



God is love and love lives here!

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Something New

Isaiah 43:19

I am about to do a new thing

Have you ever bought something new or at least new to you? It's a joy to have something new and shiny in our lives. Sometimes it's a new car, a new shirt, new ring, new..... you can fill in the blanks. Everyone at some point and time has received or bought something new. They gleamed with joy at the new thing and the joy was eminent to others as they showed it off in all its glory. Then after the luster fades the new thing becomes the same old same old leaving us longing to find another thing to fall into. The new car you worked hard for gets its' first dent or the new shoes were worn out into a storm. The newness fades when the shine has a little dirt on it or the white in the sole becomes a little dingy. We are often left in the same place once again, looking for something new to stir up the same zeal and passion we once had for what is now an old thing.

Yet I'm often intrigued by the way we are unattracted to new things as well. Sometimes we have an aversion to something new and shiny, especially if it is different or maybe uncomfortable. These things we will often avoid or diminish as if the shine might blind our vision for other things of importance. We may even go so far as to tell others they too should avoid this new thing because there's no telling where it may take them if they get too attached. If we don't want it or it brings us too much discomfort, then no one else should want it for us or themselves either. The unintended consequence of dismissing the unwanted new thing is we will be left feeling empty or lost because we haven't seen anything new in a while. We search for the answers and maybe blame others all the while the new thing was there, just not what we expected.

Jeremiah 43:19 is written about God's people going into a new thing. Things were changing and uncertain, the people were anxious and nervous. God was confirming in His people a new thing he was about to do. It would be shiny and exciting but yet also mean discomfort and hard work if His people were to succeed. God was willing but were the people willing to accept the new and shiny thing?

Sometimes something new is exciting, sometimes it's terrifying. Either way it will often lead people to new experiences they would have never received on their own or in church, people we may have never met. I'm asked all the time, how do we.....? We must allow God to do a new thing for His people. Notice there it reads "for His People". New things are, in most cases, for our benefit, not our harm. It's the secret sauce that at some point was a new sauce, the favorite hymn that at some point was a new hymn, or the neighbor that at some point was a new neighbor. Everything we value was a new thing at some point. The question is whether or not we find value in the new thing God is doing for us in the here and now. Some may love it, some may not, but we must always remember that to get somewhere new, sometimes God must do a work we could never do ourselves. It's not that what we are doing isn't good but sometimes for God to do His best work we need a new thing.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

John 15:12-17

"Summer Gospel"



New Concerns

Sara Colbert

Continue Prayers for:

Cheryl Bell

Patsy Spinks

Susan Mobley

Crystal Gray

Lamar & Marilyn Outz

Bill Reedy

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

07-14-24

Operating Budget..... \$8,348.00

Food Pantry..... 150.00

Total..... \$8,498.00

Worship Attendance

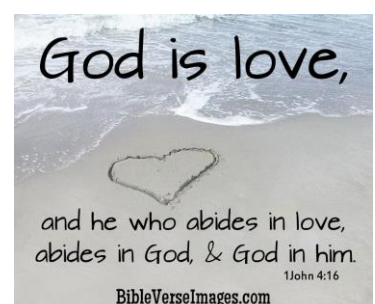
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Sunday School

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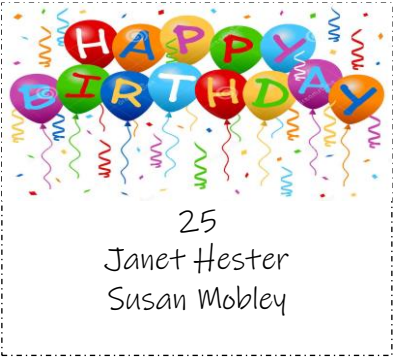


- ✓ 08-05-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a



Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is open July 24, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Beginning in August, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- July 24- Jennie Walston, Vicky Moore, Nancy Brechin



Youth News

Sundays- 9:15a-9:30a- breakfast and socialize; 9:30-10:15a- Sunday School lesson
August 3- Wild Adventures for the day and Skillet concert that evening

Young at Heart

Bingo- Friday, July 26... lunch at 12 noon, which is pizza and Bingo 1p-3p, we will have ice cream at our break. And, most importantly, we will have a great time! Then on Saturday, July 27 we will go see The Music Man in Dublin. We will meet at the church at 11a sharp, go to lunch at Old Times Country Buffet. Then, back on the van to head to Dublin. The doors open at 1:30p and the show starts at 2p. We'll have a great time on the van. The men can sit up front with Eric and give him instructions (he loves that). The women in back, laughing it up! ~ Eric & Gloria ~

Family Promise

If you are interested in volunteering during our rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn for more information, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Singers & Ringers Needed! Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31st. These groups are open to all.



Our **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday's at 6:30. We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata "Love is Born" beginning this August. Our Adult Choir sings each Sunday for the Call to Worship and leads the traditional worship hymns.



Our **Handbell Choir** practices on Wednesday at 7:30. The ability to read music is helpful. Handbell playing opportunities may include worship during Christmas and Easter, Christmas Festivals, & 5th Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

Hymnals and Bibles

As we worship in Fellowship Hall, we have borrowed some hymnals (with the black cloth covers) from our Sanctuary for use during our services. Please return them to the tables after service.

The library has also provided Bibles for us to use and you are welcome to take these home if you would like. Thank you.

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.

Church Website

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

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!

Wesley Women

Wesley Women is a support group for widows founded by Pastor Jackie Thomas and Sandy Whipple of Trinity UMC. The purpose of this group is to support one another through the grieving process by sharing our own experience, knowledge and by sharing an outpouring of our love through Jesus Christ. Wesley Women meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:30a at various locations. Any widow is invited to seek the support of this group. Contact Jackie Thomas at 478-747-6593.

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- July 21

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Sabrina Williams, Susan Howdeshell
Cheri Cox, Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- July 21

Nursery- Linda Blanton, Laura McKenzie
Children- Nancy Hudson

Sunday- July 28

Nursery- Lynn Miller, Cinderella Sampson
Children- Brenda Crow

Monday- July 22

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- July 23

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

Wednesday- July 24

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

Thursday- July 25

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- July 26

12p-3p Young at Heart
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- July 27

Young at Heart to see the Music
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

Malachi
Mark
Revelation
Hebrews
Serve Others in Bigger Ways

Teacher

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



