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Sunday Services

- 8:30a Worship Service (Contemporary)
- 9:50a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship Service (Traditional)
- 6:00p Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
- 6:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 7:00p Every FOURTH SUNDAY United Methodist Women



Pastor's Corner — Rev. Eric Lane



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” *Matthew 28:19*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words. --Romans 8:26 (ESV)

As many of you know, my mother is battling pancreatic cancer. My mother has always been one that in my eyes was strong in her faith and one that I knew was always praying for me, as well as others.

The other day, my mother became ill and she went into the hospital for antibiotics and fluids. While we were waiting in the emergency room, Mother made the comment to me that she couldn't pray.

After things had settled a bit, I asked her what she meant by her comment. She explained that she was used to having long, deep conversations with God through prayer, but lately it seemed all she could say was, “Lord, please help me.” I reminded her that when we cannot pray the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, intercedes on our behalf.

You might wonder what that looks like. It happens when the “body,” men and women and children alike, who have experienced the result of prayer in their lives, take the time to stop and pray for others. That morning, I posted a note asking for prayers on behalf of my mother. I was truly humbled as I began to see my phone light up from the many messages.



I share this with you to remind you that when you feel you cannot pray, reach out to others and seek the prayers of the body of Christ. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ—many members making up the body of Christ.

I also suggested to her that, instead of trying to find words to pray for herself, to begin to pray for others. Think of those around you—in the church, those that you meet in your daily walk, your family. Often, when we take the focus off of ourselves—not that our struggles and pain are not real or worthy of our focus; yet, when we remove the focus from ourselves and move it to others, our own

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TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 10:00a Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p New Life Rehearsal
- 7:00p Bible Study—Children & Adults.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday: 8:30—1:00p.m.

Phone: 828-396-2214



Meetings

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Sunday, June 14 at 4:30 p.m.** All members of the church may attend.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on **Sunday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.** Dawn Yount will present the program. Kim Ellis and Gwen Teague are in charge of refreshments. All women of the church are invited to participate.

July Newsletter Items

Please have information and articles for the July 2015 newsletter in by **June 21**. Thank you. —Editor

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday is June 7th.

We will celebrate and honor our high school and higher education graduates on this Sunday.

High school Seniors: we should have gotten your pictures by now. Please get them to Cindy ASAP. She will still accept them (though she will probably grumble under her breath and not take too much time making them look good for the slide show).



"How much good does it do to pray if we never stop long enough to listen."

Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

LISTENING

Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. — 1Thessalonians 5:16-21 NKJV

"Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain," the LORD said to him. Then the LORD passed by and sent a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks—but the LORD was not in the wind. The wind stopped blowing, and then there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

--1 Kings 19:11-13a GNT

TVs and radios blaring, cell phones ringing, traffic noises, people talking constantly, dogs barking, lawn mowers growling, fans and air conditioners blowing, cats purring, refrigerators humming, children yelling, babies crying—is there any place today to find a quiet place? The preacher, George Whitefield, talked to crowds of 10,000 or more in the open air without benefit of microphones and amplifiers—and people were able to hear every word he said! John Wesley preached in the open air also to large crowds and small under the same conditions—and was easily heard. Jesus spoke to large crowds, too.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her."

--Luke 10:38-42 GNT

Bills to pay, a job to go to every day, clothes to wash, floors to mop, books to read, shopping to do, cooking and baking to feed the family, yards to trim, walls to paint, video games to play, sports to watch or participate in, Sunday school lessons to prepare, visiting to do, cards to send, exercises to squeeze in, favorite TV show or a good movie to see, children to play with, friends to talk to, parties to attend, repairs to be done, car maintenance needed, errands to run, tests to study for, pets to feed and brush, email to answer or send, a boss to appease, a spouse to answer to, doctor or dentist appointments to go to—rush, rush, rush! Is there any time left to just sit, or even sleep?

Even in the midst of our busy and noisy lives, we can "pray without ceasing." Yet, how much good does it do to pray if we never stop long enough

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A Belated Memorial Day List

Veterans Buried at Ebenezer

Wade Austin—US Army, Germany
 Samuel Odell Baker—US Army, Korea
 William Floyd Baker—US Air Force
 Junior Ray Bowman—US Army
 Bobby Hugh Bumgarner—US Navy, Korea
 Lonnie Abel Bumgarner—US Army, Korea
 Albert Hugh Burns—US Navy, Korea
 Albert Wesley Burns—US Army, WWII
 Eli Pete Burns—US Army, WWII
 Tallie Lewis Burns—US Army
 Fred Thompson Church—US Army, Korea
 John Cole—
 Paul A. DeVier—US Army, WWII
 Charles T. deVries—POW in Holland
 Murry R. Fisher—WWI
 Jack Donald Frye—US Army, Korea
 Kenneth Kohnle—US Army, Korea
 Keith McCrary—US Marines
 Clyde Victor McCrary—WWII
 Clarence Belle McCrary—WWII
 Clarence Barry McCrary—US Air Force
 Harrold Wilson Marshall—WWII
 Roscoe Fred Marshall—WWI
 George Perry Reid—US Navy, WWII
 Bob Sears—US Navy
 Jack Warren Simmons—WWII
 Hayner “Pete” Spencer—US Army, WWII
 Sam Spencer—WWII
 Warren H. Spencer—WWII
 Charles Walter Stafford—WWII
 Jack Dempsey Teague
 Oren Teague
 Luther “Jr.” Tolbert—US Air Force, WWII, Korea
 D. Clayton Ward—US Army, Korea
 Jack S. White—WWII
 Linsey Dean White
 Toney Wesley Williams — US AAF Base Unit
 Tommie Williams



Veterans Buried Elsewhere

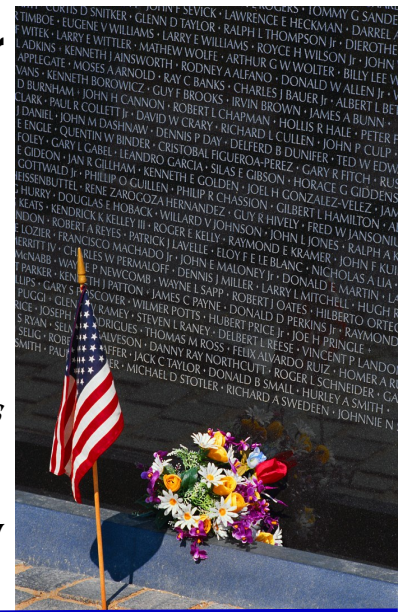
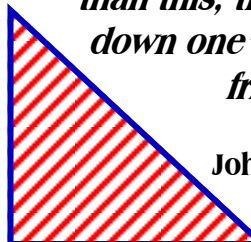
Houston Adams
 Robbie Bowman—US Army, Iraq
 Cade R. Burns—WWII (Burke County)
 Brian A. Connor—Desert Storm Veteran
 Larry Huffman
 Charles Lick
 John Hugh McDonald, Jr.—US Navy & Army, WWII
 (G. F. Cemetery)
 Paul Phillips
 Ray Sanbeck—US Air Force (Blue Ridge)
 Belmar H. Starnes—US Army (Palm Bay, FL)
 Robert R. “Buck” Teague—US Army, WWII (Sunset
 Hills Cemetery, G.F.)



**We honor all those men and women who died
 that we might have the freedom to worship and live
 good, safe lives here in the
 United States. And we honor
 those who served and
 fought and came home, but
 have now gone on to their
 heavenly home.**

*Greater love has no one
 than this, than to lay
 down one's life for his
 friends.*

John 15:13 NKJV





Something, con't

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to *listen*? Do you like being around people who talk so much that you never get a chance to say a word? Do like being around people who are always asking for something, but never willing to give you anything—not even their attention to you?

God wants to do good things for us and with us and through us, but how can He if we never stop long enough to listen to what He has to say?

As Christians, we often work constantly trying to make ourselves perfect for God, instead of resting in the presence and forgiveness in Jesus—and listening to His teaching. Trying to be perfect, we avoid the truth He presents to us. When we cannot be perfect, we become angry with ourselves, with others, and with God for not making us better. But, how can He work in us or with us if we never listen to Him?

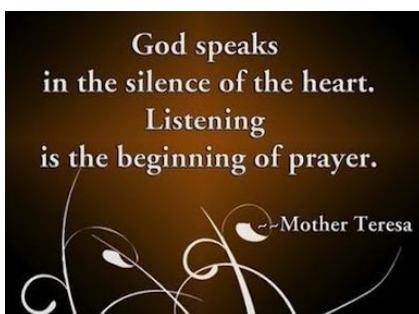
After all the noise and mayhem whirling around him, look at what Elijah did when he finally heard the voice of the LORD, which was a *soft whisper*. He covered his face, got up and stood at the entrance of the cave. He covered his face, because he was in the immediate presence of the all holy Creator God. He was humbled by the Almighty's presence. He got up and stood at the entrance, because he was ready to listen and do whatever God told him to do.

Look at what Mary did in the presence of the Lord Jesus. She sat at his feet and **listened**. She refused to be distracted by the business of her sister or the sight of things that needed to be done. She chose the better way.

*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the **friend of God**.*

--James 2:23 NKJV

If you truly want to be a friend of God, take time to be quietly before Him and *listen*. Reading the Bible is one way to do it, but don't let the Bible keep you from hearing God. Attending church services regularly is another way, but don't let church keep you from hearing God either. His Spirit dwells within you. Give Him a chance to speak.



"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" --Matthew 11:15 NKJV

How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

The LORD came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak; your servant is listening."
—1 Samuel 3:10 GNT

Special Giving

Ebenezer UMC and its members, gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts received in May:

In Memory of J. B. Coffey by:

Jo Nell Harrison
Stephen & Linda Coffey

In Memory of Bob Sears by:

Jo Nell Harrison

In Honor of Eric & Beth Lane by:

Judy McCrary

In Honor of Patty Coffey by:

Robert & Teresa Herman.



VBS Coming in July!

We are gearing up for another GREAT Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer UMC!

Come and find out all about the



July 12-16, 2015

We have classes for everyone of every age. There will be free food, games, live action Bible stories, crafts, fun and fellowship while everyone learns about

God's Love In Action!

Workers are needed in the kitchen and classrooms. We'll be asking for food and dessert items soon; so, get ready to give. See Kim Ellis to volunteer and for more info.



June Celebrations



Happy Birthday!



- 1st—Joan Pennell
- 2nd—Carson Teague
- 3rd—Dustin Kirby, Melissa Wilson
- 6th—Ethan Haas
- 7th—William McRary, Sidney Austin
- 8th—Becky Yount, Margaret Fairchild
- 9th—Gerald Frye, Beth Lane
- 10th—MaryLynn Pennell
- 13th—Kim Ellis
- 16th—Casey Knepp
- 22nd—Nathan Adams
- 23rd—Theia McRary
- 25th—Barbara Miller
- 26th—Sharon Bowman
- 28th—Teresa Herman, Boyd Johnson, Ragan Knepp, Cara Bengé
- 29th—Susan Brown

Happy Anniversary!



- 20th—Boyd & Emily Johnson
- 20th—Jimmy & Heather Stone
- 22nd—Dwight & Rosalind Kelley
- 22nd—Rex & Gwen Teague
- 24th—Chris & Tasha Haas
- 28th—James & Freida Farr

Pastor's Corner, con't

perspective begins to change, and, suddenly, we have made it through another day.

Finally, when we feel we can't pray, or maybe we don't know what to pray; here is one to hold on to:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things
I cannot change,*

The courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.



Acolyte Schedule - JUNE

7th Savanna Creaseman

14th Bethany Huss

21st Clair Gilbert

28th Makayla Settlemyre

Nursery Schedule - JUNE

7th 8:30 Boyd & Emily Johnson

11:00 Tasha Haas

14th 8:30 Teresa Simmons & Dawn Yount

11:00 Rosalind Kelley

21st 8:30 Nancy Sears & Tammy Adams

11:00 Joann Knepp

28th 8:30 Heather Stone & Kim Ellis

11:00 Kay Gilbert

10:30

Our Military

Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

Nick Austin
Kyle Blair
Anthony Coffey
Paul Coffey
Joey Deal
Dakota Fox
Ethan Fox
Andy Gaillard
Ricky Garland
Jason Gibson



Trey Hefner
Chris Kaisenski
Shane McRary
William E. McRary
Travis Miller
Joey Moore
Jamie Mullinax
Michael Potts
Hunter Tolbert
Josh Yount

A Special Father's Day Quote:



"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."

—Cindy, age 8



Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower on

Saturday, June 6

2-4:00 PM

*For Christina Bodford
(Chris Craig)*

The shower will be in Ebenezer's Christian Life Center. Christina is expecting a girl. Suggested gift items include: diapers, bottles, wipes, lotion, crib sheets, blankets, clothes, diaper bag, or anything else you would like to give.

(Related to Jane Yount Family)



Chicken Lunch

Sunday, June 7th

The *Pairs and Spares* Sunday school class will be serving up some chicken and fixings for lunch on Sunday, June 7th after Sunday school and the 2nd worship service. Price was not set at the time of publication.

Proceeds will go toward class ministries. We thank you for your support.

I'm not sure how the chicken will be prepared, but we will have plenty ready for you to eat on this Sunday morn.



JUNE Fundraisers & Events

Biscuits Sales

We will be selling ham, sausage, egg and gravy biscuits AND fried fruit pies on **Thursday, June 11th and June 15th.**

We start at **6:00 a.m.** and stop when they are all gone. It doesn't take long! So **call early or pre-order on Wednesday by calling: 396-7924, 313-9996, 396-2214** (church office; Mon.-Fri. 8:30-1:00 pm).



We deliver orders of 10 or more. Proceeds support our yearly mission trip to and work in Costa Rica.

**Yum!
Yum!**



Father's Day Breakfast

Help us celebrate & honor our fathers on

Sunday, June 21

9:30—10:45 AM



We will serve breakfast to the men of our church and community and have a time of fellowship in their honor on Father's Day Sunday.



"Honor your father and mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you." —Exodus 20:12

"Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. "Respect your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise adds: "so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land." —Ephesians 6:1-3

Officially, there will be no Sunday school, though classes may meet if they wish to do so.



Biscuit Sale Price List

\$2.00	___	Ham or Sausage
\$2.50	___	Ham or Sausage with egg
\$2.00	___	Egg
\$1.50	___	Jelly
\$2.00	___	Gravy
\$2.50	___	Gravy with Sausage
\$2.00	___	Fried Fruit Pie

We continue to accumulate funds for a church van. As of May 24th, we have

\$2,000.50!

We thank you for your help in building up this fund.

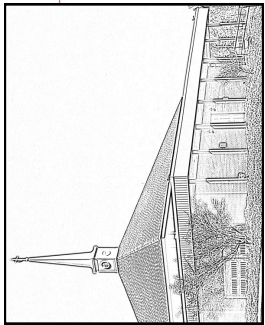




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Craig Baby Shower—2-4 PM</i>
7 <i>P&S Chicken Lunch Fundraiser, see p. 6</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Biscuit Sales—6 AM 'til gone!</i>	12	13
14 <i>Church Council—4:30 PM</i>	15 <i>Lord's Supper Ministry—5 PM</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Kelsey Bengé Wedding—?</i>
21 <i>Father's Day Breakfast—9:30-10:45 AM</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Biscuit Sales—6 AM 'til gone!</i>	26	27
28 <i>UMW—7 PM</i>	29	30	<p><i>Every Wed.:</i> 6 pm: Praise Band 7 pm: Children and Adult Bible studies</p>	<p><i>See p. 4 for Nursery and Acolyte Lists</i></p>	