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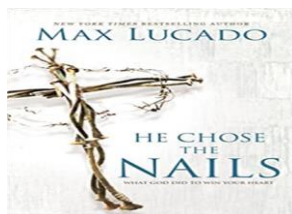
The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

Our journey through the Lenten season has begun with the disposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd). While people traditionally think about giving things up for Lent, I like to encourage people to take on new things to grow your faith in Christ. This year, we are offering several opportunities to engage with a small group as we study the book “He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart” by Max Lucado. We will be looking at the gifts that God gave us with the first one being that God gave us Jesus! Jesus chose to be one of us by coming to earth in human form. While Jesus was both fully human and fully divine, he gave up things like timelessness, boundlessness, and sinlessness. By dying on the cross for us, wearing a crown of thorns that symbolizes sin, Jesus took our sin. We should have been the ones wearing that crown of thorns! But, because “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)!

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)

Spiritual Practices –Lenten Study & Small Groups New Group Added!



It's not too late to join a group!

Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday), to Friday, April 15, 2022, while Easter takes place on Sunday, April 17th. Our church-wide study will be “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado. Copies of the book are available in the church office. As we walk through the 40 days leading to Jesus’ crucifixion, death, and resurrection, we invite you to join one of our small groups:

- **Contemporary Journey Class (In-Person)** – Sundays at 10:10am in the Chapel on 2nd floor of education building with Shari Beasley (lifewisep7@gmail.com)
- **Diving Deeper (Zoom)** – Sundays at 3pm with Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)
- **Monday Night Mixed Group (Zoom)** – Monday’s at 7pm with Howie Tant (howardtant@gmail.com)
- **Bayshore (In-Person)** – Tuesdays at 2pm at Westminster Canterbury with Pastor Clark
- **Fill Your Cup Bible Study (Zoom)** – Wednesdays at 9:15am with Wendy Howard (wendyraehoward@gmail.com)

Worship

This week in worship we will continue our Lenten journey as we learn that God chose to forgive us. When we are stuck in our old sin-dead life, we are incapable of responding to God. God brought us alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ’s cross! Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am on Facebook Live & YouTube and in person.

Scripture Col 2:13-14

¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.



Prayers & Support for our United Methodist Witness in Ukraine

Bishop Sharma Lewis has asked us to pray for the people of Ukraine! Contributions can also be made to Global Ministries Advance Eurasia with a designation for Ukrainian Assistance. Following is a link to the Eurasia Advance information

[Global Ministries - Eurasia In Mission Together - Russia and Belarus \(umcmmission.org\)](#)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our committees and teams continue to minister to those in the Shore Drive area as they meet via Zoom and in-person. 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 executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshipping, and serving others (PAWS).



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY!

Thanks to the generosity of Robert Howard (Lay Leader) and Allen Cheek, Baylake UMC has offered sessions of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to our church members, community, and across the country for 6 years! While the focus of the 9-week course is about learning how God wants us to handle money, so that we can live and give like no one else, forming relationships with others to share God's love has also been a valuable part of the sessions. This year we are doing God's work across the US with participants from Virginia Beach, Texas, New Jersey, Idaho, and New York. Making our reach even broader, the wife (Sylvia) of the New York participant is currently living in Poland. Sylvia shared with us this week that people in Poland are taking Ukrainian refugees into their homes to protect them from the war! Thanks be to God to for relationships and for people who are willing to show God's love to others around the world! To learn more, go to [Financial Peace University - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](http://FinancialPeaceUniversity-BaylakeUnitedMethodist(baylakeumc.org))

ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK

April 10th – Palm Sunday at 9am will have the triumphal entry and Passion Story, and at 11am we will tell the passion story between the songs in the Cantata –“Once Upon a Tree”.

April 14th – Mandy Thursday at 7pm we invite you to ceremonial foot washing and Holy Communion.

April 15th – Good Friday at 7pm we invite you to the Service of the Nails.

April 17th – Easter you are invited to worship at 9am and 11am services to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

PRAY

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers: for peace in Ukraine, Faye Stevenson, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Cyndi Pickens, Gary St. John's brother Bryan, Don Farlow, Bob Howard's sister-in-law Kim, cancer, Patty Waller, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, 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.

Community Engagement

Upward Soccer



Upward Soccer is scheduled to resume this spring where we will be sharing God's love with our community! This season will have 6-games starting on April 23rd and concluding on June 4th. The games will be held at Virginia Wesleyan University!

Children ages 3 years old to 8th grade are welcome to play. Volunteers are needed as coaches, moment of encouragement facilitators, and concession stand sales. The cost is \$100 per child with multiple child and other discounts available.

Register at [Upward Sports - Find a Place to Play](http://UpwardSports-FindaPlaceToPlay)

Contact Dusty Gray at stilender1@aol.com to help!

Community Outreach through Beach Bags!



We are making a difference of the lives of food insecure children at Bayside Elementary School through our weekend food bags and family food bags. Join us for packing on March 20th, May 22nd, June 5th & 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm

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