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May 2024



An excerpt from the book, "Beautiful Outlaw" by John Eldredge

Let me tell you, few things can mess you up as badly as trying to do your best. For the tender heart, the earnest heart, it is so discouraging to give all you have trying to do what you think Jesus would have you do, and find yourself falling short, sabotaging your own efforts at every turn. Discouragement and shame settle in like a long Seattle rain.

And this is what most Christians experience as the Christian life. Try harder; feel worse. I spoke of cunning traps that replace the simple priority of loving Jesus. Here is a very surprising one—the trap of integrity. What I mean by this is when our attention turns to maintaining personal righteousness. This seems noble and right. Jesus told us to keep his commands. But this can be a trap because most Christians interpret this as "Try harder; do your best."

I find myself slipping back into this weekly. A handful of symptoms tip me off. Exhaustion, for one. I'll just find myself wrung out again. Or an unnamed internal distress; my insides all twisted up. Discouragement, that old nagging cloud of "I'm totally blowing it" back over me. Irritation with needy people. These symptoms—and a host of others—are the collateral damage that results from trying my best. They let me know I've fallen back to thinking that to love Jesus is to give my very best in living for him. And this is a sticky business. Because on the one hand, that's true—to love him is to obey. But out of what resources? From what fountain of inner strength?

I thought it was my faithfulness. My integrity. A willingness to sacrifice, to fight well. And of course we are involved; of course our choices matter. But didn't Jesus warn, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5)? The good news is this—you were never meant to imitate Christ. Not if by that you mean doing your best to live as he did. It ought to come as a great relief. Something inside me says, Well—that's certainly been my experience. But without understanding that I was never meant to "do my best", I feel awful about it.

In a biography of Christ which is good in many aspects, I ran across this terrible snare. The author describes the mission of Jesus as, a spiritual revolution, the replacement of the unreformed law of Moses by a New Testament based on love and neighborliness, which could be embraced by all classes and all peoples. ... Life on earth was to be devoted to a self-transformation in which each human soul strove to become as like God as possible, a process made easier by the existence of his son made man, thus facilitating imitation.

It is an evil and crippling distortion. Jesus didn't start the Peace Corps. The secret of Christianity is something else altogether—the life of Christ in you. Allowing his life to become your life. His revolution is not self-transformation, but his transformation of us, from the inside out, as we receive his life and allow him to live through us. Vine, branch. Anything else is madness.

In Christ,
Pastor Clay

preschool registration



Red Bank UMC Preschool



Preschool Registration is open!

Preschool Graduation is May 9th at 11am.

Days of operation are Monday Through Friday, beginning at 8:15am-12:00pm
(drop-off begins at 8:15)

We offer Early Bird drop off that begins at 7:15am
(Children are more than welcome to bring their breakfast)

We offer a Lunch Bunch program from 12:00pm-2:00pm.
(children must bring their own lunch that does not need to be refrigerated)

Red Bank UMC Afterschool

Red Bank UMC offers an After-school program for
children grades PM 4k-7th grade. **We have opening!**



Graduation Class Of 2024

- Graduation is right around the corner.
- All high school and college graduates please email Ashley Reynolds at children@rbumc.com.
- With the following information regarding your graduate.
- The school they are graduating from, activities or awards information, upcoming goals, and 3 to 4 photos of the graduate.
- **Graduation Sunday will be June 2nd.**

Join us for VBS!

As we go on a trek to discover God's love.

Mark your Calendars

**VBS is June 3rd to 5th, 2024
6:00PM to 8:30PM**

Optional dinner at 5:30PM

Sign Up Now!



<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=68801>

IN LOVING MEMORY

Memorials to the General Fund:

In Memory of: **Mary Lou Arant**
By: **Walter & Deborah Moore**

In Memory of: **Mary Lou Arant**
By: **Judy & Pete Dennis**

Memorials to the Building Improvement Fund:

In Memory of: **Mary Lou Arant**
By: **LHS Class of 1960**

Memorial to the Choir Fund:

In Memory of: **Mary Lou Arant**
By: **Patsy Fetner**

Memorial to the Youth Fund:

In Memory of: **Mr. Thebold**
By: **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kinzie**



The Friendship Circle /UMW- Meets
the *3rd Monday of each month* in the
Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Contact:
Amanda Smith at 803-429-4131

Searching Sisters Bible Study class
each *Tuesday morning at 10 am.* Come
join this lively intensive Bible study,
facilitated by **Mrs. Nancy Mattes.** Please
bring your Bible. For more information,
contact **Robin Smith at 803-260-1555.**

The Prayer Stitches Quilts & shawls
are for all church members and regular
attendees. **June Kinzie at 803-358-
9438**

Friends Helping Friends, Will meet on
the *1st Friday on each month at
10am,* in room #10. For More
Information contact Linda Wynn,
llwynn@icloud.com- 843-559-5436.

The United Methodist Men's Club
meet at *6:00pm* on the 4th Monday of
each month.



Asbury Arms Bingo

We had our Asbury Arms Bingo
event for the residents on
April 18th. There were 20
attendees and a great day of
fellowship was had by all.
The residents especially wanted us
to thank the congregations for their
prayers, donations, and continued
support!

*Dave Kelly/Natalie Spence,
co-Chairs*



OUR CHURCH SECURITY TEAM IS NOW ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS!

Our Security Team Is An Important part of the Church.
We are all proud of these volunteers!

**PLEASE CONTACT
ROBERT BRITAIN FOR DETAILS
RBRITAIN@SC.RR.COM
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT:
803-359-4031**



Worship-Leaders-8:50am

05- Kathy Lybrand
12- Dave Kelly
19- Jimmy Spence
26- Kim Hutchins

Greeters - 8:50am

05- Elaine Taylor & Kathy Lybrand
12- Walter & Deb Moore
19- Paul & Peggy Jones
26- Rita Sox & Anna Barrier

Ushers - 8:50am

Todd & Tracey Leaphart

AV Team-8

Zach Smith

Trustee of the Month

Ronnie Taylor
803-422-0969
Ronnie.taylor1584@gmail.com

Servant Minister Schedule

Questions? Want to Volunteer? Contact the office at **803-359-4031** or email - office@rbumc.com

May

Safety Team

05- Larry Padgett, Jack Percifull, Joe Hart

12- Rob Bedenbaugh, Bob Blogg, Ashley Corley

19- Mackey Booth, Max Booth, Ronnie Taylor

26- Preston Horton, Tim White, Robert Brittain

Acolytes - 8:50am

05-Catherine White
12-Catherine White
19-Catherine White
26-Catherine White

Acolytes - 11:00am

05- OPEN
12- OPEN
19- OPEN
26- Will Rhoden

Worship-Leaders-11:00am

05- Gay Hawkins
12- Rob Bedenbaugh
19- Allison Thompson
26- Ronnie Taylor

Greeters - 11:00am

05- Joe & Bonnie Greer
12- Lori Swinson & Christian Brown
19- Linda Wynn & Beverly McClure
26- Mamie McKeever & Dina Dudley

Head Ushers - 11:00am

Mamie McKeever

AV Team- 11am

05-Ed McDaniel
12- Sarah Barrett
19- Ed McDaniel
26-Sarah Barrett



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Sonshine Kids 6pm	2	 3 Friends Helping Friends 10am	4
5 Services 8:50 & 11am AMPLIFIED CHURCH 10am Youth Small Group 4-6pm	 6 Finance Meeting 6:30pm	7 *Searching Sisters 10am *Amplified Band Practice 6:30pm *Cub Scouts 6:30pm	 8 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Sonshine Kids 6pm	 9 Missions Meeting 6:30pm	10	11
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19 Services 8:50 & 11am AMPLIFIED CHURCH 10am Youth Small Group 4-6pm UMM Steak Dinner	 20 Friendship Circle 6:30pm U Methodist Men's Meeting 6:00pm	21 *Searching Sisters 10am *Amplified Band Practice 6:30pm *Cub Scouts 6:30pm	 22 *Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm *Sonshine Kids 6pm *Confirmation Class 6:30pm	 23 Trustee's meeting TBD	24	25
26 Services 8:50 & 11am AMPLIFIED CHURCH 10am Youth Small Group 4-6pm	 27 Church Office Closed	28 *Searching Sisters 10am *Amplified Band Practice 6:30pm *Cub Scouts 6:30pm	 29 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Sonshine Kids 6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm	30	31	



In Glory to God, we place flowers on his altar

May Altar Flowers Given By:

05- Virginia Berry
12- Mothers Class
19- Mrs. Gladys Phillips & Mrs. Paula Ash
26- Bob & Sheila Barrier & Barbi



May Birthdays

01- Justin Rivers	15 - Garry Ash
03 - Wayne Arant, II	15 - Catherine White
04 - Lonnie Winkler	15- Christina White
05 - Eric Chapman	16 - Vince Gunter
05 - Dima Busby	17 - Kyle Drennon
05 - Bryson Cress	17- Lewis Boatwright
05 - Brayden Cress	18 - Robert Pace
06 - Ashley Reynolds	18 - Ashley Medlin
06 - Andrea Snelgrove	21 - Emily Pace
08- Kimberly Goodwin	22- Michael Kinzie
07- Penny Horton	22- Ashley Corley
10 - Gail Faircloth	23 - Jerry Snelgrove
10 - Lewis Boatwright	24- Aligail Kennedy
10 - Rose Sease	25 - Deb Roof
11 - Carla Gable	26 - Alissa Brown
11 - Chandler Chapman	28 - Zach Huffines
12- Bonnie Greer	29 - Clay Spence
13 - Mike Faircloth	30- Gladys Phillips
14 - Ashley Berry	30 - Gloria Clingan
14 - Wally Harsey	30 - Bonny McCarty
15 - Gavin Huffines	31- Megan Mosteller



05 - Kevin & Edie Key	20 - Keith & Lisa Busbee
06- Jenna & John Long	26 - Glenn & Robin Smith
06 - Tracy & Stephen Taylor	31- David & Megan Mosteller
07- Preston & Penny Horton	



Tithes & Offerings:

Rec. YTD as of 03/31/2024	\$129,567
Spent YTD - 03/31/2024	\$119,127
Net received	\$ 10,440

General Funds

Needed Each Week	\$ 9,177
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Building & Land Account: 03/31/2024

Building Loan Balance	\$125,489
Building & Improvements	\$16,496
Land Purchase Fund	\$38,422

Church Vision Plan - God calls us to go forth and make disciples for Christ.

As part of that we need room to grow. If you would like to specifically donate to this above and beyond your regular tithing, please mark your contribution as: **Land Purchase.**

Thank you for believing in our future!

*For your convenience Online Giving is

offered at: www.osvhub.com/rbumc



Cub Scout Pack 518

The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and excitement permeated the fellowship hall this past Saturday as Pack 518 ran the 2024 Pinewood Derby. Cheers echoed as the cars built by each Scout whizzed down the aluminum track that stretched the length of the hall. There were many creative designs from the more traditional GT racer to a car shaped and painted like a Hershey's chocolate candy bar with a bite taken out of it. A new addition to the competition this year was an audience vote for the most creative design from each den. These cars were "built for looks not necessarily for speed"! The race competition was fierce as some heats were as close as 100th's of a second. Pack 518 is sending four den winners to race in the Indian Waters Council Pinewood Derby on May 4th. Besides the sheer fun of it, the Pinewood Derby teaches Cub Scouts creativity, physics, sportsmanship, and healthy competitiveness. Special thanks go to Randy Wise for making the popcorn and Tony Banco and Jason Harbaugh for bringing their classic cars to display in the parking lot. This added a special touch to race day. Pack 518 will finish up the scouting season in May. May 21st will be the last Pack meeting of the season. The Cub Scouts will mark this time with an end of year party. The Cub Scouts will place flags on the graves of Veterans at Southland Memorial Gardens on May 25th to pay respect to our fallen and departed Veterans as a part of the Memorial Day weekend.

Through the end of May the Pack will be selling "Scouting Adventure" discount cards for \$10 as a fundraiser. See a Scout to get yours.



Confirmation

Please Congratulate

Charlotte White and

Connor Hart

on completing confirmation.



GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

Gideons International will be here for all services on May 26, 2024

Spring Fling Update:

The Spring Fling Committee would like to report that this year's Spring Fling was a success despite the weather, and we reached many members in the community through this event. We raised \$1737 for the church through vendor fees, food truck donations and the Silent Auction. A HUGE Thank You to anyone that helped with this event through volunteering or donating items for the Silent Auction! This event would not have been possible without each of you! And a BIG Thank you to our wonderful Amplified Band with all the awesome praise music!!! Mark your calendars now for our Fall Festival on Saturday October 26th.

Youth's Night of Worship



THE METHODIST MEN'S

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK DINNER

May 19th, starting at 11:15 AM until 12:30 PM.

Located in the Fellowship Hall. Pick up or dine in.

Tickets are on sale at our Men's Website at www.rbumcmc.com

We are also selling tickets in the hallway, near the church office during all services.

The price is \$10.00 per plate.

