



May 17, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

This week I have been thinking about the power of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascends into heaven, he assures his disciples that God will send them an advocate – the Holy Spirit. Just like a rush of mighty wind, it descends on them, giving them the strength to go forth and spread the good news of God’s love across the land, just as Jesus had commissioned them to do. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can boldly be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth. Even with faith as small as a mustard seed, God can reveal his power to us. Leaning into the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to do all things. I pray this week that you will depend on the Holy Spirit!

Blessings, Pastor Clark
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Spiritual Practices

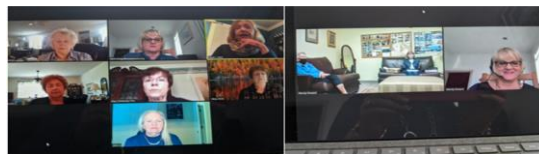
Noon Devotional – Hear the divinely inspired word of God throughout the week with Steve Archer on Monday, The Message with Pastor Clark on Tuesday, Corbin Pinto on Wednesday, Pastor Clark on Thursday and Saturday, and Liz Barnett on Friday. Last week, Steve encouraged us to remember our joy even in times of loss, Pastor Clark encouraged not to be a stumbling block to others, Corbin sang “There is a Balm In Gilead”, and Liz Barnett said to trust God as our pilot!

Small Groups – Small groups are a vital part for helping us to grow our faith and walk more closely with God. We invite you to join one!

Diving Deeper – Mixed group that meets via Zoom on Sunday’s at 5pm to dive deeper into Pastor Clark’s message. To join contact Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org

Fill Your Cup Women’s Bible Study – Meets via Zoom and in-person on Wednesday at 9am. Contact Liz Barnett to join at ebarnett@baylakeumc.org

Friendship Sunday School – Mixed group of mature adults that meets in-person on Sunday at 10:10am. Contact Carol Gallagher at carolgallagher01@gmail.com



Worship – On Sunday, May 23, 2021 we are starting a **new worship experience** at 9am! The service will include music, message, and prayer with a duration of about 35 minutes. We will use this service as our primary streaming of worship. Everyone is invited to attend!

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by exploring how God sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples and us! Join us on Sundays at 11am in-person, with masks and social distancing, or streaming on Facebook and YouTube Live.

Scripture: Acts 2: 3-4

3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.



Welcome to our newest member **Howard Tant!** We are delighted to have you join us in ministry. Howie has been active at Baylake UMC for several years and joins us via transfer of membership.

Service

Ministry Impact

This year’s kits for annual conference will look a little different. The Elizabeth River District is empowering local churches to collect canned food and school supplies that will support the local church’s established partnerships. We will be collecting canned goods for Family Food Baskets for Bayside Elementary School to be packed on June 6th. Please donate peanut butter and jelly, jar spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and mac & cheese.

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 2 pm, 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.



BEING THE CHURCH IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

In this week’s webinar, sponsored by the Elizabeth River District, we learned about 8 game changes for being the church in a post-pandemic world! While we all thought that COVID-19 virus was just going to be short interruption to church, it has turned out to be a significant disruption. This gives us the opportunity to do things differently! The 8 game changes are 1) Having more “**Flexibility**” with how we do ministry, 2) Becoming more “**Relational**” to God, one another and our community, 3) Casting a “**Vision**” that leads to a positive impact on our community, 4) Being “**Spiritually Grounded**” in all that we do, 5) Making a “**Commitment**” to Christ, Church and Community, 6) Investing in “**Innovation**”, 7) Staying strong with “**Resilience**”, 8) Being “**Courageous**” and passionate about the Great Commission!



PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers Andy Cooke in the hospital, Dani Sigman’s mother as she battles cancer, Anne Austin recovering from hip surgery, Larry Diunizio for recovery from back surgery, Benjamin Baker for retina surgery, Michelle Clark and family with the death of Stan Clark, Bill and Carolyn Watson, John Barnes, Patty Waller, Sherry Harrington, 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.

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.

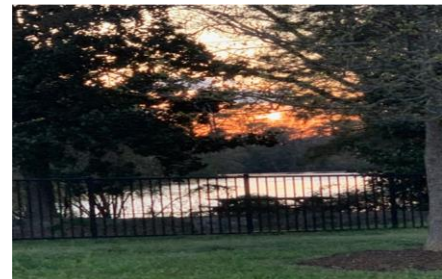
Ministry Impact

Vacation Bible School is moving to August with the hopes that we will have fewer restrictions on engagement. Contact Miss Liz if you would like to participate! ebarnette@baylakeumc.org!



Youth

We are meeting in person with mask on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 PM. If you have a youth 6th through 12th grade that interested in joining us, please reach out to Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org.



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Church Wide Garage Sale Saturday May 22, 2021, from 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM