

THE HILLSIDE

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. The Lord be with you and also with you. These statements are usually said by one person and then someone else responds. This done in community, John Wesley believed part of being a Christian was not just personal holy living but social holy living (community) as well. This past month, September, we saw a great community living together. We came back into in-person worship service, Sunday School began, and Evening Bible studies began again. We are returning to some semblance of normal, but we still have to be careful and cautious. We cannot let our guard down. However, even in this time of pandemic, we had an awesome spirit filled revival. I use the word awesome here because there was no doubt that the Holy Spirit was in our revival. I believe lives were changed during the revival.

Looking forward this fall, do not fear we are going to have our trunk-or-treat. It is going to be different, but it is going to take place. We will have a Christmas cantata and Live Nativity as well. Know that the leadership at Johnston Chapel is doing all they can to live as a holy Community. God is continually blessing us and we will continually praise God.

Bro. Dwayne Scoggins

ABOUT THE PASTOR

Thank you. Sometimes a pastor feels like he/she is on his/her own. There are times when as a pastor serving a church, they are the only one that has to do everything. So sometimes making the transition from being the only one to having a team is strange. A pastor forgets they are not the only ones there to do things. There are others who can help and will help. Through this past year I have made that type of transition. I went from being the pastor who has to do everything to a pastor with a team. One of the best teams there is in the Conference. Thank each and every one of you for your teamwork. Thank you, Church, for being a part of that team. I am proud to tell people that I am the pastor of Johnston Chapel United Methodist Church. It is with the deepest of humility I say thank you to all of you for your support and your prayers.

Bro. Dwayne Scoggins



October is celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastor Appreciation Day began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5:12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992.

Why It's Important to Celebrate Pastors and Clergy Members

When we consider all that religious leaders do, it becomes clear how important it is to celebrate and uplift our hardworking clergy.

Reason 1: Pastors and clergy serve the church daily.

On a daily basis, clergy members prepare weekly messages, and most importantly, nurture the spiritual well-being of their congregants.

Reason 2. Pastors and clergy serve the church and community during major life moments.

Aside from these daily duties, clergy members participate in the highs and lows of the lives of their church-goers and other members of the community. Clergy members lead mourners during funerals, pray over the sick, and minister to the imprisoned and abandoned. Moreover, clergy members bear the emotional pressure heaped upon them by disgruntled congregants, and also absorb the hostile criticism of an increasingly anti-religious society.

Our clergy members also oversee our most joyous occasions. The clergy play a vital role in marriages, baptisms, Holy Communion, and requests for special blessings. They also uphold the institution of marriage by counseling struggling couples to hold fast to their marital vows, and guide the Lord's flock by giving clarity to those with a fractured sense of faith.

Reason 3. Pastors and clergy sacrifice their comfort and safety for the gospel.

Last, it's important to note that clergy members often risk their physical well-being for the sake of doing God's Work. Given everything that the people who serve pastorally do, we should take time to appreciate and encourage them.

KIM'S KORNER

We are so excited about meeting together again.

On Sundays children will meet at 6:00.

Small group of youth will meet for a serious Bible Study at 7:00.

Youth will also meet for fellowship and devotion on Wednesdays. Times to be announced soon!!!

- Oct. 4th – Grades 1-3.
- Oct. 7th – Youth will meet for Devotion.
- Oct. 11th – No meeting due to fall break.
- Oct. 14th – Youth fellowship & Devotion.
- Oct. 18th – Preschool will meet
- Oct. 28th – Youth fellowship & Devotion.
- Nov. 1st – We will have our Fall Fest.
Details will be shared soon.

Fall Fest

Be sure to get your trunks ready for some type of trunk or treat!!!

Also start working on your pumpkin cars for our pumpkin races.

Youth and children will also do a pumpkin painting or carving contest.

The youth will have a pumpkin smashing party after the contest is over.

We have so many fun and exciting things planned. We hope to see you this month.

If anyone would like to donate money for buying pumpkins or donate pumpkins for the Fall Fest, see Kim. It would be much appreciated.

Stay safe and Healthy!!!

Kim Burkett

OTHER EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

October 4th
7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast
Cooks: Pat Freeman & Marty Bigner
5:00 PM – CPR/First Aid Class
Family Life Center
Cost: \$50.00
Let Kim Burkett know if you are interested.

October 11th
4:00 PM – Live Nativity Meeting

Check out the calendar on the church website. (johnstonchapel.net)



WHAT IS THAT SONG?

I received a text message from my daughter Candice a couple of weeks ago, and it was a photo of the radio screen in her vehicle. She wrote that I might want to check out that particular song for the article I write monthly. She has never suggested a song to me before (and this is a country song) but I thought, what can it hurt to listen to it. I looked up the video for this song, listened, and then looked up the lyrics. I immediately thought, the Holy Spirit sent another song to me in an unexpected manner! Many of the ways this song speaks of talking to God, I do on a regular basis, I'm sure some of you do as well. I am thankful every day for the love and grace that our Saviour bestows upon us and that we can have a conversation with Him wherever we might be. I'm also very thankful that He used my sweet Candice to introduce me to this fantastic song!

Where I Find God
by Larry Fleet

The night I hit rock bottom,
sittin' on an old bar stool
He paid my tab and put me in a cab,
he didn't have to
But he could see I was hurtin',
oh I wish I'd got his name
'Cause I didn't feel worth savin'
but he saved me just the same

That day out on the water when the fish
just wouldn't bite
I put my pole down, floated around, it was
just so quiet
And I could hear my old man sayin',
"Son, just be still"
'Cause you can't find peace like this in a
bottle or a pill

CHORUS

From a bar stool to that Evinrude
Sunday mornin' in a church pew
In a deer stand or a hay field
An interstate back to Nashville
In a Chevrolet with he windows down
Me and Him just ridin' around
Sometimes, whether I'm lookin' for Him or
not
That's where I find God

Sometimes late at night, I lie there and
listen
To the sound of her heart beatin' and that
song the crickets are singin'
And I don't know what they're sayin'
But sounds like a hymn to me
No, I ain't too good at prayin'
But thanks for everything

REPEAT CHORUS

From a bar stool to that Evinrude
Sunday mornin' in a church pew
In a deer stand or a hay field
An interstate back to Nashville
In a Chevrolet with the windows down
Me and Him just ridin' around talkin'

Well, I do that a lot
Well, I do that a lot
That's where I find God

Songwriters: Connie Harrington & Larry
Fleet

'In the same way, the Spirit comes to help
our weakness. We don't know what we
should pray, but the Spirit himself
pleads our case with unexpressed
groans.' Romans 8:26

God bless,
Yvonne Church



OUR FAMILY ALTAR

Church & Its Ministries Children & Youth
Our Nation Unspoken World, Caregivers

Rev. Dwayne & Teri Scoggings

President Trump, Governors, Mayors, All in Leadership

All of the First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Custodians, Everyone affected by this Virus

Shut- Ins/Nursing Home

Peggy Jones – Pelican Pointe Healthcare and Rehab, 405 Milton RD, Room 310, Maurice, LA 70555

Loss of Loved Ones

COVID-19 Victims
Family of Linda Purtell
Family of Bill Jones
Family of Emily Allred
Family of Marilyn Brewer

Military

Jonathan Young – Serving on the USS George W. Bush in Norfolk, VA
 J.J. Boshart – Race Willoughby’s Brother-In-Law – Kuwait
 155th National Guard – Afghanistan
 Nick Mercer–Fort Stewart, GA
 Haley Richardson – Marines – In training

In Institution

Bridget Dillon, Chris Yawn, Amanda Wallace, Chad Wallace

Working Away From Home

Paul Allred (Kansas), Mitchell Leon (Gulf of Mexico), Jeremy Rogers (Afghanistan), Brett Stockton (Texas), Shane Williams (Trinidad)

In Hospital/ Sick at Home/Need Our Prayers

Donna Bales - Health
 Aubrey Boyd – Health - Back
 Jackie Boyd – Health
 Adrienne Bray Mercer – Heart
 Kara Brashear – Cousin of Dwight, Glenda, & Darlene – Cancer

Mary June Brister – Complications from Covid 19 - Ginger Ritter’s friend
 Donna Sue Byrd – Cancer
Pam Yawn Cross – Recovering from back surgery
 Carolyn Deer – Health
 Peter & Sonya Francis – Health
 Bob Freeman – Recovering from heart attack – Kalie Green’s grandfather
 Brenda Green - Health
 Dale Green – Health
 Emmitt Green – Health
 Eva Nell Green – Health
Kalie Green – Unspoken
Mike Hamilton – Recovering from open-heart surgery – Brenda William’s nephew
 Tony Handberry – Amy Campbell’s Father - Stage 4 Cancer
 Julie Holley – Breast cancer treatments and surgeries – Cousin of Yvonne Church
Mary Holley – Complications with hip replacement – Yvonne Church’s aunt
 Josh Hood – Bro. Dwayne & Teri’s son – Had Covid 19
 Gerald Howell – Health
 Thomas Johnston – Health – MS more advanced
 Peggy Jones – Health
 Don Jones – brother of Sandy Roberts – had a stroke
 Joseph Kalil – Rare form of cancer in ribs – surgery and treatments – Cousin of Yvonne Church
 Lonnie Keist – Health
Jeanie Kincaid – Fractured foot
 Lucy Lofton – Cancer Survivor
 Kathy Martin
 Ruth McKintosh – Leukemia (Hospice)
June Moak – Recovering from back surgery & pneumonia
 Susan Montgomery – Barbara Rogers’s Friend – Health
Kathy Newman – Recovering from heart surgery – Jennifer Moak’s friend
 W.B. Netterville – Back Issues
 Robert Pennington – Stage 3 Small Cell Carcinoma
 Tony Ramirez
 Donna Reeves – Cancer
 Mike Richard – Back Pain
 Tony Ritter – Health
 Clayton Roberts – Health
 David Roberts
 Jane Roberts – Diagnosed with Parkinson’s
 Lamar Roberts – Health
 Sharon Roberts – Health
 Robin Roberts – Health

Rhonda Scroggs – Back issues
 Phoebe Seguin – Broken ankle is much better – still some pain and swelling
 Marge Smith – Barbara Mercier’s Friend – Radiation Treatments
 Snuffy Smith – Brenda Green’s Brother-n-Law – Health
 Sue Smith – Brenda Green’s sister – Recovering from surgery
 Jean Spring – Breast Cancer – Chemo & Radiation
 Amanda & Dwight Stockton – Health
Faye Stockton – Health
 Connie & Maxine Stoddard – Health
 Mattie Taylor – Aggressive form of lymphoma – Pam Dixon’s friend’s granddaughter
 Robert Walker & Marilyn Stutzman – Health
 Deborah Tarver – Health – one of our Custodians
Annie Waguespack – Recovering from an ablation on her heart
 Charles Waguespack – Health
 Bella Wallace – 6 years old, born with heart defect, has had Covid 19 along with her entire family
Curtis West – Brenda Green’s Brother –in – Law – Complications from falling off a ladder
 Linda West – Brenda Green’s sister – Health
 Keith Williamson – Health
Lea Wilson – Falls a lot - dementia
 Mozelle Woodall – Health
Marty Wroten – Recovering from 3 surgeries



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 – Bailey Allred
Paul Allred
02 – Donna Dickerson
Nathan, Jordan, & Caleb
Taylor
03 – Ellyn Williams
Justin Mercier
04 – Gerald McKenzie
05 – Lana Burkett
Beth Weems
Mozelle Woodall
07 – Daniel Roberts
Reuben Allred
08 – Clarissa Leon Travis
09 – Andrea Godwin
10 – Landon Rogers
Zachary Allen
12 – Wes Dickerson
13 – Lakelyn Schifano
14 – Teri Scoggins
17 – Jeremy Rogers
Billy Wallace
18 – Joyce Farmer
Mitchell Leon
20 – Cheri Ramirez
Suzy Mercier
21 – Linda Roberts



- 22 – Chrissy Ramirez
Missy Wisinger
23 – Mike Dickerson
24 – Angie Griffin
Angie Weems
25 – Makita Bueto
Curt Weems
26 – Grey King
Becky Wallace
27 – Daniel Bales
28 – Tate Williams
Elijah Worthy
29 – Donis Brown
Gerald Howell
31 – Lani Foil
Brian Mercier



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 – Jamie & Jennifer Newman
08 – Eric & Amelia Lofton
14 – Dale & Brenda Green

Heavenly Father, we praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way, we thank You for our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month of September.

Bless them always in Your love and grant them joy. May they deepen their love for You and for each other. May You bless their family and friends, and lead them all to unending happiness.

Bless us too as a church family and our community, as we celebrate life and love with them and help us all to praise You and continue to give You glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

