



August 21, 2023

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

Most of us would probably agree that to be treated fairly is a good thing and to some extent I do agree. We want things to be fair to be treated equally as we deserve. If we break the rules, then there are consequences for breaking the rules. I know the consequences and I made the choice to break those rules so I should expect in fairness to be subject to the consequences. Then I started thinking about my life and how many times I made a poor decision and yes sometimes I did experience the consequences but so many other times I was offered grace. The person forgave me of my mistake. The error in judgment in driving only resulted in small damage with no injuries and no other car or people involved. The criminal who was crucified on the cross next to Jesus expected his due punishment, but Jesus forgave him and said today you will be in paradise with me. I am sure he was ecstatic to not be treated fairly in that circumstance. Again and again, Jesus did not condemn but offered acceptance, forgiveness, with the encouragement to sin no more. I pray we all can extend more than just fairness but grace just as we experience God's grace every day. Pastor Clark



On August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am, there will be one worship service followed by our "End of Summer" Party! We had a great summer filled with faith, fun, and fellowship! We grew our faith with our small group study and sermon series "One at a Time" by Kyle Idleman that took us out to the baseball park to see the Norfolk Tides, celebrating together at local restaurants, prayer walking through our community, and fellowshiping with one another. Our BSA pack and troops were also kept busy doing outdoor activities including camping! While we hate to see summer end, we will celebrate all the blessing of summer by sharing a meal together, engaging with each other as we build relationships, and leading fun activities for the kids! And, since most everyone, young and old, loves ice cream, we are planning to have an ice cream sundae bar for dessert! If you would like to help with the event, please contact Wendy Howard at [wendyraehoward@gmail.com](mailto:wendyraehoward@gmail.com).

## WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Matt 15:27-28. We will explore the impact of having great faith in Jesus. 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: Allison family with Robert Howard)

<sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

## Matt 15:27-28:1



We welcome our newest member, Ben Will, who joined Baylake UMC on Sunday, June 25, 2023, as part of this year's confirmation class! Ben, and his parents Al and JanEl, have been part of our church community for many years! Please congratulate Ben and welcome him when you see him!

## 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

## SERVING GOD IN TANZANIA, AFRICA

BY HOWARD TANT



Friends, I just spent 10 days in Tanzania with some of the most amazing people on the planet. The people of TZ are the most hospitable, resilient, friendly, and strong I’ve ever met. Truly inspiring. Our team from Friends for African Development is my new family. FAD is making a monumental difference with water, schools, churches and more. The biggest thing God revealed to me is a greater sense of what God is doing elsewhere. The church in Tanzania is growing despite not having resources. Much of the American church is in decline despite having resources. Beginning to understand how little you really need to be a disciple. Have many stories. Would love to tell you more. You can contact me at [howardtant@gmail.com](mailto:howardtant@gmail.com) or 757-679-1919

## PRAYER NEEDS

Bob Rieve, Caye Spalding (Sue Rieve’s sister) Lynne Savoy, Becky Daniels, Susan Pittman, Zoe Scaduto, Esther Briner, the Gray family, Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds sister), Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson, Ukraine, Martha and Bernard Kornegay and Sherry Harrington. Send your prayer requests to [prayerbumc@aol.com](mailto:prayerbumc@aol.com)

## WE VALUE OUR VETERANS

For many years, the congregation at Baylake UMC has been blessed with active, reserve, and retired military men and women! We want to preserve our history by documenting the stories of the men and women who have served in various military roles. Contact Ned Cummings (757-434-9479) or Al Will (757-238-8350) for details.



## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES COMING THIS FALL!



August – Beach Bag Packing for Bayside Elementary School Resumes

October – Box Packing for Operation Christmas Child

November / December – Christmas Tree Lot

December / January – Winter Shelter

John  
Mark  
Comer

The  
Ruthless  
Elimination  
of  
Hurry

Foreword  
by  
John  
Ortberg

New Small Group Study starts Sep / Oct. Look for small group meeting on Realm Connect or [www.baylakeumc.org/bible-study](http://www.baylakeumc.org/bible-study)