



The *Pathfinder*

Jonesborough United Methodist Church

March 2024

Locating Jesus

According to the National Missing Persons database, more than 600,000 persons in the U.S. go missing annually. Most are eventually located. However, around 90,000 are never found.

Long ago, Jesus was among those missing.

Following his crucifixion, the body of Jesus was placed in a tomb and the entrance was sealed with a stone and Roman guards. Mark's Gospel tells us that 3 women went to the tomb on Sunday morning and found the stone removed and the tomb empty. A man robed in white told them, "He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."

Where can you find Jesus? If you look for him through eyes of faith, you'll see him. He is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!

Pastor Michael



MARCH 2024 SERMONS

- 3/03** "Spring Cleaning" Psalm 19:7-11, John 2:13-22
 - 3/10** "What it means to love God" Psalm 107:1-3, John 3:16-21
 - 3/17** "Life & Death" Psalm 51:1-12, John 12:20-33
 - 3/24** "Shout for Joy!" Psalm 118:19-29, Mark 11:1-11 Palm Sunday
 - 3/28** Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm
 - 3/29** Good Friday/Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
 - 3/31** Easter-Resurrection Sunday! "Locating Jesus" Mark 16:1-8
- 7am Sunrise Service at the Pavilion, 8:45am, 10:45am Cantata

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

Mark 16:5-6a

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."



HOLY WEEK			
			
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
8:45am	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00am
10:45am			8:45am
			10:45am

Mission Focus of the Month: Camp Bays Mountain

....is a faith-based camp with a rich history and a meaningful purpose. It provides a nurturing environment for children and youth to explore and grow in their Christian faith. The camp offers daily activities such as morning watch, prayer times, evening worship, and bible studies. Additionally, each camper is assigned to a small group of about ten campers, with mentors who guide them throughout their journey.

Attending camp can be a life-changing experience for children and youth, as they experience things they might not have otherwise while encountering God's creation. This month, our Church's missional focus is Camp Bays Mountain. We urge you to contribute generously to help ensure that campers can attend summer camp and that the facilities are well-maintained. This is an excellent opportunity for outreach, and your contribution can make a significant difference.



Sunday School Classes are available from 9:45-10:30am

Adults, we have a class for everyone!

- ♦ Senior Adults "Open Door" in the Main Fellowship Hall with Barbara Ollis, Betty Durman, and Ellen Snodgrass facilitating
- ♦ 30+ Co-Ed "Good News" in Room # 102/110 (Fireplace Room) with rotating teachers
- ♦ Ladies of All Ages "Upward Bound" in Room # 213 (Library) with rotating teachers
- ♦ All Ages, co-ed "Upper Room" in Room # 201 with Bobby Shipley facilitating
- ♦ All ages, co-ed in the Prayer Room with Joe & Linda Likavec facilitating (except on Communion Sundays)

Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes

- ♦ Kindergarten—Grade 3 in room # 101 with Barbara Love
- ♦ Grades 4th-5th in room # 211 with Haley Hankal
- ♦ Grades 6th-8th at the Youth Center with Ms. Mary Ann
- ♦ Grades 9th-12th at the Youth Center with Mike Johnson

Groups & Social Events

Youth Ministry

3/28 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm

3/29 Good Friday Service at 7:00pm

3/31 Easter Sunday-no Youth Programming

Confirmation will be held during the Sunday School hour for 5 weeks. It will begin on April 21st and run through May the 26th

Sunday School at 9:30 am in the Youth Center

Sundays from 6-7:30pm the Youth meet together in the Youth Center

Wednesday Evenings from 6-7:00pm, Bible Study: the book of Philippians in the Youth Center

CYB Senior Adult Group "Count Your Blessings"

Our Seniors went last month to eat together at a local place called Just Bee and there were many that attended. This month we would like to see you join us at the Jonesborough Pizza Parlor at noon, we have a room set aside just for our group. Hope to see you on the 13th of March.



Sarah Mayes Circle

The ladies of Sarah Mayes will meet in the Youth Center at 2pm on March 12th

JAMA

The item of the month is Skillet Dinners. If you have been wanting to volunteer at the food panty you will be welcome. Reach out to the church office for more information on how to get connected.



Children's Ministry

We are marching into March with a joyful noise as we observe this Lenten season leading to the resurrection of Jesus! Below, you will find a list of upcoming events this month:

- We are continuing our lessons on the parables in Adventure Kids. Our last session will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd at the Squibb Farm
- Children's Sunday will be on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Our theme is "P is for Parables!"
- Please see Ms. Rebecca for information regarding Camp Bays Mountain. Spots are filling up quickly for the summer!
- We are in the process of planning for VBS. VBS will begin on Monday, June 17 through June 21, 2024. The closing program will be on Friday, June 21, 2024. More information about times and registration will be announced in July. Our theme is "Camp Firelight." Children will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ. Theme Verse: Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You." Psalm 56:3

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers that have given their time, money, snacks, and meal preparation for our children.
Ms. Rebecca

Busy Hands with a Purpose

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10 AM – Noon in Fellowship Hall. See the pictures for items made by the group; they include: quilts and pillowcases for Isaiah 117 House, bags for Woodridge, prayer shawls for church members and retirement centers and chemo caps and port pillows for local cancer treatment centers. If you have any questions, contact Jackie at: 423-341-0045. If you know a church member that could use any of these items, please let us know.



March Calendar of Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

- 3/05** Busy Hands with a Purpose meet in the FH at 10am
3/11 Finance Committee Meeting at 6pm in room 102
3/12 Sarah Mayes meets in the Youth Center at 2pm
3/14 CYB will meet at the Jonesborough Pizza Parlor at noon for lunch and fellowship
3/14 Old Towne Quilters meet in the FH from 10-12 for a business meeting then from 1-4pm there will be Sit and Sew
3/24 Palm Sunday, 8:45am and 10:45am services
3/24 Easter Egg Hunt for the children at the Squibb Farm from 2-4pm, meet @ the church 1:30pm to ride over
3/28 Maundy Thursday service at 7PM in the Sanctuary
3/29 Tenebrae/Good Friday service at 7PM in the Sanctuary
3/31 Easter Sunday, 7:00am Sunrise Service, 8:45am, 10:45am (Cantata) services

- *Every Tuesday at 7:30pm AA meets in the FH
 *Every Wednesday at 12:00pm Kiwanis meets in the FH
 *Every Wednesday Choir Practice at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

3/1 Brookelyn Bennett, Jasmine Koenig

3/3 Stanislav Kravtsov

3/5 Alan Ward

3/6 Debbie Myers

3/8 June Terry, Tim Morganstern

3/9 Tom Snodgrass

3/11 Phoebe Hankal

3/12 Terry McMaster

3/13 Mike Mould, Shirley Barrett

3/14 Rebecca Cunningham, Raegan Johnson

3/16 Tim Furches

3/17 Pam Ward, Scott Gilham

3/18 Andrew Ward, Stephanie Furches

3/19 Bob Calliham, Gail Lewis

3/20 Edward Palmer

3/22 Mindy Mangino

3/24 Greg Ivens, Shea Fisher

3/25 Perry Elliott, Caroline Squibb

3/27 Betty Durman

3/29 Linda Reynolds

3/30 Joe Lane, Carolyn Brown



3/2 Greg & Ann Connor

3/11 Duncan & Nikki Pont

3/22 Ken & Barbara Love

3/24 Billy Joe & Sue Russell

3/28 Raymond & Janet Bridwell

During 2024, we renew our commitment to God and God's Church through...

Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Your tithes and offerings support: worship, children and youth ministries, music ministry, buildings where we learn and grow spiritually, staff who lead and serve, missions and outreach, Christian fellowship, and the teaching/preaching of the Gospel.

Weekly needs 2024: \$10, 991

What we've received YTD 2024: \$104,201.29 (Dec 31-Feb 29)

Offerings Per Week:

2/4 \$12,657 **2/11** \$12,340.00 **2/18** \$17,357.41 **2/25** \$5084.00

February Attendance

2/4 206

2/11 210

2/14 87

2/18 186

2/25 197