present ones.

This new season we are entering will bring changes as yet not seen or some not even anticipated. But when we are seeking to follow what we believe is God's leading we should always look forward to the future with both a little caution and a heart and mind full of the peace and joy of the Lord.

This season came about because of a desire to follow God rather than a denomination that seemed to want to please man over God. This desire on the people of Jones Chapel to seek God over man is going to bring about a need to seek where God is leading us as a church to go and also each one of us to examine ourselves for His leading as to our parts in this season of the church.

Paul tells us in *Ephesians 5:15-17* Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. As we as a church move away from the season of The United Methodist Church the future is open for us, but we most of all want to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's leading where He wants us to go and what God wants from all of us.

May God bless this new season in Jones Chapel's life and may each one of us always seek to follow and "love God with all our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." With these, the Greatest Commandments fully on our hearts we can never go wrong.

God Bless, Pastor Bert

Lord, wherever I travel in life, whenever I feel lonely or distressed, help me to remember that You are with me. Amen When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.

He calls us to trust him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through. *- Francis Chan*

Monday, September 5 LABOR DAY

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;" Isaiah 55:6

Sept. Church Notes:

- * Sunday Eve. Worship starts at 6 PM in the Chapel.
- * Wed. Night Bible Study 6 PM in the Chapel.
- * SEPT. 11 HOMECOMING
- * September 26, Wesleyanna-Jones Chapel monthly meal 6 PM.
- * Please remember to bring Blessing Box items anytime.
- * 3rd Qtr. Mission Offering-The Shower Bus.
- * Any inspirational items you may have for the Newsletter, please give to Pastor Bert, Perry, or Leslye. Or text to Leslye at 423-506-4139. Text me your favorite Bible Verse, also. Thank you to those who have sent items.
- * Any church questions, Pastor Bert. Financial questions, Kim Farris.

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:13 ESV

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 2 Bert Beria
- 3 Lacey Shamblin
- 21 Todd Babb
- 26 Don Nolen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 17 Bo & Stephanie Shugart
- 27 Ryan & Lacey Shamblin

A Devotion of Promise for September

I give life and breath to all things.

The God who made the world and all things in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, doesn't dwell in temples made with hands, neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself gives to all life and breath, and all things. Acts 17:24-25

In today's promise, we read the Scripture passage where the Apostle Paul is speaking to some Greek philosophers on a place called Mars Hill. In this place of pagan worship, they had many false gods that they erected statues and monuments to.

Paul, being the relevant kind of guy that he was, stopped at a simple monument created for 'the unknown god'. It was there that Paul began to reveal some of the mysteries about who the 'unknown god' actually was. Paul went on to preach the good news to these philosophers and revealed that the unknown god was actually the only true God. I love how Paul creatively shared how God does not need to be worshiped through statues and idols because He is the very One that gives life and breath to all things!

The truth is that our God is not unknown and nameless. If we want to know what He is like, all we have to do is look at His Son, Jesus Christ. In John 14:9, Jesus says that anyone who has seen Jesus has seen the Father. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the exact representation of the Father's being.

The wonderful news about today's promise is that the God and Father of all creation (Ephesians 4:6) continues to be very involved in everything He created. He is not distant and unconcerned, for every heart beat and every breath comes from His goodness.

September

Mission Offering-The Shower Bus

2022

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| 4 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| 11 Worship 5:15 Choir Practice 6 Eve. Worship | LABOR DAY | | 6 PM Bible Study | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 11 HOMECOMING | | | 6 PM Bible Study | | | CONSTITUTION DAY |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 11 Worship 5:15 Choir Practice 6 Eve. Worship | | | 6 PM Bible Study | FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN | | |
| 25 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 30 | - |
| 11 Worship 3 District Conf. Keith 5:15 Choir Practice. 6 Eve Worshin | 6 Meal at Wesleyanna | | 6 PM Bible Study | | | |
| More Notes: | | | | | | |
| 10 AM Sunday School on each Sunday | Sept. 25 Camp Mtg. At Spring Creek UMC | 4th Qtr. Offering will be for the Choctaw Orphan Children | Sept. 11 is also Grandparent's Day & Patriot Day | FLC- Family Life Center | | |