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Sunday, May 12, 2024, Mother's Day

Mathew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Rest

This is a word I struggle with. Don't get me wrong, I take time to physically slow down, but those moments are far and few in between. My true struggle is to rest. What I mean by that is, that it is difficult to stop working physically and shut down the brain at the same time. My mind is always racing and it usually takes several days to get the brain to shut off when we enter a season in which we should be resting. Katie over the years has gone so far as to plan an extra day because it takes two just to settle down.

Rest is an important part of who we are. If the body and mind could function without it, we would. Some of us try our best to exceed the limits but for everyone, there comes a time when we will need to sleep, eat, and lay the burdens of life aside. Mathew tells us to go to the Lord and he will give us rest. The entirety of Mathew 11 verses 29 and 30 hinges on this word. God wants to give his people rest from their burdens and peace to their circumstances. The challenge lies in the first three words of verse 28; "Come to me".

We talk a lot about Quinny around the church. One of the biggest challenges we have with him is obedience. We will say "come here" and he wants to challenge our authority and say "no". It's infuriating but also speaks to the nature of who we are as people.

Whenever God asks us to make a choice, there is a natural tendency to rebel or say we know better or as Quinny says "I don't want to". When Christ says "come to me" he is giving us the choice. It's up to us to see the need to rest or to say "no" I can do this on my own or "I don't want to". Which is worse? Refusing rest or saying we don't need it?

I've come to the conclusion that I need to follow the Lord and seek out rest in my life. In a few weeks, Katie and I will be on vacation and it is a much-needed time to relax, reflect, and seek God as a couple. During this time, to truly rest, I'll turn my phone off and try my best to separate from daily life for just a little while. If someone is in need, LaWanna will be on stand-by and can handle any issue and will reach out for emergencies, if necessary. I've lined up two awesome preachers for you while we are gone and know they will bring a good word for our church in our absence. Here's the good news about taking time to rest. When we do, God has good things for us on the other side. So be ready, we can't wait to see what God does in our lives after we have taken some time to rest!

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Flowers on the Altar and Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- 🌸 In honor of Mother's Day by Terry & Kitty Barfield
- 🌸 In memory of Bob Parker by Issues and Answers SS Class, Maggie Vest

Wesley Glen

There will be a work day at Wesley Glen on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8a. Volunteers are needed for some landscaping/planting flowers and a floor removal. If you are willing to help out, contact Stevie Bowen.

Scripture and Sermon:

Luke 1:26-38

"The Women Who Have
Made Us Who We Are:
Mary: Our Legacy"



New Concerns

Family of Frank Milner
Luke Westefeld
Family of Sarah Mayer
Ed & Linda Meehan

Continue Prayers for:

Nancy Hudson
Crystal Gray & children
Randy Dear
Doug Deal
Bill Reedy
Amber Skiles
Jaden
Leon

Kay Darnell
Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for May 5

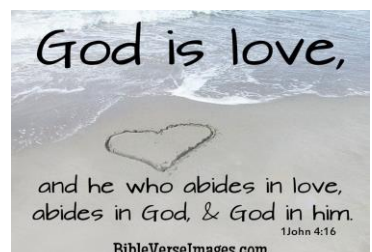
Operating Budget.....	\$12,494.50
Technology.....	151.50
Apportionments.....	100.00
Food Pantry.....	276.50
Total.....	\$13,022.50

Worship Attendance

131

Sunday School

42





- ✓ 05-13-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 05-13-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 05-23-24 Nominations Committee 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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Mary Leary
Tommy Odum

Youth News

The Youth will continue to meet each Wednesday evening until the end of May. Beginning June 2nd, they will transition to meeting before church on Sunday mornings at 9:45a. They can start arriving early if they would like and there will be a place for them to hang out, play games, grab breakfast and socialize. If there are any issues with getting your teen to church that early, let Katie know and they will see if a ride can be coordinated. Also, the Youth are invited to sit together on Sunday mornings during worship up in the balcony. A few of our Youth serve in our media/production department and are already up there. We are creating a space for them to enjoy the service together.

Bible Reading Plan

Week of May 12th:

Sunday.....	Mark 16
Monday.....	1 Cor. 1
Tuesday.....	1 Cor. 2
Wednesday.....	1 Cor. 3
Thursday.....	1 Cor. 4
Friday.....	1 Cor. 5
Saturday.....	1 Cor. 6

Community Missions

- Beginning June 1, 2024, the Food Pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10a-1p. Recipients may receive food once a month.
- The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday, 10a-1p, through the month of May, 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.
- May 15 volunteers- Sabrina Williams, Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell

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/>

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.



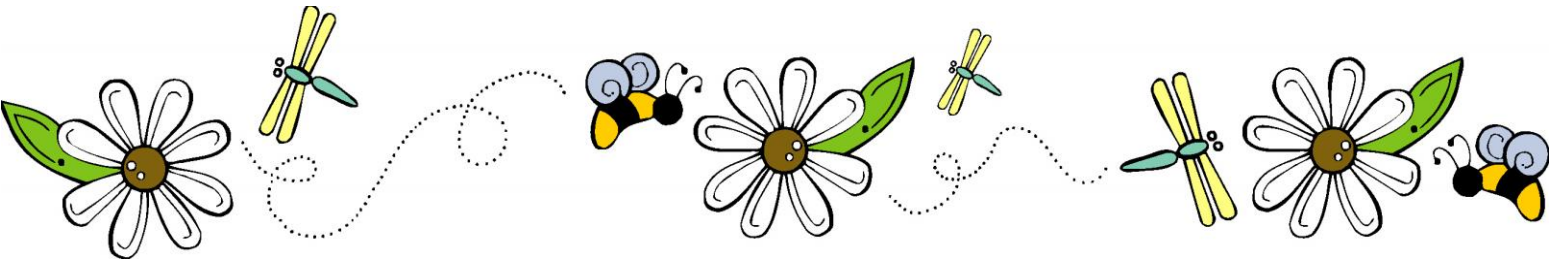
The Young-at-Heart are a group of folks over 50 (but anyone is welcome!) who meet once a month to fellowship and enjoy a good meal. Each month they meet in the Fellowship Hall, have lunch, play Bingo or other games and just have fun. Come join us!

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.

Hearing Aids

We had a wonderful member donate a pair of gently used hearing aids. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the office.



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- May 12

Mother's Day

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

Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, Sharon Morrison

Communion Servers

Eric & Gloria Nelson
Cheri Cox and LaWanna Porter

Finance Stewards

LaWanna Porter, Kathy Rutke, Yoke Fellow

Assisting with Children

Sunday- May 12

Nursery- Marie Davis, Laura, Cinderella
Children- Sherry Armour

Sunday- May 19

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

Monday- May 13

6:00p Finance Meeting
6:30p Admin Council
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- May 14

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"
7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday- May 15

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9a-12p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
11:30a Friendship Circle
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- May 16

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- May 17

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- May 18

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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
Ephesians
Christian Response to Evil

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



Happy Mother's Day!

And the angel said
unto her, Fear not,
Mary: for thou hast
found favour with God.

Luke 1:30 KJV