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From the Pen of Bro. Len:

New Beginnings

"Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel."

[Joshua 1:2](#)

Joshua was a faithful servant to Moses and God for years. Moses had died and Joshua watched as all his contemporaries, except for Caleb, die in the wilderness over a period of forty years. It was a new generation and there was a changing of the guard! Joshua was to take up the mantle of Moses and move God's people forward into the Promised Land. The old was fading in the distance and there before him was the door to the future. No doubt fear was present, and questions arose by doubters as to his ability to fill the shoes of Moses. After all, Moses had been used by God to do incredible things; things never seen before such as the plagues of deliverance from bondage, the parting of the Red Sea, healing from the deadly snake bites, manna from the sky, water from a rock, taking a tree and making the bitter waters sweet, constructing the tabernacle, the tent of meeting where God would speak to him face to face, the battles fought and the giving of the Ten Commandments.

Who could fill such shoes? What lay in store for him by following God? What new battles lay ahead? Moses had buried his wife during his leadership; along with countless others and he lost the privilege of taking the people into the Promised Land after wandering with them for forty years. If Moses had paid such a great price just to lead them to the desert, what cost would Joshua pay in the future leading them into battle for the land that God had promised?

As the old comes to a close and the new begins to emerge upon us, waves of doubts filled with fear can overwhelm the heart as it contemplates the unknown of what lies ahead. We look back, often with regret, from the days that have now slipped by at the blink of an eye and pray that the next year will be a better one. **We often restrict our decisions based upon our limitations rather than on God's limitless power.** I'm sure Joshua's first thought could have been; **"Where do I begin?"**

But God made it very simple for Joshua, as He does for us. He told him two things to do, yes only two: arise and cross. Joshua could not remain where he was and fulfill the purpose God had for his life. He could not wallow in self-pity, grief or fear, recite a list of excuses, or wait for a more opportune time to emerge. He had to choose to get up, to stir his heart, to act upon the commands of the Lord going forth to obey all that He had told him to do. Refusing to arise and



Our brothers and sisters of Coalville the Prayer Ministry is praying for everyone to have a new year of peace, good health, and a growing love for our Messiah and His Kingdom.

move forward will defeat the child of God who desires to answer the call of God upon their lives. **Courage is not the friend of hesitation.**

The **second thing Joshua had to do was to cross the Jordan River.** This river was the only thing standing between God's people and the land of Canaan. Stepping out into the waters of **faith** allowed Joshua and the people of Israel to cross over into their calling of God. He could not allow the Jordan to keep him from obeying God, no matter how impossible it seemed to overcome. He had to leave the "how to" to God.

When they stepped out into that water, God dried it up before them. After all, He parted an entire sea for them; surely He could part a river. God takes our Jordan's and dries them up before us when we move forward in faith with Him. **It was the first step of obedience that cleared a path to walk across.** If we cannot face the waters of difficulties in the land of comfort, how will we ever face the enemies in the land of war? God will always meet you at your place of obedience.

There are new battles ahead of us, new enemies to face, fears to conquer, new land to tread upon, and walls to bring down. With this New Year before us, let us say with the apostle Paul, "...*One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead*" ([Philippians 3:13](#)). Arise, step out into the waters of faith and behold the power of God to bring you into the land!

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New Year always brings new ideas to each ministry. We will be opening up a room for the Prayer Ministry to use, but it will have to be shared with others. No problem. That's what calendars and clocks are for. With our Lord in charge details will work out. We will let you know more later. If you are in need of someone praying with you please call the church secretary and let her know what you want. She will then let us know & one of us will return your call.

Your needs are an opportunity to share God's love, encouragement and peace.

Please continue to pray for all ministries, leaders, and the lost.

Pray asking God for His plans for your New Year and take one day at a time. 🙏

WORSHIP

I just want to thank everyone who had a part in making our Christmas program happen. It was so much fun working with this team.

Phyllis Trochesset – pianist, Mike Comeau – narrator, Cathy Dumal – soloist, Jan Gum – coordinator of the children, youth, and young adults and all their moving parts.

Becky Jiminez and her team for the food following the program. Terry Radovich for the candle displays in the windows and all the others that helped get the sanctuary ready for the Advent/Christmas season.

Thank you to all those who came out to be part of the "Congregational" cantata. It was great hearing all the voices singing our favorite Christmas carols and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces.

CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone! We hope you had a blessed Christmas and New Year. For the month of January we will be taking orders for our cake, soup and bisque fundraiser. The items will be ready for pick up Sunday, Feb 6th. This year our money raised will go to the Wesley Foundation branch at the USM campus in Hattiesburg. The foundation provides home cooked meals, ice cream socials, worship services, fellowship, small group meetings, among other services for the students in the midst of the struggles of college and being away from home. Our own Ginger has benefited from their services and loves spending time there as a refuge and refresh. The foundation receives a small amount of funding from the Methodist conference, no money from the college and is mostly funded by church donations. We appreciate you helping us support this ministry.

Also in January we will have our second Sunday luncheon on Jan 9th immediately following 11:00 service. Everyone is welcome.

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6:38 NRSV

JAM Kids with Santa



Youth with Santa



Young Adults with Santa



SENIOR LUNCHEON

Senior Lunch will be **Friday January 7, 2022** at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish and come join us.

SHOEBOXES

Our boxes go to Atlanta and cover the following countries: Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Chad, Cameroon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Philippines.

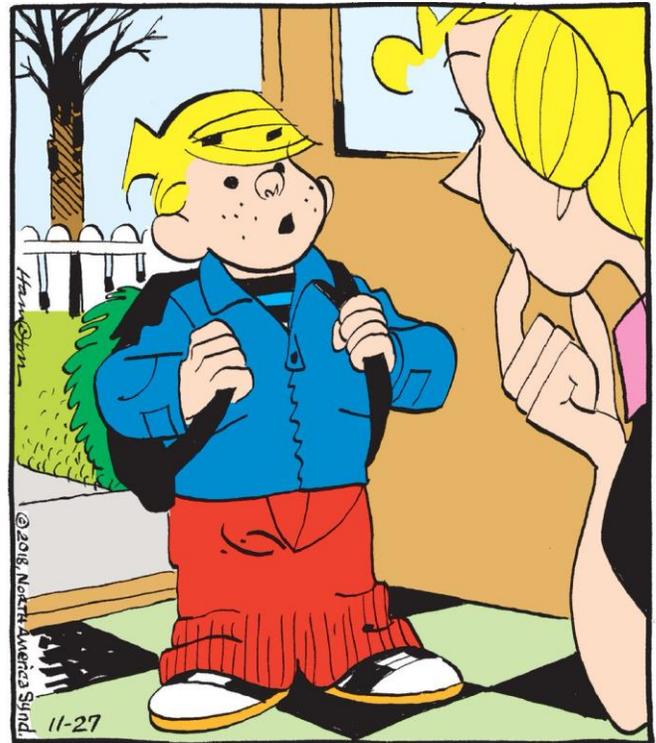
WOW

We did a prayer blanket for Steve and Jean Robbins. They were so touched by the blanket and the prayers that went with it.

Thank you Coalville for helping to share the love of Jesus to these two.



Also from our Season one *The Chosen* Bible study, we collected money to “Pay it Forward” which helps keep the series FREE, create future seasons, translate it into additional languages, and name in Season 3 credits. As of 12/28/21, 72 people have been able to watch it FREE.



“THEY’RE GONNA TEACH US CURSIVE IN SCHOOL, BUT I TOLD ‘EM I’M NOT ALLOWED TO TALK THAT WAY.”

Lay Leader, Jan Garner

Blessings and welcome to 2022! I am very excited to have been nominated and elected during our 2021 charge conference, as Lay Leader of Coalville UMC. In each month’s newsletter, I will be sharing information on our Methodist heritage, exciting training courses and opportunities for all laity, how to recognize and utilize our spiritual gifts, Seashore District news, MS Annual Conference news and many other areas of the United Methodist Church. If there is a topic or information I don’t cover and you would like to know more about, please email: janangel455@aol.com, call or text me: 228-596-3772.

I would like to begin by explaining the duties, responsibilities and requirements for a UMC local Church Lay Leader, which are defined in ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church***. ***The Book of Discipline*** is the product of over two hundred years of the General Conferences of the denominations that now form The United Methodist Church. It is **the** instrument for setting forth the laws, plan, polity, and process by which United Methodists govern themselves and remains constant. It defines what is expected of its laity and clergy as they seek to be effective witnesses in the world as a part of the whole body of Christ.

The lay leader has specific responsibilities detailed in *The Book of Discipline*. Districts and annual conferences also elect lay leaders to serve as the primary representatives of the lay membership.

An effective lay leader functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. The lay leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.

Spiritual Gifts and Qualifications Helpful for the Job:

- This leader should be a growing Christian disciple who understands that everyone has spiritual gifts and experiences that are vital to the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12). This person benefits from having one or more of these spiritual gifts: compassion, discernment, faith, helping, leadership, and servanthood. **(I will share mine next month and help you, identify yours!)**
- This leader should be a living example of one who “loves God and loves neighbor.” It is important for a lay leader to listen well and communicate with people of all ages. This person should show evidence of working well with both clergy and laity and with various teams and task groups.
- This leader must have the ability to keep a broad view of the separate parts of the congregation and work with the pastor to help align the entire ministry toward the mission of the church.
- This leader should show interest in connecting the congregation with the community and the world as they participate in the *mission Dei*...God’s mission to the world through five main charges: the **Great Commandment** (Matthew 22:37-39) to put love of God and neighbor above all else; the **Great Commitment** (Matthew 16:24) to embody God’s love individually through spiritual disciplines; the **Great Requirement** (Micah 6:8) to live God’s love through our actions; and the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19-20) to go and take God’s love into the world by making disciples, baptizing, and teaching faithful obedience.

Responsibilities of the Position:

- The lay leader represents the laypeople in the congregation in working with the pastor for the mission and vision of the congregation.
- The lay leader engages in spiritual practices that build a relationship of attentiveness to God’s will and direction.
- The lay leader represents the laypeople in the congregation and serves as a role model of Christian discipleship for the congregation.

- The lay leader works with the pastor and other leaders to launch or strengthen ministries that build discipleship.
- The lay leader assists in advising the church council about opportunities available and the needs expressed for a more effective lay ministry of the church in the community.
- The lay leader plans with other leaders in the congregation for celebrating the ministry of laypeople throughout the year and especially on Laity Sunday.
- The lay leader meets regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry to advance the mission and ministry of the congregation in the community.
- The lay leader continues to study and train and to develop a growing understanding of the church's reason for existence and the types of ministry that will most effectively fulfill the church's mission and that will help strengthen the lay leader's own work.
- Lay leaders are required to attend on-going District, Conference and General Church study and training classes, including Lay leader and Basic Lay Servant. They are encouraged to attend Advanced Lay Servant courses and urged to become a Certified Lay Servant (**I have been a Certified Lay Servant for the past 2 years, and have completed 4 of 7 required courses, in 2021, to become a District Certified Lay Speaker**).
- The lay leader informs the laity of training opportunities provided by the annual conference.
- The lay leader is a member of the charge conference, the church council, the staff-parish relations committee, the finance committee, and the nominations and leadership development committee.
- Lay leaders are voting members of all the aforementioned committees. Each of these committees has specific responsibilities, but the lay leader represents the laity in each situation, as well as serving as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the annual conference and the general church. To be better equipped to comply with this responsibility, it is recommended that a lay leader also serve as a lay member of annual conference, (**I have been for the last 4 years**).
- The lay leader will assist in leading worship, delivering the message, and the distribution of Communion, along with the pastor or in their absence.
- The lay leader will teach congregational ongoing United Methodist education, lead Sunday school, bible study, spiritual retreats, training sessions etc.

Thank you Bro. Len and Coalville for the confidence, support and prayers, you give me to effectively fulfil my role as Lay leader! God bless, Jan

Birthdays
Anniversaries
Monthly Events
Scheduled Meetings
Weekly Events
CLC – Christian Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall

S – Sanctuary
B – Brownies
CC – Corvette Club
CW – Contemporary Worship
TW – Traditional Worship
AB – Administrative Board
CB – Cornerstone Band

DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers
JAM – Children’s Ministry
Pm – Prayer Ministry
UMYF - Youth
WOW – Women of Worth
YA – Young Adults

January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Backpack 2 nd – 9 th – 16 th – 23 rd – 30 th –	Blessings Tuna Mac & cheese Peanut butter Sm. Cereal Chicken noodle soup					1 Maggie Byrd Emily Dyer Happy New Year!
2 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Treva Cobar 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	3 Hunter Foote 3 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	4 5:30 PM, B, FH 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	5 Dusty Dearman Karen Gardner Regina Ludlow 6 PM, PM, S	6 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S	7 Ann Harrison Michael Ren Nalley 11:30 AM, SL, FH 7 PM, AA, FH	8
9 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 2 nd SL, FH Patricia Taylor 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	10 3 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	11 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	12 Claire Vereker 6 PM, PM, S	13 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S	14 Kim Arnold Wyatt Ray 7 PM, AA, FH	15 Sally Peterson
16 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	17 Shelli Weston 3 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	18 Jennifer Chambless M. L. Richardson Melissa Vereker 5:30 PM, B, FH 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	19 6 PM, PM, S	20 10:30 AM, Pm, FH Jada Cooper Julie Smith 6 PM, CB, S	21 Ralph Aycock Monica Mason 7 PM, AA, FH	22 Patty McRaney
23 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Kalayah Harrion Charlotte Yearous Richard & Michelle Winsor 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	24 Sejay McGrew 3 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	25 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	26 Sherry Jo Dees Shay Malpass 6 PM, PM, S	27 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, CC, CLC	28 7 PM, AA, FH	29 Bruce & Jan Garner
30 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Eric Chambless Jim & Carolyn McGrew 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	31 Zeke Rouse 3 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S					