

OUTLOOK

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In my sermon yesterday, I quoted from one of my favorite hymns, and it's been in my head ever since. It's all about God's Holy Spirit, and I love how the lyrics incorporate all of the biblical story and the Holy Spirit's activity within it all along. I encourage you to look up "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" on Youtube and give it a listen!

Chorus:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep. Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep. And over the eons, You called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers, and rise on your wings."
[Chorus]

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand. And You goaded Your people with a law and a land. And when they were blinded with their idols and lies, You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes.
[Chorus]

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill. Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, You called once again, when You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind. [Chorus]

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions, Your people arise.
[Chorus]

In the Spirit,
Billy

YOUTH

Summer Youth Dates:

June 9-14 - Youth Camp @ Chilhowee (Grades 6-12) - Cost: \$100, May 20th deadline
July 6-12 - CPYC @ Bethel University (Grades 8-12) - Cost: \$175, May 31st deadline
July 20-26 - Youth Mission Trip to Pittsburgh, PA - Cost: \$350, June 16th deadline
August 2-4 - Guy's Weekend - Cost is \$50, due July 14th.

Youth Summer Nights are scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th and July 17th, 6-8 pm! More details TBA!!!

CHILDREN

June 2-7 - Junior Camp @ Chilhowee (current grades 3 - 5) - Cost - \$100. The deadline to register is today.

LOOKING AHEAD DATES

August 11 - Christian Education Sunday
August 14 - Back to School Blessing, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
September 4 - Wonderful Wednesdays Launch Party!
September 28 - Beaver Creek's Annual CARNIVAL, 2 - 5 PM
October 30 - A Wonderful Wednesday Trunk or Treat
November 1-3 - Youth Fall Retreat

MAY 19, 2024, SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

(1) The session was led in devotion by the Associate Pastor, (2) approved April session minutes, (3) approved financial reports showing actual verses budgeted income & expenses through May 19, (4) received Anita Jordan and John and Adri Washburn on reaffirmation of faith; noted death of Tommye Sue Lepper, (5) a written report was provided by the Personnel Committee updating the job description for the Children's Ministry Director. A motion to table the report carried because the position is being reviewed by Christian Education (6) Worship Committee reported that two new acolyte candle lighters have been purchased to replace the broken ones; (7) Building & Grounds reported an interior walk-through was completed to identify areas that need attention. A walk-around of the exterior will be scheduled soon; (8) heard from Cindy Shepard regarding the groups playing pickleball; a motion to reactivate the Family Life Center Committee was approved; Katie Webb will chair the committee (9) heard from Karen Samples on the general meeting of the Synod of the Southeast that was held in Scottsboro, AL on May 4; (10) approved request by Youth Minister BJ Mathis that youth Sunday School will be restructured for the summer months, (11) Rev. Price reported on home-bound members and plans to establish a means to provide more information to the congregation. An update on the complaint to presbytery was given and Rev. Price advised he has met with the Commission on Discipline and awaits their decision; (12) set next meeting for June 23 at 4:00 pm; (13) closed in prayer.

2024 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – May 12 & 19, 2024

Worship Service Attendance – 129 (27 online)

Sunday School Attendance – 82

2024 BUDGET

\$546,285.30

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed weekly \$10,755.49
 Given 5/12 & 19/2024 \$16,548.37
 Given by 5/12 & 19/2024 \$175,598.31
 Needed by 5/12 & 19/2024 \$215,109.80
 Under Budget \$39,511.49

CPWM \$50
 Youth \$350
 OCC \$160
 Building & Grounds \$75
 Pastor’s Discretionary \$500
 Laughter Ever After \$50

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 5/26/24:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

ACOLYTES FOR 5/26/24:

Reagan Fowler & Ivey Cunningham

NURSERY VOLUNTEER FOR 5/26/24:

Molly Rawlings

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 5/26/2024:

Flowers are given by Regina & Bob Key in memory of Charles Cate and all veterans.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

HELPING HANDS – Tuesday, May 21, 9:00 am (Family Life Center)

FOOD TRUCK MINISTRY – Tuesday, May 21, 5 – 5:30 pm

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, May 22, 1:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

PICKLEBALL – Thursday, May 23, 5 – 7 pm (Gym)

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER – Thursday, May 23, 12:00 pm; sack lunch & games (Fellowship Hall)

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to the Lepper family on the passing of their mother, Tommye Sue. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday, May 25th from 9:30 – 11:00 am and the funeral service will follow.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER

The LEA ladies Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews is continuing in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays and is led by Ruth Ann Brandon. If you have questions, you may contact her at (865) 705-4488.

The LEA ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 23rd at noon for a sack lunch and games. Please bring your sack lunch.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It’s Vacation Bible School time at Beaver Creek CPC! PLEASE NOTE THE ORIGINAL DATE HAS CHANGED! Vacation Bible School’s theme is SCUBA and it will be held June 17-21st from 6:00-8:15pm. Set up will be on Sunday June 16th from 2pm until we are done! Pizza will be provided so please sign up on the VBS Table to RSVP!

VBS T-shirts are now on sale. Check the VBS Table for information and ordering. The last day to order is May 30th and money is due with the order. Children who are participating in VBS (up to leaving 5th grade) will receive a free shirt thanks to an anonymous donor. Children must be registered for VBS to receive a shirt so Register today! www.vbspro.events/p/bccpc2024.

We are having a VBS Crafting Day, so come help us make things on Sunday May 19th from 1-4pm. Let Stacey know if you have any questions 865-207-4269.

Register your kiddos and their friends AND You to Volunteer!

FOOD TRUCK MINISTRY

Beaver Creek continues to participate in the Knoxville Dream Center’s Food Truck Ministry every Tuesday. Come by the church parking lot on Tuesday from 5 – 5:30 pm to check out this ministry!

DREAM CENTER CLOTHES COLLECTIONS

Clothes are being collected for the Knoxville Dream Center. Our Tuesday Food Truck Ministry is supported by this organization. Please bring clothes for children and adults to the church office before Tuesday. These clothes will be sent back to Dream Center on Tuesdays after food truck.

THE BLESSING BOX

We need items for the Blessing Box and our food pantry. Useful items are peanut butter, crackers, peanut butter/cheese crackers, protein drinks, protein/granola bars, pop tarts, canned chicken, and tuna (preferred pop top cans), fruit cups, pudding cups, small cereal boxes, toilet paper, toiletry products and feminine hygiene products. If you prefer to give money, indicate on the memo line of your check that it is for the Blessing Box. Thank you for supporting this ministry.