





This past Sunday our focus was on achieving synergy within the Body of Christ. As we learn to apply our spiritual gifts for God's purpose, we begin to see how all gifts are necessary to live into the Great Commission that Jesus gave to us. The Apostle Paul talks about worth to the whole body of Christ and how each of us plays an important part. If we think of our physical body, everything works together. Just like our own body, so should the body of Christ work together. Through our baptism, we are joined together in one spirit. If we were all the same body part, it would not work too well. All of the parts are equally important for unity. When we are missing parts, we are less effective at carrying out the mission to share God's love. When we work together, 1+1+1 doesn't equal 3, it is so much more as we focus on achieving a common goal. There is exponential benefit! Paul shares that we are called to come together, each doing our part, so that we can achieve amazing things for Christ! This week, I challenge you to seek and find your spiritual gifts so that you can apply them to Kingdom work!

Spiritual Practices – Mission & Outreach Touching Hearts in 2022



As we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community, committed to helping to improve the lives of others by sharing the love of Jesus, we invite you to join in ministry for the following opportunities:

- Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) Preparing meals and serving the homeless population in our community – Monday, July 18th at 4pm and Sunday, October 2nd at 1pm.
- Beach Bags for Bayside Elementary School February 20th.
- Ocean Park Rescue Squad- Pack Snack Bags and Honor our Community Rescue team - Sunday, February 20th.
- Baylake Academy Community Fair Greet the community and share God's love at the Fair on Saturday, June 4th from 8am to 3pm.
- 5K Run to Remember Maylea Beasley on June 18th

Worship

Our worship theme for 2022 is "Touching Hearts" as we strive to live into our mission to share God's love with those living in our community. Join us on Sundays at 9 am on Facebook & YouTube and in person, and 11 am in-person.



Scripture 1 Cor 13:3-7

³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.
⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Christmas Cantata

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the choir and musicians for a spectacular Christmas Cantata! Directed by Corbin Pinto and accompanied by Grace Holdren on the piano, it was one of the best! If you would like to join the group, practice is Thursday from 6:30-8pm!



Administrative Teams

Our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area committees and teams have continued to meet via Zoom. Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 to 2 pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9:00 to noon.

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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY IMPACT – FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

New Class Begins January 30, 2022, at 3:30pm - Virtually Your Leaders will be Robert Howard, CPA, CMA, CFM & Allen Cheek, MBA

Your leaders will take you through the 9 weeks of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. They will help you through the process of getting out of debt, managing your resources through budgeting, plan for various financial phases, all so you can live and give

like no one else! The cost of a 3-month membership is \$59.99 and can be purchased when you register. Join Us Sundays, January 30, 2022 – March 27, 2022, from 3:30pm to 4:15pm Virtually! Contact Robert Howard (roberthoward72@aol.com or 757-373-6433) for more information.

Register at Ramsey+ (ramseysolutions.com)

PRAY

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers: Pat Ponton in the passing of her husband Bill, Wendy Howard as she recovers from hip surgery, Jerry Odom, Sally Anderson, Patty Waller, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Jon Groff, Mary Mattice's mother, Sherry Harrington, Sue Rieve's sister Caye and all the people who have Covid-19. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

Mission & Community Outreach Winter Shelter (PIN Ministry)

For three nights during the week of Christmas, we ministered to 55 people in our homeless population by providing food, shelter, and love to them. The group loved being at Baylake UMC so much that they did not want leave when the time was up! Thanks to Marley Nacey for her leadership, the 25 volunteers, and to the U.S. Navy for providing food for the meals!

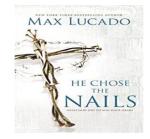
College Scholarships



The Endowment

Committee is currently accepting scholarship applications for those graduating seniors and continuing students in their undergraduate studies. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2022. Contact Robert Howard at <u>roberthoward72@aol.com</u> for more information. Apply at <u>Scholarships -</u> <u>Baylake United Methodist</u> (baylakeumc.org)

Small Group Opportunities



We are excited to share that our Lenten Study will be "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Look for small group opportunities coming soon!

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