



August 23, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

This week in our sermon, we focused on the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, that he wrote while he was in prison surrounded by guards in armor, to consider how we can put on the Armor of God. In Ephesians 6:10-20, Paul explains how we will have protection from God by putting on God's armor. By putting on the belt of truth, we can seek the truth by reading the Word of God, the Breast Plate of Righteousness will allow us to live a good life and counter words of accusation, Shoes will allow us to get out and proclaim the Word of God in our community, the Shield of Faith will allow us to resist temptation, the Helmet of Salvation gives us the assurance of eternal life, and praying all the time with help you stay focused on God. This week, I challenge you to put on the Armor of God!

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org or 757-615-0732)

Spiritual Practices – Family Ministries

Vacation Bible School – “SAY YES TO VBS” AND JESUS! Our children and their families had a blast at this year's VBS as they learned about Jesus by hearing Bible stories, singing and dancing, making crafts, praying, and playing! The children learned how Jesus healed the sick, cured the blind, and is with us always! VBS concluded with a “FUN DAY” where the children enjoyed bounce houses, crafts, and games! Thanks to Miss Liz and her team of many volunteers! A special thank you to Barb Edoff for her artwork and creating an inviting space for the children, Dusty and Aaron Gray for leading the singing and dancing, and Sid and Lynne Savoy for telling the stories to the children and sharing how they apply it to their own lives!



A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by walking the talk. Join us on Sundays at 9 am on Facebook & YouTube and in person and 11 am in-person, with masks and social distancing If not vaccinated.



Scripture James 1:22-24

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. **23** For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; **24** for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.



Spreading God's Love in Our Community at Baylake Retirement & Assisted Living

One of the activities that the residents at Baylake Retirement look forward to is sharing time with Pastor Clark on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month!

He sings, prays, and shares a short message with them! Miss Liz, Georgenia Compton, and Cyndy Feit are also part of the team! Thanks for sharing God's Love to the residents.

Administrative Teams

So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area, all our committees and teams 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.

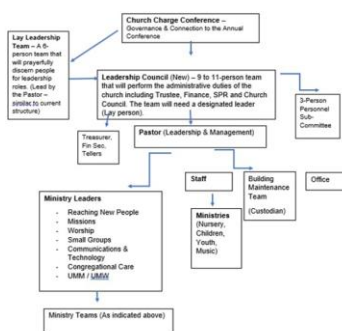
Church Council – Our **MISSION** is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”! We will do this by executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshipping, and serving others (PAWS).



SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE- LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

At the June 2021 Charge Conference, the Church Council approved the restructuring of the Church Council to better support the administrative governance of the church. The new Leadership Council, led by Jan Taylor, will go into effect on September 1, 2021. Serving on the Leadership Council are Robert Howard, Russ Fink, Clay Curry, Mary Mattice, Sherry White, Dusty Gray, Howard Tant, Diana St John, and Bill Stevenson. Pastor Clark will also serve on the team. Thank you to all those who previously served on the Church Council and to those who will continue to lead mission and ministry teams.

WHAT DOES THE SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE LOOK LIKE?



PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers Bernard Kornegay, Sue Davenport, Cyndy Feit, Gean Longo, Bill Fowlkes, Mary Mattice, Betty Fultz, Larry Diunizio, John Barnes, Patty Waller, Sherry Harrington, Elizabeth Howard 's (Bob's niece) son Jakob for heart issues, Kristin Spannagel a friend of Amy for healing from cancer, Sue Rieve's neighbor Lisa 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, 'twens, and parents through this challenging time. Join us for Children's Church during the 11am worship service and on YouTube for the weekly lesson!



Ministry Impact



Missions

As the school year begins and fall quickly approaches, there are several ways to serve our community. On Sunday, September 12th, following the 11am worship service, we will pack Family Food Baskets for Bayside Elementary School Beach Bag families. Please bring in donations of peanut butter & jelly, jars of pasta sauce & pasta, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, fruit, and soup, and snack bars. We will also resume packing and delivering Beach Bags in September, so volunteers are needed to purchase food and deliver the bags to Bayside Elementary School. Thanks to Cindy Wilkins for delivering school supplies to Bayside Elementary!



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