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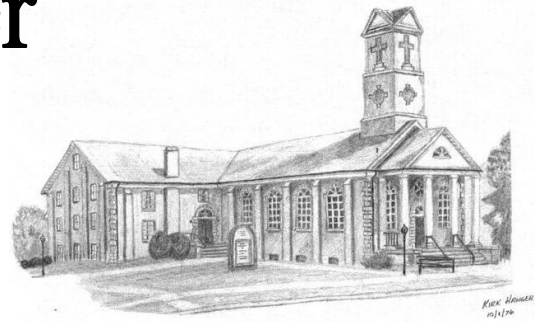
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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

Bible Boot Camp

What, if anything, were you taught about how the Bible came to be? Early in your life, were you told stories from the Bible? If so, which ones? Who told these stories to you? What book or story has been powerful, even life-changing for you? Why? These are questions worth pondering.

This fall we will offer a six-hour course I designed and taught while I was pastor at Williamsburg UMC before retiring to Waynesboro in 2020. At Bible Boot Camp we walk (or run!) through the general content and historical context of the entire Bible. We learn why we read the Bible not just for information, but for living a spiritual and ethical life in the way of Jesus. Don't worry if you know little or nothing about the Bible. Set aside your fears that the Bible is overwhelming and too difficult to understand. No prior experience or special training is needed. Just bring an open mind and heart (and a Bible). *Date and Time to be announced.*

The Bible is the Church's Book. It is the foundation stone of authority for the Christian life and for the life of the Christian community. It was produced by Spirit-led people, and forms the framework for our faith. The 66 books of the Protestant Bible were produced and circulated in

actual faith communities, which means that they reflect both the gifts and the failures, the grace and the brokenness of real communities and persons. The Bible is not just a book beside other books. But it did not come down from heaven. It came up out of the experiences of God's people as they felt the winds of the Spirit blow through their lives. We are called to encounter the Bible for ourselves, to make its story our own, to take it seriously as Jesus did. That means reading the Bible, talking about it, learning about it, and thinking about it.



The Old Testament is foundational for the story of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. For those of us who truly want to be Christian, for those who desire to grow and mature in the faith, the Old Testament is an absolutely indispensable volume because we must enter into a living and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Without the Old Testament we do not know fully who Jesus Christ is. For the New Testament itself constantly refers us to the Old Testament in order to tell us who Jesus is. At the beginning of the Gospel According to Matthew, we read, "A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham." Immediately we are back in the Old Testament, for the very first thing that Matthew can think to tell us about our Lord is that he is of Hebrew descent. And so to know who Jesus

Christ is, we must know something about the Hebrew David and Abraham.

Moreover, without an understanding of the events of the Old Testament, we cannot fully grasp the essential characteristics of our own religious lives. Paul tells us in the epistle to the Romans that Abraham is the father of us all, the father of every Christian. And in chapter 11, he explains that the Israel of the Old Testament is the root of a tree into which we have only been grafted as wild branches. That is, the nature of the Christian church is defined in large measure by the nature of Israel in the Old Testament. What Israel was, or was supposed to be, the Christian church is. And what God did for Israel as his chosen people is the family background and inheritance of every Christian. Therefore, I invite you to join us this fall for an exciting journey through the Bible to learn who we are as followers of Jesus Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Kaye Foster
- 1st - Bonnie Johnson
- 5th - Beth McGinnis
- 10th - Mariah Schaeffer
- 12th - Naomi English
- 12th - Jacenta Tutwiler
- 15th - Kitty Kellington
- 16th - Gail Rupp
- 18th - Brian Davis
- 19th - Dottie Fisher
- 19th - Roger Pullin
- 22nd - Jeff Plummer
- 22nd - Caroline Phillips

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd - Steve & Fran Davis
- 20th - Jack & Kathy Plummer
- 27th - Richard & Wanda Liskey

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Choir Practice for the month of July is Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30pm.

The **Annual Church Clean-up** is July 22 – July 27, 2024. Sign up in the hallway to choose a specific place that needs to be cleaned. Let's be sure our church looks her best for our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Plummer's Bible Study is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 at 5:00pm. Bring your own dinner and enjoy the dessert that will be provided.

United Women in Faith will meet at 6:00pm on July 9 in the fellowship hall. The program, "Susanna Wesley: Mother of Methodism" will be given by Linda and Pastor Bill.

Call **Don's Maintenance and Repair** for help. He does indoor and outdoor painting, building, minor HVAC, plumbing and electric. Don Andrews and his wife Ginny attend Glovier. Give him a call at 540-471-6055.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER meal packaging event will take place on Saturday, September 14th at 10:30 AM at Kate Collins Middle School. Glovier Memorial UMC is excited to participate again this year, along with 14 other congregations in the Waynesboro community. Last year we assembled over 30,000 meals.

This year we hope to do the same or better! RISE has received commitments for \$4,300 so far, toward its goal of \$10,000. Our UMM and UWF groups have both made contributions. Individual contributions are welcome as well. If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal packaging, please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or call the church office by August 11.

REPAIRS - Plans are being made to replace the flooring in our Sanctuary. Proceeds from our Good Friday meal went towards this project (\$1000.00). In addition, special needs include painting the Sanctuary, kitchen repairs and other various needs. If you would like to make a donation towards these projects, make checks payable to Glovier Memorial UMC with "**Repairs**" in the memo line.

All **trash** must be in a bag and tied before disposing of it in the outside trash can. Thanks.



You are invited to come to this two-day celebration. **On Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 5:00pm** we will be having dinner followed by a "Through the Years" slide show with Rev. Dr. Kirk Hanger as our narrator. During the show there will be music and other entertainment. The dinner will be provided by the church, but we do need for you to call the church at 540-943-3071 or email glovierumc@yahoo.com, to let us know how many will be coming.

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, at 10:45am Rev. Paul Glovier will be delivering the message. There will be musical entertainment during the

service. We are extremely excited about what Rev. Glovier will share with us. After the service there will be a light luncheon in the social hall provided by the ladies of the church.

We will be taking up an anniversary offering. As our church has aged, we have found some projects (painting, carpet, heating, cooling, etc.) that we need to do. If you would like to contribute, make a check to Glovier Memorial UMC with anniversary written in the memo line.

On both Saturday (3:30-4:45pm) and Sunday (9:00-10:30am, Noon-2:00pm) we will have the downstairs classroom set up as a history room with pictures and artifacts for you to review.



AT HOME MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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John and Jan would love to hear from you. Send them a card or give them a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.

Sunday School Lesson Summaries for July

This month we will study Expressing Hope.

Ceaseless Love - Lamentations 3:16-24

July 7, 2024

Jeremiah, who wrote the book of Lamentations, cried out to the Lord that he felt like he had broken teeth from eating rocks. He was anguished over

watching Judah, whom God loved, be overtaken by the Babylonians. They destroyed Jerusalem, the temple, and carried the people away to Babylon.

He had prophesied against Judah for many years and there was still hope that they would repent; but, after they were conquered, he felt that all hope had been removed. Then, he took hope in the remnant of those who had honored God, that He had not abandoned them. His presence and His compassion were still with them.

Jeremiah's lamentations remind believers today that God is not surprised or helpless. Even when we face disappointments or the depths of despair, God is there. In Him we can find our hope.

Continual Proclamation - Psalm 71:12-21

July 14, 2024

Scholars agree that David wrote the 71st Psalm. Even in old age he realized that problems are always with us. He faced battles that were personal, familial and political. He had learned at a young age to call on God for help.

In this Psalm, David says that whether we have everyday problems or those that come with aging, we should take time to sing a hopeful song instead of complaining about old-age aches and pains. We want our children and grandchildren and their children to know how to be right with God.

Seeing adults in their later years teaching, modeling, and concerned about young people coming to know the Lord, gives them hope. The wisdom of a long walk with the Lord is a much-needed gift to pass on to those who come after us.

Delightful Precepts - Psalm 119:73-80

July 21, 2024

According to the creation account, "God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God, he created them." (Gen:1:27). In Psalm 119, the longest Psalm (176 verses), we are given eight different terms to refer

to the Word of God: law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, words, and ordinances. You can hear the loving voice of God and find joy in following His instruction.

Those who understand God's generous grace, and listen to His words, are in awe of Him, and want to follow His guidance. The author desires a pure heart. May God's power and plea reflect the longing of all believers.

Along with marveling at the glories of our Creator, we can trust that He wants to communicate with us, as well. He has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us in our understanding and in performing good deeds that He calls us to do, in His name.

Expectant Watchfulness - Psalm 130

July 28, 2024

The writer of Psalm 130 recognizes that suffering is real, because he sang his song from a place of desperation. He presents God as one who is real; one who understands us, loves us, and can be depended on. He further says that if God listed each person's sins and punished us accordingly, no one could stand.

We have a loving, forgiving God, whose grace causes believers to be humble and to desire to do things God's way. After we have prayed, then we must wait on the Lord, like a night watchman, to see what God will do.

God answers in His way and in His time. His love never lets us down. He gives us undeserved grace, filled with redemption. We as His children can have hope, because we are freed from the penalty of sin, through His forgiveness.



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