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Sunday, August 4, 2024

## The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned, I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Gifford's book *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

### Chapter 4

Kathie Lee shares about her witness of Mount Carmel. She shares of the account of the prophets of Baal and Elijah where a mighty test took place to judge between who's God is the one true God. We know the end result, God brought down fire and consumed Elijah's offering and confirmed His supreme authority over man and their invented gods. Kathie, though, makes an interesting observation of the events that took place then and some of the challenges we face today in the modern American version of Christianity. She writes:

"The mountaintop was packed with people who still worshiped Yahweh, still said their prayers, and still sang their songs. But they had added the worship of Baal alongside their worship of Yahweh, making the pagan Baal equal to the Lord of all creation! This was the blasphemy that enraged the sovereign God. During the showdown on Mount Carmel, God sent down fire from heaven and proved to all who were present that He alone is God.

I believe it is this same kind of blasphemy today that breaks God's heart when we add false gods to our own worship. What have we allowed in our lives to be equally or even more important to us than God?"

This question is a difficult one but can also be life changing. If we embrace the things of God and remove the things that separate us from God, we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit in ways we may have never previously experienced. We allow God to pour out on us in a way that is all consuming as he consumed the offering made by Elijah. My prayer for you this week is that you allow and embrace God's all-consuming presence. It will make all the difference.

Keep The Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

### Scripture and Sermon:

Luke 5:1-11

"Simon to Peter:  
Most Famous Calling"



### New Concerns

J.O. Miller  
Don  
Dennis & Kathy Davis  
Debra Tanuchowshi  
Linda Farris

### Continue Prayers for:

Mary Lee Carter  
Sara Colbert

Phil & Betty Bailey  
Dianne Harrington  
Mac McCullough  
Kathy Blanchard  
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

07-28-24

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Operating Budget..... | \$7,900.88 |
| A/C Replacement.....  | 300.00     |
| Food Pantry.....      | 251.50     |
| Total.....            | \$8,452.38 |

### Worship Attendance

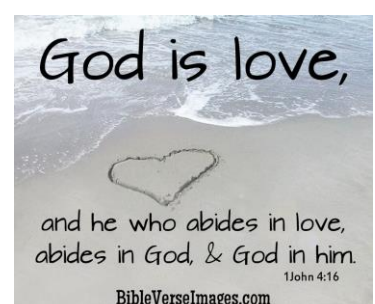
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### Sunday School

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- ✓ 08-05-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 08-11-24 Staff Meeting 8:30a
- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch 11:30a- **cancelled**



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- 💧 In memory of Dan Mendenhall by Ben & Kathy Blanchard
- 💧 In memory of Doug Deal by New Beginnings Sunday School Class
- 💧 In memory of Casey Windham by Margaret Henley

Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is open August 14, 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 August 14, 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.
- August 14: 845a-11a- Sherry Armour, Linda Blanton, Sherrill Pinckney  
August 14: 11a-115p- Sabrina Williams, Susan Glidewell, Marie Davis

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

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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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, & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



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Leslie McSwain

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Mel Smeltz

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Dwayne Wilbanks

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Walter Cobb

| Bible Reading Plan               |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Week of August 4 <sup>th</sup> : |         |
| Sunday.....                      | Luke 13 |
| Monday.....                      | Luke 14 |
| Tuesday.....                     | Luke 15 |
| Wednesday.....                   | Luke 16 |
| Thursday.....                    | Luke 17 |
| Friday.....                      | Luke 18 |
| Saturday.....                    | Luke 19 |



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 4

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 Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell, Susan Howdeshell

Communion Servers

Jim & Mary Monk  
Jim & Linda Blanton

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 4  
Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Laura, Cinderella  
Children- Amber Gamble  
Sunday- August 11  
Nursery- Kelly Evans, Laura, Cinderella  
Children- Sherry Armour

Monday- August 5

10:00a Quilters  
6:00p Finance Meeting  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- August 6

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers"  
6:30p Miss Terry's Circle  
6:30p Bass Club

Wednesday- August 7

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"  
6:30p Choir Practice  
7:30p Handbells  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- August 8

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Yoga  
6:30p Men at the Well  
7-9p Amateur Radio Club  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- August 9

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 10

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

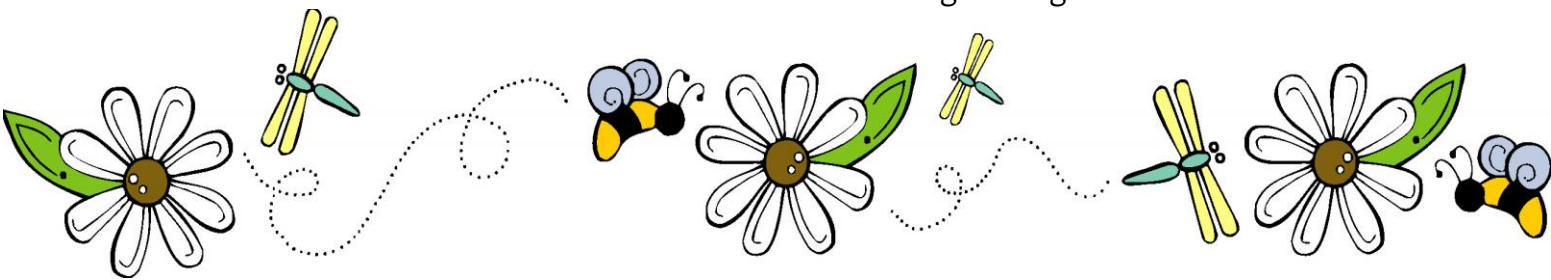
Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth

Studies

Malachi  
Mark  
Revelation  
Hebrews  
God Guides Us Through Changes

Teacher

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



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**For your Labor Day**

**Men at the Well**

**\$40**

**Pick up Saturday, August 31**

**between 8a-1p at the Bus Barn**

