

God is love and love lives here!



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Uncomfortable

Joshua 2:21

21 She said, 'According to your words, so be it.' She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

From my perspective, things can become interesting on a Sunday morning. The truth is, I see everything. That sounds uncomfortable just to say it or write it but it's the truth. When we discussed Rahab last week I knew her profession would make people uncomfortable. It was evident from a few people who squirmed a little and some of the teenagers who snickered! There are some things that are said in church, even though Biblical, that are challenging to hear or comprehend. However, it's like I said; if we can't talk about it here how can we talk about it?

If it's uncomfortable for us, imagine how difficult it must have been for Rahab. There is an army bearing down on the city walls and two strangers show up asking her to commit treason against her king. She knows God will prevail but yet she must trust the promise of these two spies in order to save her family. Imagine how uncomfortable it was for her to stand before the king and lie, to tie the crimson rope, or to go to her family after she had been more than likely shunned by them. We may have felt uncomfortable to hear her profession aloud in the sanctuary but it's incomparable to what she must have felt.

Often the uncomfortable things are those that will bring the best outcome. God will ask us to talk to a stranger about Jesus, volunteer in a new area of ministry, or expand our own faith by asking us to trust Him as Rahab did. Rahab's response to the spies was one of faith and of embracing the uncomfortable situation she was in; "According to your words, so be it." Oh, how he wishes we would respond this way ourselves. Lord, if you say it, I'll do it. But the uncomfortable keeps our faith at bay and us from seeing the fullness of God in our lives.

If there's anything else we can learn from Rahab's story it is to embrace the things in our lives that may be uncomfortable. Yes, it's difficult, we may even squirm in our seats a little. However, the price we pay will be more than worth the end prize we receive for our faithfulness. Rahab went on to marry a prince and be named in the lineage of Jesus. While our outcome may not be that dramatic, it may make a difference that changes our own lineage. Trust the Lord and embrace the uncomfortable.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

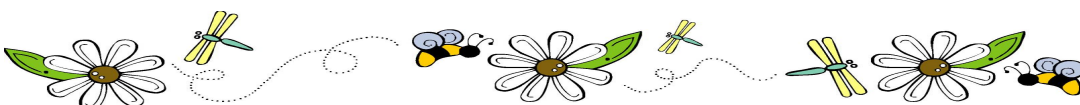
Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- In honor of Men on a Mission by Mariann Ellis
- In honor of Betty Byrd's birthday by Debbie Gray



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet Friday, **April 19** at 12 noon for lunch and then Bingo 1p-3p. Anyone and Everyone is invited to join us for some food, fun and fellowship! Come on!



Scripture and Sermon:

Ruth 3:1-5

"The Women Who Have Made Us Who We Are: Ruth and Naomi: Taking Control of our Destiny"



New Concerns

Family of Bob Parker

Continue Prayers for:

- Joann Kile
- Dennis & Kathy Davis
- Mary Lee Carter
- Patsy Spinks
- Don Porter
- Family of Mike Hix
- John & Vivan Nadolny

- Christa Avret
- Michael & Jennie Walston
- Betty Byrd
- Leon Hudson
- Mary Prater
- Jim & Mary Leary
- Virginia Eadie
- Bill Reedy
- Sarah Mayer
- Cary Martin
- Mac McNeal
- James McNeal
- Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for April 14

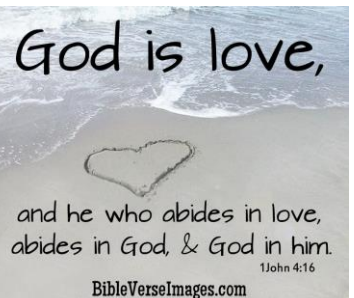
Operating Budget.....	\$17,957.60
Food Pantry.....	125.00
Total.....	\$18,082.60

Worship Attendance

142

Sunday School

55





- ✓ 04-21-24 Church Conference 11:30a
- ✓ 05-13-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 05-13-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 05-27-24 Office Closed- Memorial Day
- ✓ 06/04-06/24 CMC General Conference, Laurel, MS
- ✓ 06-10-24 Finance Meeting 6p



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Betty Byrd
Eloise Atkinson
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Jim Leary
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Brenda Crow

Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is now open every Wednesday, 10a-1p with a new format and process for recipients... also, volunteering will be on rotation now, so get with Cheri and sign up... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Open Door Mission Closet (Clothes Closet) is now open every Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon. We would love for you to stop in for a brief visit when possible and/or become a volunteer. We work on a rotating basis so you would not be obligated to work every week. Please see Brenda if you are interested. Tuesdays will become our new Sorting/Processing day and volunteers are also needed on that day.
- April 24 volunteers- Nancy Brechin, Jennie Walston, Elaine Hubbard

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of April 21 st :	
Sunday.....	Ezekiel 37
Monday.....	Ezekiel 47
Tuesday.....	Job 1
Wednesday.....	Job 23
Thursday.....	Job 38
Friday.....	Job 42
Saturday.....	Mark 1

Family Promise

If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Susan Howdeshell has agreed to let us participate in her neighborhood's yard sale. The sale will be May 4 and all proceeds will go to the Clothes Closet. If you are interested in donating an item for the sale, please contact Susan at 478-508-0709 for details. Also, if you would like to help set up for or work at the table, please let her know.

Calling ALL Youth!

Current 5th grade - 12th grade.

We are meeting every Wednesday night from 6-7:30pm.

We started a new Series (April 10) titled "And It Was Good". A four-week series about justice.

Come check it out! We will eat, play a game or 2, and then dive into our study!!

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library Old Book Sale is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10a-8p at the Georgia Fairgrounds in the Georgia Grown Building. Saturday is half price day.

Church Website

Please contact Sabrina Williams at sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net for any requests to have something added or delted from our church website. Also contact Sabrina if you have any pictures taken at any church function that you would like posted.



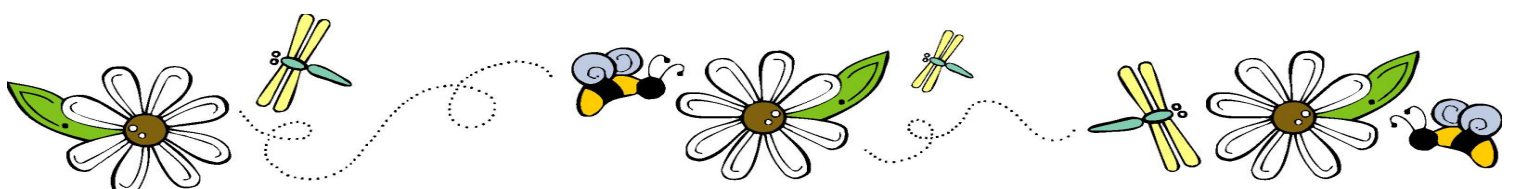
Kettle Sunday – Every 3rd Sunday of the month is Kettle Sunday. The money you place in the kettles will go towards our local missions/food pantry.

Women at the Well

Ladies, circle meetings are coming up... so, don't forget to attend. If you have never been to a meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the circles. We'd be so happy to have you visit!

Men at the Well

The Men meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend any meeting. The men also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am at Steak n Shake for Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome.



Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- April 21

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

11:30a Church Conference

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Terry & Kitty Barfield
Gary & Kathy Rutke

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- April 21

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Laura, Cinderella
Children- Dawn Wilkins

Sunday- April 28

Nursery- Kelly Evans, Laura, Cinderella
Children- Amber Gamble

Monday- April 22

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- April 23

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga

Wednesday- April 24

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9a-12p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- April 25

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
4:30p Dulcimers
6:30p **SPRC Meeting**
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- April 26

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- April 27

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

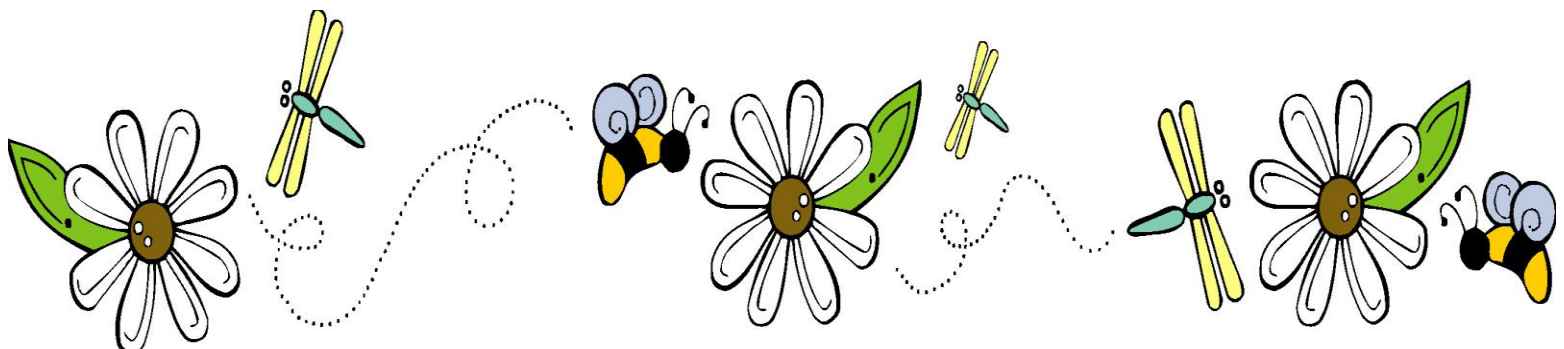
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Max Lucado
Mark
Revelation
2 Corinthians
Christian Response to Evil

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home[a] for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

Ruth 3:1-5

A REASON FOR

