



April 19, 2021

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As I thought about what to share this week, I kept coming back to the topic of dying! I know it sounds strange, but after participating in a funeral earlier this week, coupled with seeing a dying bird outside my office window, I was reminded that on earth, we live in the land of the dying. We progress through the cycle of birth, life, and death. I often think about the dash between the birth and death date on a head stone and reflect on what I do between matters a lot to the Kingdom of God. This week, I challenge you to embrace the time between your birth and death, and to do meaningful work for God's Kingdom in between!

Blessings, Pastor Clark  
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### Spiritual Practices

**Noon Devotional** – Catch us daily to hear the divinely inspired word of God with Steve Archer on Monday, The Message with Pastor Clark on Tuesday, Corbin Pinto on Wednesday, Pastor Clark on Thursday and Saturday, and Liz Barnett on Friday. Last week, Steve challenged us to thirst for God, Pastor Clark encouraged us to rest on the sabbath, Corbin sang “The Old Rugged Cross”, and Liz Barnett shared about the Power of Hope!

**Small Groups** – Grow your faith by joining a Small Group!

*Diving Deeper* – Join Pastor Clark on Sundays at 5pm via Zoom to take a deeper dive into the current week's sermon. All adults are welcome!

*Fill Your Cup* – Liz Barnett leads a lady's group on Wednesdays at 9:15am in-person (friendship classroom) and via Zoom. The studies vary and typically last 6 weeks. All ladies are welcome!

### Prayer

Please keep in your prayers Stan Clark who is in intensive care in a hospital in Florida and Michelle and family, Bill and Carolyn Watson, Sandra Pittman in the death of her husband Gary, Jim Sigman in the death of his father, Deborah Foxwell in the death of her husband Boyd, Heath Steinmetz, John Barnes, Patty Waller, Barbara Pryor, Elizabeth Howard's (Bob's niece) son Jakob for heart issues, and Bob Howard's sister-in-law diagnosed with breast cancer. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to [prayerbumc@aol.com](mailto:prayerbumc@aol.com).

## A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

### Worship

Thanks to Elizabeth Barnett, Director of Children Ministry, and Robert Howard, Lay Leader, for leading worship while I was away on vacation! As we continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus, our worship focus this week will be the Spiritual Practice of Fasting! Join us on Sundays at 11am in-person, with masks and social distancing, or streaming on Facebook and YouTube Live.

### Scripture: Isaiah 58: 4-5

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?



### Service

#### Ministry Impact

This week our youth and children lovingly packed Beach Bags for the food insecure children at Bayside Elementary School! Each week we prepare and deliver 60 bags!



## Administrative Teams

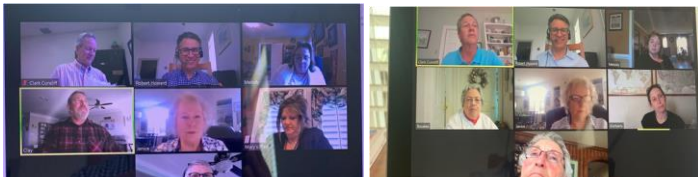
So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area all our committees and team have continued to meet via Zoom Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

**Church Council** – Our **MISSION** is to “Make Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World”! We will do this by executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshipping, and serving others.



**From Our Lay Leader (Robert Howard – Roberthoward72@aol.com):**

It's hard to believe that its mid-April already and spring is here! Spring brings new life and more daylight. We are seeing new life and daylight at Baylake UMC with changes to include the opening of Baylake Academy and major renovation and modernization of our Education wing to include new flooring, new walls, paint and new furniture, fixtures and lighting paid for by our new tenant, Baylake Academy. Baylake UMC will be responsible to renovate the second-floor bathrooms and install an elevator, all of which were planned improvements but not yet done. We are also seeing the benefits of the new sound and audio equipment in the sanctuary to improve our on-line delivery of our Sunday worship. While we plan to get these initiatives behind us by late spring, we need to re-focus on our ministry within our Shore Drive community. These efforts will include more social media, more small groups, Bible study, prayer opportunities, outreach and mission opportunities and opportunities to share our faith. **What is God calling you to do in these efforts? Come join the fun and excitement!**



## HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM

The Health Church team continues to monitor the updates for safely worshipping in-person. The updated guidelines will be posted on our website (<https://www.baylakeumc.org/covid-19/>). We are still requiring a reservation by Wednesday if you desire childcare during the worship service or if you have a child that will participate in children's church so we can appropriately staff and prepare the rooms.

## Children & Youth Ministry

Our **Director of Children's Ministry, Liz Barnett**, continues to minister to our children, 'tweens, and parents through this challenging time. She holds the weekly "Fill Your Cup" bible study via Zoom and creates video Sunday school lessons for children via YouTube.

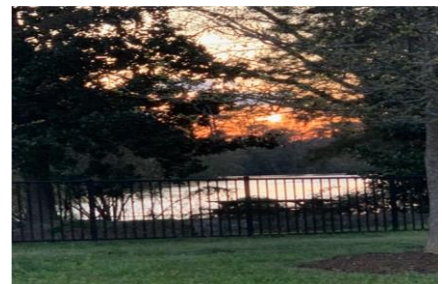
### Ministry Impact

Planning for Vacation Bible School has begun. So that we can share the love of Jesus with as many children as possible, we will likely have Backyard VBS again this year given our gathering restrictions. Please share your ideas with Miss Liz at [ebarnette@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ebarnette@baylakeumc.org)!



### Youth

We are meeting in person with masks Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 PM. We will pack beach bags and play some games. If you have a youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that is interested in joining us, please reach out to Pastor Clark at [ccundiff@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ccundiff@baylakeumc.org).



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