

THE FIRST WORD

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In the early 1900s, Howard Thurman wrote an amazing piece of poetry, *The Work of Christmas*:

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,

When the Kings and Princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flocks, The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers and sisters, To make music in the heart. This is the work of Christmas.

Did you just read the above and think it's a little odd for me to bring up Christmas during this Lenten season? Well.... read the poem again. What could it mean for your life today? It seems to me that Easter is the perfect time to reflect upon the work of Christ in our lives. How has the Christ child, whose birth we celebrated just a few short months ago, grown in your heart and life this Lenten season?

What if this poem was re-named "The Work of Christians" - what would it mean for us then? **I believe the work of Christians is to create a space for God. To be fully present in the life God has given you, and allow space to be fully present with God.**

One way we might seek Christ's presence is to be more attentive to all God has created. Seek God's presence in nature and in art. Listen for God's voice in music and or the sound of a baby crying. (I've certainly been doing the latter quite a lot lately!) Feel God's presence in the warmth of sunlight or the rain drop that falls on your cheek. Seek God's presence through spiritual practices: setting aside time every day to be in prayer, to journal, to read scripture, and be fully present with God. Be in fellowship with other believers in the body of Christ: attend worship, participate in the life of our church, get to know other disciples here at First UMC, study and work beside one another in service and mission.

My friends, when we do small things with great love and presence, it means something. **When we choose to fight busy and choose to be present, it changes everything. It changes our heart, our life and our faith.** Let's choose to be fully present with one another and with God in the coming Easter season.

My prayer for you this Easter is to let your eyes and hearts drink in the blessings in front of you. Put your phone down. Close your computer. When something great happens, don't say, "I wish I would have had my camera," say, "I'm so grateful that just happened!" Here's to long conversations over shared meals, strengthened relationships, and celebrating a season of presence!

Please join us in worship on Sunday, April 5th for a glorious Easter celebration. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg will be preaching a powerful message of resurrection. Bring a friend and come with expectant hearts, ready to proclaim Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Amen!

Rev. Julie Songer Belman

OUR MINISTRY FOR

APRIL

USHERS:

Bill Haslett and Martin Caulder

COUNTERS:

Mary Jim Gunter and Patsy Black

Sallie Kate and Donnie Laird

Alex Rabb and Kenny Martin

Roy Barnett and Jim Baughman

Acolyte:

Berkley Derrick

PRAYER LIST

Dargan Broome, Bill Bundy, Ann Bailey, Caroline Montgomery, Jim Pressley, Sara Duncan, Rev. Don McKinney, Betty Coleman, Chip, Julie and Madeline Fischesser, Brent Dorrier, Frank Martin, Taylor Novinger, Lynne Moore, Mary Thomas, Julie Reese, Tam Lark, Merrill J. Wood, Annette Clowney, Scott Vanvick, Becky McAlister, Albertia Bundy, Dennis Schaefer, and Blaine Riley

**Please, remember in prayer those serving
our country in our armed forces both at
home and overseas.**

**When you can, remember to send a card, call
or visit**

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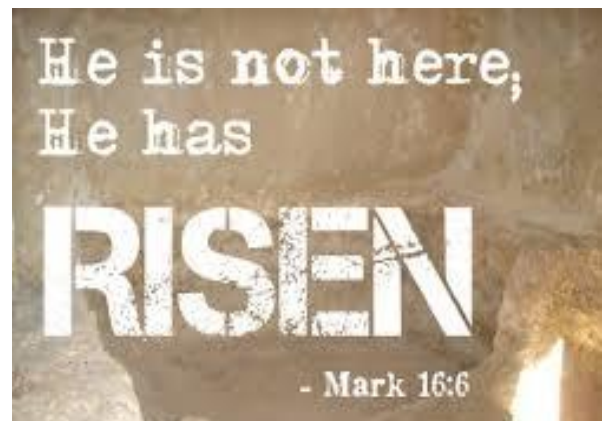


Win McMaster

for faithfully coming to the church
every week to pick up the donated food and
taking it to the Fairfield Community Food
Bank.

A special thank you to
**Doug Williams, Sarah McMaster and
Jena Johnson**

for leading the services with our visiting
ministers while Pastor Julie is on maternity
leave.





**TO MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY
WITH BIRTHDAYS IN
March**

April 1	Ruby Teal
April 3	Allison Cooke
April 6	Doris Barr
April 7	Sallie Kate Watford
April 7	Patricia Drake
April 8	Billy Bell
April 10	Doris Myfelt
April 10	Elise Williams
April 13	Frank Martin
April 18	Frank Weathersbee
April 21	Bundy Bynum
April 22	Betty Bynum
April 26	Sarah McMaster

Altar Flower Schedule

APRIL FLOWER CALENDAR

April 5	Easter
April 12	Williams and Watford
April 19	Bynum Sunday School Class
April 26	Margaret and Bill DuBard

If you would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up on the flower calendar in the hall behind the sanctuary.

**THE
RESURRECTION
OF JESUS CHRIST**



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

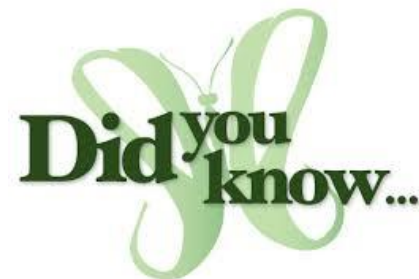
8:00 a.m. until Noon (Julie Barfield)

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. until 12:30 (Peggy Ayers)

Friday

10:00 a.m. until Noon (Peggy Ayers)



That we have a Library? Mrs. Margaret DuBard can answer any questions you may have. There are reference books, fact, fiction and many Methodist related books available to check out. This is just another great ministry of our church. Stop in and take advantage of these resources! It's the Green Door on the first floor!





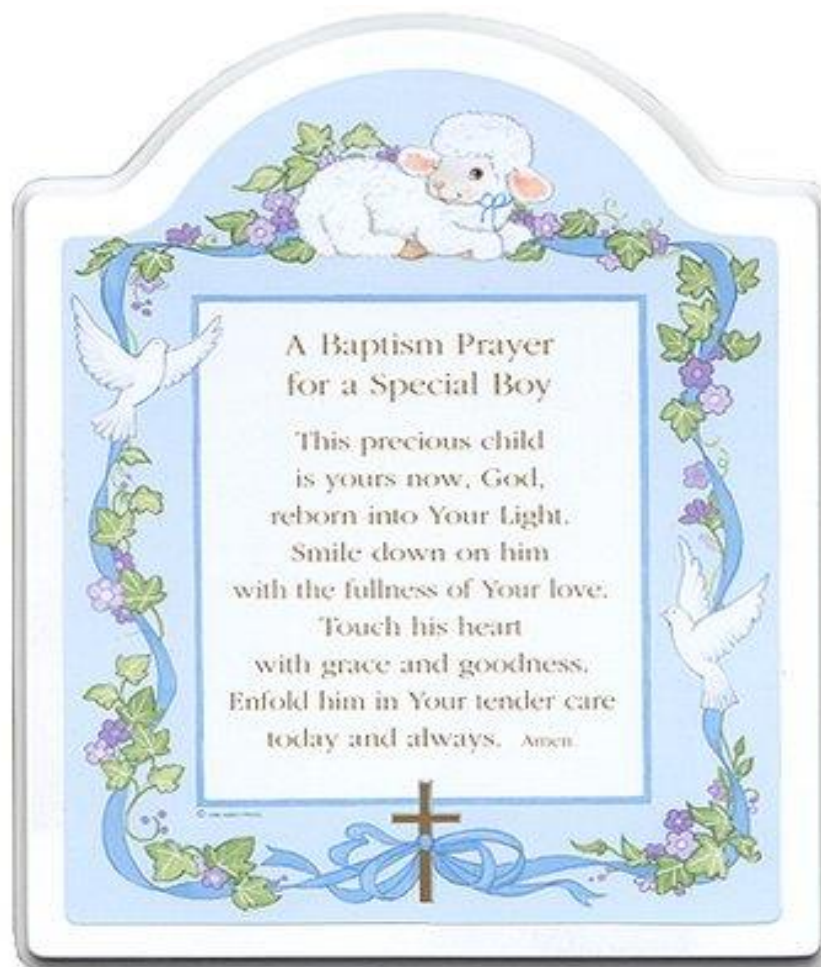
Did somebody say Yard Sale? Yes, we are taking donations for the 26 Mile Yard Sale that will be here this September sponsored by the Winnsboro Chamber of Commerce. This year, we plan to have a table set up to sell hand made goods. If you knit, crochet, needlepoint, sew, make Christmas crafts or have any handmade goods, please make plans to donate them to the church to be sold during the yard sale.

In Honor of Brady Williams

Son of Brad and Sallie Williams

On his Christening Day

April 12, 2015





Happy Easter!



We welcome the following visiting pastors while Rev. Julie Belman is out on maternity leave:

April 5 Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg

April 12 Rev. Bundy Bynum

April 19 Rev. Bundy Bynum

Please make every effort to attend!



April 2 – Maundy Thursday, Family Night
Supper and Communion 7:00 pm

April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt – Honeysuckle Acres

April 5 – Easter

April 16 – Susanna Wesley Circle 7:30 pm

April 20 – Curlee Jennings McMaster Circle 4:00

April 22 – Administrative Council 6:00 pm

April 28 - Methodist Men 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.

Honeysuckle Acres! Be there!



Rev. Julie Maternity Leave On Call Schedule

These pastors are on call for emergencies and pastoral needs each week.

March 29 - April 4 (Holy Week)

Rev. Bundy Bynum

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cell: 803-718-0224

April 5-11

Rev. Carly Wicklund

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April 12-18

Rev. Frank Copeland

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March 30 – April 2

**March 30 – Dr. Jerry Sosebee,
First Baptist Church**

**March 31 – Rev. Ally Deal,
Bethel United Methodist Church**

**April 1 – Rev. Harry Varn,
Church of the Nazarene**

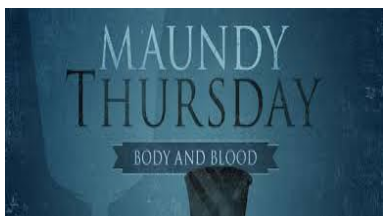
**April 2 – Rev. DeWitt Atkerson –
Washington Street Baptist Church**

**April 3 (Good Friday) – Rev. James
McManus, Bethel ARP Church**

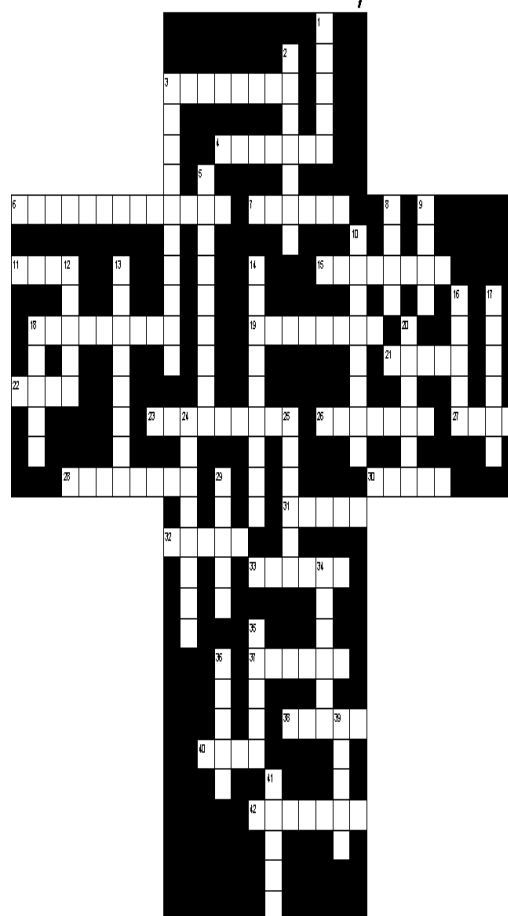
Rev. Bundy Bynum will be the liturgist for the entire week.

Special music is provided by Rev. Lane Keister, Church Herrin, Kerry Matthews, Sarah Keister, First United Methodist Church Choir.

Services start promptly at Noon, followed by a light lunch at 12:30. Please make plans to attend.



The Easter Story



Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____"
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

Across

3. It means "A place of a skull," Where He was crucified
4. These guys were crucified on each side of Him.
6. And He was numbered with the _____.
7. Jesus was anointed with precious ointment in preparation for His _____.
11. This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom
15. And when the sixth hour was come, there was _____ over the whole land.
18. This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God."
19. The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all.
21. The _____ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money
22. The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother
23. He appeared first unto Mary _____.
26. "Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do."
27. He shed His blood so our _____ would be forgiven.
28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday
30. The ruler of Galilee
31. This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden.
32. This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times.
33. This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him.
37. The doubtful apostle
38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones as ye see me have."
40. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet _____.
42. They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross.

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At the Foot of the Cross

by Steven

At the foot of the cross, I lay it all down
Everything in my life, that's hidden deep inside
I give it away, for my Savior to heal
These fears that I have, that I've buried for years
At the feet of Jesus, my heart pours out tears
As I kneel and pray, my thoughts become clear
And I finally see what's so very dear

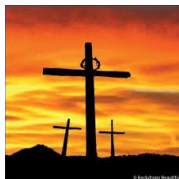
At the foot of the cross, I cry out in pain
Anguishing thoughts pour out like rain
But, amidst these tears, I find a peace so calm
As Jesus scurries in, the darkness fades away
My heart is freed, my mind once again sane
And the past torments I've had are forever washed
away
My life burns brighter, like the dawning of a new
day

At the foot of the cross, I'm loved and not lost
Where the Holy drops of blood, have paid off sin's
costs
And the Savior was taken, now risen once more
Through the grace of God, the veil was torn

And the world was cast a new rope of hope
Dangling freely from Heaven, climbable by faith
alone
To an eternal place, where sin and death are dead

At the foot of the cross, life can be found
On your knees draped in blood, on Calvary's sacred
ground.

***Blessed are those who have not seen and
yet have believed. John 20:24-31 v. 29***



Easter Lilies Given In Memory and/or In Honor

***In Memory of Jim Dorrier
By
Brent Dorrier***

***In Memory of Susan Jackson
By
Alex and Kitty Rabb***

***In Loving Memory of Ann Gates
By
Ed Gates***

***In Memory of Lily Fox
By
Ed Gates and Sarah Boulware***

***In Memory of Louis Boulware
By
Sarah Boulware and daughters,
Meg, Barbara and Betsy***

***In Honor of Ida and Angelo
By
Joe and Irene Novaro***

***In Honor of Lenora and Bill Bundy,
Johnny and Frances Porter,
Nancy Blair Gonzalez
Kay Williams and Berk Palmer
Brad, Sallie and Brady Williams
Doug Williams
By
Brice Porter and Brock Williams***

***In Memory of our parents, Bill and Frances Haslett
and Jim and Mary Mooneyham
In Honor of
Our grandchildren
By
Bill and Linda Haslett***

***In Honor of Peggy Ayers
By
Charles, Mandy and Zoe Ayers***

***In Honor of Rev. Julie, Travis and Baby James
Belman
By
Grandma Dot Marlow***

*In Memory of Paul's Father – H. Paul Dove, Sr,
Bobbie's Parents – Cecil and Eugenia Hinson and
Bobbie's Twin Sister – Kathy Speorl*

*By
Paul and Bobbie Dove*

In Honor of Esther and the Choir

*By
Crosby and Cleo Lewis*

*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Melvin, Mr. and
Mrs. William Traylor, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Douglas,
III, Mr. Carl Douglas, and Mr. David Douglas
In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Douglas, Mrs. Carl*

*Douglas,
Mrs. David Douglas
By
Dean and Ann Lee*

In Memory of Jay Lucas and Susan Jackson

*By
Pope Funeral Home*

*In Honor of Sara Boulware, Brent Dorrier, Edith
McAlister, Katherine Rabb*

*By
Paul and Bobbie Dove*

In Honor of Bundy and Betty Bynum

*By
Peggy Ayers and Jay*

*In Memory of Robert and Margaret Caldwell,
Jack Coleman, Johnny Coleman and*

In Honor of Betty Coleman

*By
Heath Caldwell and Jenni Sharpe and Families*

In Memory of Edward and Jewel Wilson

*By
Heath, Shannon and Tripp Caldwell*

In Memory of Jay Lucas

*By
Jane, Doug, Todd, Anna, Taylor and Parker
Lucas*

In Memory of Berry Bonds

*By
Marcia Bonds*

In Honor of Family and Friends

*By
Brad, Sallie and Brady Williams*

*In Memory of James Lee Dorrier and
Col. Robert G. McMaster*

*By
Sarah and Bob McMaster*



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Memorials

In Memory of Jay Lucas

By

First United Methodist Men's Club

Easter and the United Methodist Church

The Easter Season, also known as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Day and ends on Pentecost. Focusing on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace.



A few of the boys from First United Methodist Church!

Please join us for the



Saturday, April 4 – 10:00 a.m. at Honeysuckle Acres!
ALL of God's children are welcome!

