



January 17, 2024

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

Jesus continues to call his disciples: Simon, Andrew, James, and John (Mark 1:16-20) and they said, "Yes!" They gave up their jobs, left their families and agreed to follow Jesus not even knowing where Jesus was going or exactly what Jesus was going to do and not knowing what Jesus would ask of them. They said, "Yes!" They committed their lives to Jesus and his ministry of sharing the good news of God's great love to the world. They responded to the invitation from Jesus with a commitment that many of us my find difficult. Would we in their places agree to give up all and go follow Jesus? Of course, in reality what they gained was so much greater that anything the world could give them. Their three-year journey with Jesus would be full of ups and downs, sorrows and joys and with an ending that would take the disciples a long time to realize the immense implications of Jesus' death and his resurrection. Sins will now be forgiven as Jesus paid the price by suffering on the cross. Jesus' death and resurrection gives us the gift of eternal. Are we willing to give up all the worldly to inherit the eternal? Join us Sunday as we learn to follow Jesus to heaven.

Pastor Clark

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023



We had a beautiful season of Advent and Christmas worship this year! We express our thanks and gratitude to the many leaders who shared their time and talent as we prepared for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Special thanks to Pastor Clark for his preaching and teaching, Lynne German and Grace Holdren for the Cantata, Jan Taylor for the Sanctuary decorations, Wendy Howard for compiling the Baylake Advent Devotional Book, Cindy Wilkins for leading our serving projects, Small Group Leaders Wendy, Robert, Shari, Howard, Ken, and the many faithful volunteers who supported the leaders!

WORSHIP

This week focus in worship is on Jesus' words "Come Follow Me"! We will explore what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).



(Children singing – Cantata 2024)

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:16-20

LENTEN STUDY

"The 3rd Day" by Tom Berlin



Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

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).

2024 Leadership Team – Diana St John (Chair), Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Janice Taylor (Personnel Chair), Ralph Corey (Trustee-President) Clay Curry (Finance chair), Dusty Gray, Edgar Hollandsworth, Robert Holland, Brian Miller.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!

2024 Upward Soccer
Starts Saturday
April 20, 2024

6 Games
Ages 3 to 8th Grade

Register at
[Upward Sports -
Baylake United
Methodist
\(baylakeumc.org\)](http://Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org))



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Financial Peace University!
Starts January 28th 3:30 -
4:30pm -for 9 Weeks -
VIRTUALLY!

Register at
[Financial Peace University -
Baylake United Methodist
\(baylakeumc.org\)](http://Financial Peace University - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org))
Reduced Cost at \$80

Led by Robert Howard
(roberthoward72@aol.com) &
Allen Cheek

Do you desire to better control over your money and other financial aspects of your life? Then you don't want to miss out on this year's Financial Peace University led by Robert Howard (roberthoward72@aol.com) and Allen Cheek. Seats are limited so sign up soon!

PRAYER NEEDS

Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Dottie Jacks, Bill and Neola Waller, Gretchen and Bob Scholar, Bob Rieve, Caye Spalding (Sue Rieve's sister), Becky Daniels, Zoe Scaduto, the Gray family, Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds sister), John Barnes, Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson and Sherry Harrington. Send your prayer requests to prayerbumc@aol.com.

MISSION & OUTREACH



We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who prepared and served meals to our guests during Winter Shelter! To our Ministry Project Leaders, Cindy Wilkins, and Susan Dolson, you are awesome and went above and beyond to serve others! We thank our partners who helped to prepare and serve evening meals including sister churches Francis Asbury UMC and Haygood UMC, and BSA Troop 67 and 5067! And we could not provide the hearty breakfast without the commitment from Bill and Dedria with Great Eastern, and Fred from Haygood UMC and all those who got up early to serve breakfast!

