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The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

What do you believe? Do you believe in anything? In Luke 24:13-35 Jesus in a resurrection appearance chastises two of his disciples for being slow to believe. In the Apostles Creed, which we affirm often in worship, the first two words are I believe and the balance of the creed defines what we believe. Are they just words or do we truly believe? Recently in a night when I could not sleep, I started to think about the most important things in my life and my beliefs. What is it that I believe? I believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in the love from God and the love we give to God and others. I believe God is first and foremost in my life. As I put God first then I can be the best husband, friend, pastor, sibling, etc. Scripture holds the key to our discernment of what we believe, the truth. As we believe then we invite others to come and join us. As we live out our call to be disciples and love God and love each other then not only do we believe but our hearts start burning within us to live that life of being called as a follower of Jesus. Christ Is Risen! Jesus Is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Clark

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS- ONE AT A TIME



Our Church Leadership Team cast a vision this year that we live into our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ through Praying, Asking, Worshiping, and Serving (PAWS). As we focus on the "Asking" aspect of inviting people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can look to Jesus' example of how He built relationships with one-on-one engagement. Our next church-wide study will be Kyle Idleman's "One at a Time". Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. So, how did Jesus make such a difference in this world? If we study the story of his life as recorded in the Gospels, there are several answers we could highlight, but there's one particular phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is how he wants to use us to make a difference: *one at a time*. Making a difference isn't measured by a viral post or a name on a building. It isn't determined by a following or a fan base. Making a difference isn't dependent on what's in your bank account or who's in your contacts. Want to make a difference? Focus on the one. That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus. *One at a time*. Look for groups starting in May / June!

WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Luke 24:13-35. We will explore that we can still believe even when we have doubt. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).



(Pictured Above: Easter Sunday)

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24: 33-35

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Taylor Thurmond
Heath & Janie Steinmetz



We welcome our newest members into ministry with us! You can find Taylor on Sunday mornings working the Audio-Visual Equipment, Heath on the Christmas Tree Lot, and Janie serving in mission and outreach.

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

CLEARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE MINISTRY ON LAKE JOYCE!



We extend our thanks to BSA Troops 67 & 5067, Pack 67, and the Baylake United Methodist Men for the initial clearing process for the church's access to Lake Joyce so that we can begin ministry on the lakefront! While much work is still needed, we are grateful to this group who is planning and leading the way so that we can leverage the lake that is one of our main assets for ministry. You can share your lakefront ministry ideas with Robert Howard(roberthoward72@aol.com).

SHARING GOD'S LOVE TO FAMILIES ON THE SOCCER FIELD!



The kids are registered, practice has begun, volunteers are signed up, and we are ready for our 2023 Upward Soccer League to kick off on Saturday, **April 22nd** at 9am! We extend an invitation to everyone to join us for this exciting ministry! Contact Dusty Gray (stilender1@aol.com)

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer: Frank Wooten, 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Community Engagement Teams invites you to join us on our next Prayer Walk through the Shore Drive Community on Sunday **April 30th** following the 11am worship service. As we walk and pray, we ask God to show us what we need to see so that we can meet the needs of our community through our ministry. After two walks, God has shown us that people have moved from inside to outside living, houses are being transformed and look different than the original design, people live active lives, are middle aged with resources, and caucation. What might God want you to see? Contact Wendy Howard (wendyraehoward@gmail.com) for details.

BEACH BAGS FOR BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Our next congregational packing is May 14th! Help us as we pack 80 bags for the food insecure children at Bayside Elementary School. The Missions Team is partnering with the City of Virginia Beach to assist with providing the bags 2 weeks a month.