

Birthdays

January 11—Mollie Hennings

January 13—Rynn Hennings

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

East Bend: Hazel Matthews, Helen Fortune, Beauchamp's, Clyde Wall.

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Anne Watkins, Margret Love, Rachel Adams, Tracy Sheets.

Long-Term Care: Sue Long, Bobbie Lineberry, Lucille Cox, Bettie Ratledge.

Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson, Ethan Snow, Spencer Hodges.

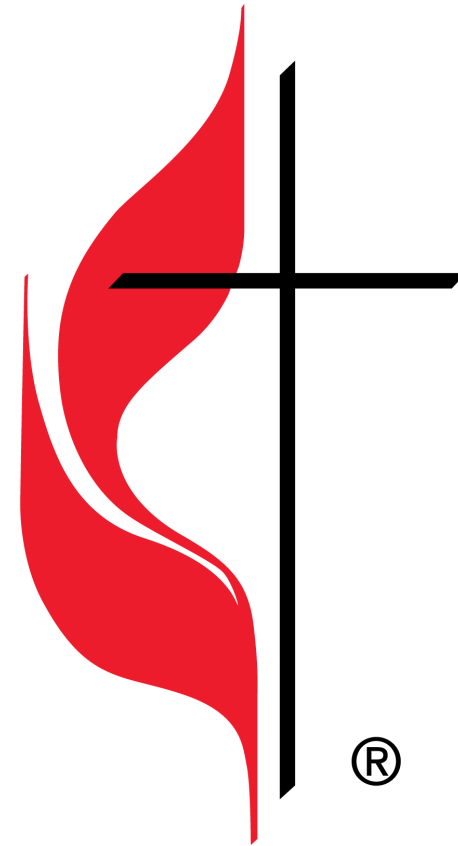
World Wide: For Single-parent families, the underemployed, the homeless, victims of gun violence, those effected by natural disasters, world conflicts, those affected by Covid-19, and for the National political climate.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	Monday	Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday	John 1:1-13	Wednesday	John 1:35-42
Thursday	2 Cor. 11:1-15	Friday	2 Cor. 11:16-30
Saturday	Matthew 10:34-39		

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 January 8, 2023
 Baptism of the Lord

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise *Lord of the Dance* **UMH # 261**

*Opening Prayer

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

*Act of Praise *"Gloria Patri"* **UMH # 70**

Prayer of Illumination

Still-speaking God, as these words from scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.

Sermon *Baptism of Jesus* **Pastor David**
Matthew 3:13-17

Prayers of the People
 & The Lord's Prayer

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tithes & Offering

Baptismal Renewal

*Sending Music *Spirit Song* **UMH # 347**

*Benediction

May the God who called Jesus "beloved" speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

** Please stand if able*



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Calendar of Events

January 8, 2023 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2023 at 6 pm Spring Dinner Church kickoff

January 10, 2022 at 7 pm EB Church Council Meeting

January 23, 2023 at 6 pm Dinner Church

February 8, 2023 at 7 pm SK Church Council Meeting

Baptism and Salvation

Do I have to be baptized in order for God to save me?

No. God is free to offer God's salvation if for some reason you have not been baptized by the time you die.

If I am baptized, does that mean I will be saved no matter what?

No. Baptism begins God's work of saving us by cleansing us of sin and beginning the work of renewing us fully into the image of Christ. The key word here is beginning. Baptism starts the process. It does not complete it. We can choose by our action or inaction to let the work begun go dormant and have no fuller effect. Or, as John Wesley sometimes put it, we may "sin away the grace received at baptism."

How does baptism relate to salvation?

We say baptism is the "ordinary" or "instituted" means of justifying grace. It is the usual way God has offered the church to enable people of any age to experience the justifying grace of God and the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Salvation normally begins taking root in people's lives here. From here we are invited to keep growing in sanctifying grace until by God's grace and our faithful response we are "made perfect in love in this life."

Does it matter how I was baptized, by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling?

No. What matters is that you were baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by someone authorized to do so. If you were, we believe you have received Christian baptism. We do not re-baptize those who have already received Christian baptism. *By Water and the Spirit*, our statement on baptism, explains, "The power of the Spirit in baptism does not depend upon the mode by which water is administered, the age or psychological disposition of the baptized person, or the character of the minister. It is God's grace that makes the sacrament whole."

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