

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
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# Mount Carmel Message

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*Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
1893-2023  
Celebrating 130 years serving the Lord*

*The Work of God through Mt. Carmel UMC is done by the efforts of 109+ persons and the Light of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Join this oneness in Christ.*

## Pastor's Pen

In Matthew chapter 22 Jesus was asked by a Pharisee who was an expert in the law, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Being Christians, we love God with all our hearts, soul, and minds, but we must admit that we sometimes find it hard to love our neighbors. Living here in Jonesboro we all know about the problem with traffic. How many times have I had close calls when driving in town. Let someone pull out in front of me and anger begins to rise. Being a Christian, I must restrain myself and remember that person who just pulled out in front of me is my neighbor and I am supposed to love them and forgive them. I had a conversation not long ago with someone who was feuding with their next-door neighbor over pine needles falling in his yard. This person told me how he raked up the pine needles that had fallen in his yard and then threw them over the fence in his neighbor’s yard, that’s not very loving. Loving our neighbors as yourself is what Jesus demands us to do. Jesus is telling us that we need to think about others as much as we think about ourselves. We need to remember the needs of others like we remember our own.

Sometimes we may find it hard to love someone who annoy us or even hurt us. We need to remember Jesus’ command, “Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. When we focus all our love toward God, He will transform our hearts and make us capable of loving others and even those who are hard to love, because Christ’s love is enough.

~Bro. Billy

*Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>*



It is the day we remember members of our church and members of our families who have died during the past year and entered into heaven.

*Make Plans to Join Us!  
Harvest Lunch  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am*



*Hope to see you there!  
Invite someone to share in this feast!*

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### Thought for the Month...

He enjoys much, who is  
thankful for little things.

"...give thanks in all  
circumstances, for this is  
God's will for you in Christ."  
1 Thess. 5:18

Community Health Fair  
at St. Paul UMC  
Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>  
4 - 6pm



We are thankful for all  
of our Veterans at  
Mt. Carmel UMC!



Saturday, Nov. 11th

## Ingathering 2023

"From the fullness of his grace, we  
have all received one blessing after  
another." John 1:16

### November Mission Project:

"Salvation Army Bags  
for children  
and the elderly"  
Please let Pat V.  
know if you would  
like to fill a bag.



### In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"God is our refuge and strength, a  
very present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1

Dylan Mote & Our military  
Metta Nesmith  
Myra Wright  
Charlotte Smith

Our Church & Community  
Church members at home  
If you would like a prayer card  
sent to someone, contact Ms. Pat.



32 Years of Mission!

On Sunday, November  
19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate  
32 years of giving to  
mission projects at  
Mt. Carmel UMC!



### Happy Birthday to...

7<sup>th</sup> Danna Williams  
10<sup>th</sup> Cathy Holman  
12<sup>th</sup> Jaden Pierce  
13<sup>th</sup> Barbara Brown  
19<sup>th</sup> Mark Flemon  
20<sup>th</sup> Rachel Wilkins  
20<sup>th</sup> Ina Cooper  
28<sup>th</sup> Wanda Hendrix



## Be Thankful



Be thankful that you don't already  
have everything you desire.  
If you did, what would there be to  
look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know  
something, for it gives you the  
opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,  
because they give you  
opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,  
because it will build your  
strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.  
They will teach you valuable  
lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and  
weary, because it means you've  
made a difference.

Find a way to be thankful for your  
troubles, and they can become  
your blessings.

For we would be more grateful if  
we knew how much of what we  
take for granted is planned by God!

Author Unknown

"Give thanks to the LORD, for  
he is good; his love endures  
forever." Psalm 107:1

Before you go to bed  
Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> ...



## Worship Opportunities at Mt. Carmel UMC

If you are unable to join us in person, you can worship with us live on  
our "Mount Carmel Methodist" Facebook page.

### Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> "Communion Sunday"

9:30 am – Morning Worship  
10:30 am – Sunday School

### Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – Morning Worship  
10:30 am – Sunday School

### Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – Board Meeting  
9:30 am – Morning Worship  
10:30 am – Sunday School

### Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> "Quarters for Heifer"

9:30 am – Morning Worship  
10:30 am – Sunday School



### Bible Readings

5<sup>th</sup> Matthew 23:1-12

12<sup>th</sup> Matthew 25:1-13

19<sup>th</sup> Matthew 25:14-30

26<sup>th</sup> Matthew 25:31-46

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