



March 20, 2023

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

Our theme for this Lent season is lifting up the lowly and as Jesus says in Luke 19:10 *“For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”* We have seen how Jesus uses the old, the young, and all in between to bring his message of love to the world. We see how Jesus associates with those who have sinned and forgives their sins just as he forgives our sins each and every time we ask. We have learned how Jesus sees us. Our pain, our brokenness, our hurts, and heartaches, and he sees who we were meant to be. Jesus sees us as a dearly loved children of God. We have learned that God never stops helping us who are lost to be found. As a healed leper gives thanks to Jesus, we are grateful for all of our blessings. And as we celebrate Palm Sunday and finally Easter, we are thankful that the Son of God suffered on the cross and died for us and was raised from the dead to let us know sin and death are forever defeated.

Thanks Be To God! Pastor Clark



(Pictured Above: Choir Guys)

8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

**Luke 19: 8-10**

## BSA PACK 67 BLUE & GOLD BANQUETE



At the recent 113<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Scouting, Pack 67 expressed their thanks and gratitude to Baylake UMC, Robert Howard (Lay Leader), and Pastor Clark Cundiff for our ongoing support and help with a new organizational structure for our Scouting partnership. It was a fun celebration with food, skits, recognition for badges earned, and faithful support of leaders! If would like to meet these wonderful and kids and their families, join us on June 11, 2023, after the 11am worship service for our end of school year & graduate celebration!

## WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Luke 19:1-10. We will explore ways that we demonstrate our commitment to Jesus. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).

## DEVOTIONAL REFLECTIONS



We welcome the Rev Gary L. Shaw to our Devotional Reflections lineup! You can catch Gary live on Facebook every other Tuesday or recorded anytime. You may also recognize him as our Office Manager ([admin@baylakeumc.org](mailto:admin@baylakeumc.org)). Thanks for being a part of this ministry Gary!

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our committees and teams continue to minister to those in the Shore Drive area as they meet via Zoom and in-person.



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, worshiping, and serving others (PAWS).

2023 Leadership Team – Howard Tant (Chair), Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Janice Taylor (Personnel Chair), Ralph Corey (Trustee-President) Clay Curry (Finance chair), Bob Edmunds, Dusty Gray, Edgar Hollandsworth, Diana St John, Robert Holland

## FAMILY MINISTRY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER

Over the past several years, our ministry to families has shifted to people and activities outside the church. On April 22, 2023, our first game of the season will be held on the fields at Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) at 9am! We are grateful to Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of VWU, for his support of this important ministry to families.

Typically, we have 100+ players, accompanied by their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends, that not only learn soccer skills, but grow their faith through supportive coaching and faith sharing. At halftime, courageous members of Baylake UMC, share a short devotional, Moment of Encouragement, to the parents and players designed to discuss together throughout the week!

Volunteers are needed as coaches, referees, moment of encouragement leaders, and concession stand workers. You can express your interest on Realm Connect under “Serving”, “Opportunities” or contact Wendy Howard at [wendyraehoward@gmail.com](mailto:wendyraehoward@gmail.com) or 757-672-5496.



Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Dr Cecelia Brooks (DS Coastal Virginia District), Dr Scott Miller (President VWU)

## PRAYER NEEDS

**Prayer:** Chet Strait, Heather and Steven Gracine (friends of Shari Beasley), Ray and Apple Bazil (Brian’s parents), Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson, Ukraine, Melinda Irby, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Sherry Harrington, and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Send your prayer requests to [prayerbumc@aol.com](mailto:prayerbumc@aol.com).

Bereaved the family of Mary Barnes on her death, March 13, and Betty Hitt on the loss of her son Tommy.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Journey with us through Holy Week 2023 as we have several opportunities for worship :

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday: Foot Washing Service at 7pm (Sanctuary)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday: Service of the Nails at 7pm (Sanctuary)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday: Christ is Risen Worship at 9am & 11am & Streaming

## BEACH BAGS FOR BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Our congregational packing dates are March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Missions Team is exploring partnership opportunities to help sustain this important ministry and outreach to our community. Please consider donating to the Beach Bag Ministry.