



May 24, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As we just experienced Pentecost Sunday, I have been drawn to the peace that the Holy Spirit gives to us. In John 14:7 we hear these words – Peace I leave with you, not as the world gives, do not let your heart be troubled, do not be afraid. Jesus is telling his Disciples that as he leaves them, not to be afraid and find peace from the Holy Spirit. In this crazy world, we can find peace from God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As we strive to be at peace with one another, we can do so with the assurance that God loves us, and the Holy Spirit guides us. My challenge for you this week is to be the hands and feet of God and to advocate for peace.

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 obey God’s laws, Pastor Clark encouraged to do no harm, Corbin sang “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, and Liz encouraged us to focus on others instead of ourselves.

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 – Is starting a new study beginning on May 26th – “Goliath Must Fall: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants” by Louie Giglio. 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 to feed our spiritual hunger. Miss Liz will deliver the sermon and our Lay Leader, Robert Howard, will lead worship. Join us on Sundays at 11am in-person, with masks and social distancing, or streaming on Facebook and YouTube Live.

Scripture: Luke 29-31

29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ **31** Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’



A special moment as Pastor Clark blesses the first bible for Beth Howard! She was gifted the bible by her Uncle and Aunt, Robert & Wendy Howard! May God be in the mist of your spiritual walk!

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.



GENEROCITY - C.O.O.L. 2 – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

An important part of our vision for ministry is to connect with the Shore Drive community by providing opportunities for families and children to know God. We are doing this through our partnership with Baylake Academy and our commitment to improve our facilities. In order to modernize the Educational Wing, built in 1958, we need to raise \$122K to remodel the bathrooms, install new heating and cooling systems, repair the roof, and install an elevator. Contact Robert Howard at roberthoward72@aol.com to share how God might be calling you towards generosity!



Thank you and Blessings to our District Superintendent Wayne Snead and his wife Beth as they depart for their new appointment at Shady Grove UMC. We are grateful for your leadership over the past 7 years and for all the new opportunities that you provided to Baylake UMC!

PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers Carolyn Watson in the death of Bill Watson, Andy Cooke, Dani Sigman’s mother, Larry Diunizio for recovery from back surgery, Michelle Clark and family with the death of Stan Clark, 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.

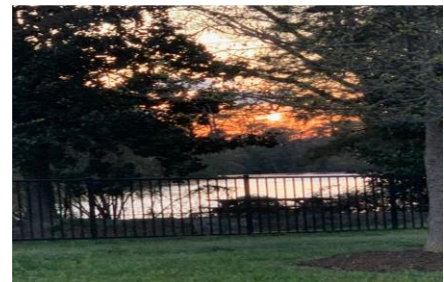
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Vacation Bible School is moving to August with the hopes that we will have fewer restrictions on engagement. Contact Miss Liz if you would like to participate! ebarnette@baylakeumc.org!



Youth

We are meeting in person with mask on Wednesday, May 26, 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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