



January 30, 2023

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

Friends,

Jesus shares in Matthew 5:14 that we are supposed to be “the light of the world.” In our theme of PAWS of prayers, ask, worship, and the last. service, calls us to be the light that dispels the darkness of the world. We are called to be different, to be loving in a world that can be filled with hate, to be kind in a world where in our rushing we are often not kind. We are called to work toward bringing all of us together, focusing on those things in which we are alike. Seeking the common ground, we are share as beloved children of God, created in the image of God. Jesus wants each of us to the beacon of light, to be the lighthouse that guides people into a relationship with God who loves all of us unconditionally. Remember to carry your head light so that you can shine the light before others and yourself so that we all may stay on the path that leads to light and relieves all from the pain of darkness. Let your light shine with God’s love in all that you do!

Pastor Clark

Caring for our Community through Winter Shelter in Partnership with People in Need Ministry!



During the week of December 28th to January 4th, the people of Baylake UMC provided shelter, food, and comfort to the homeless living in our community! Each morning and evening, we served about 60 guests a hot meal and shared God’s love with each of them. We were grateful for help from our sister churches including Francis Asbury UMC, Haygood UMC, and St John the Apostle Catholic Church, and BSA Pack and Troop 67. It was heartwarming to see 100+ volunteers serving in this ministry to the homeless. Thanks to our team leaders Marley Nacey and Cindy Wilkins, and Wendy Howard for volunteer recruiting and scheduling!

WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on being the light of Jesus in what can feel like a very dark world! Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).

You Are the Light of the World!

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matt 5:14-16

HEARTFELT THANKS

We express our thanks and gratitude to Robert Howard for leading worship and Bob Briner for sharing his faith testimony on New Years Day! May we all be courageous like Bob and share our faith with others!



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-Thursday 9-2PM, Friday, 9:00-12:30 PM.



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).

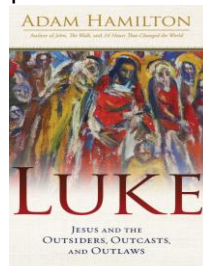
COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!



We invite you to be part of the largest community outreach ministry at Baylake UMC as we share God’s love on the soccer field! The 2023 Upward Soccer season will begin on Saturday, April 22nd at 9am at Virginia Wesleyan University! We need players, coaches, referees, moment of encouragement leaders, and concession stand workers! Let us know that you are interest in being part of the team using the Realm Connect APP! Early registration is open at the price of \$100 per child at [Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](http://Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org)). Contract our ministry leaders Dusty Gray (stilender1@aol.com), Wendy Howard (wendyraehoward@gmail.com) or Robert Howard (roberthoward72@aol.com) for more information!

LENTEN STUDY

Join a small group starting on February 22nd for families, youth, and adults, and catch Pastor Clark in worship for a coordinated message!



PRAYER NEEDS

Kim Curry, Bob Edmunds, Joy Corey, Susan Pittman, Pam Lingle, Ray and Apple Bazil (Brian’s parents), Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds sister), Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson, Ukraine, Melinda Irby, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Patty Waller, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Sherry Harrington, and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Send your prayer requests to prayerbumc@aol.com.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY!



On January 29th a 9-week session of Financial Peace was launched! Under the leadership of Robert Howard, CPA,CMA, CFM and Allen Cheek, MBA, 24 people lives will be transformed as they journey towards Financial Peace! Thanks be to God for the servant heart of Robert and Allen!

BEACH BAGS FOR BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Weekly, Baylake UMC is packing and proving weekend meals to the 70 food insecure children. With the rising cost of food, this ministry needs financial support for its sustainability. Our congregational packing dates are February 19th, March 19th, April 16th and May 14th. Please consider making a donation to the Beach Bag Ministry.

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