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Ebenezer's Facebook Pages

Ebenezer United Methodist Church - Dudley Shoals (private group)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church - Dudley Shoals (public group)

We will be using the public group starting in September for announcements, Pastor Alan's Wednesday Updates and the Sunday worship service. We will keep the private group for prayer concerns.

Please "like" the public page. Also, online communion is offered by Pastor Alan on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during the Wednesday update. We will still have communion at the church during worship the 1st Sunday of each month.

"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*



Pastor's Note



Before 2020 I had never pastored in a pandemic. There were no classes about this. To be honest, seminary for me predates easy access to the internet and Facebook, Zoom, Instagram, You Tube and many other things that are now common. The only time I had missed an Easter service was the time my son was being born. I had never preached at a drive-in service. I had never offered communion online. I had never attended Sunday School on a front porch. I had never moved in a pandemic. I had never done orientation on Zoom. I had never had district meetings on Zoom. I had never worn a surgical mask before.

We are facing many things we had never done before as individuals and as a church. As we see how the pandemic proceeds now that school has started, I encourage us to remain flexible. As the saying goes, "Blessed are the flexible, for they will never be bent out of shape." We will be back in the sanctuary one day. We will sing together one day. We will share communion without masks one day. We will have biscuit sales one day. We will have Sunday School in the building one day. We will have Fellowship dinners one day.

When that day will be, I can not say. If we wear our masks, wash our hands, be careful when in public and a vaccine is developed, I hope that day will be sooner rather than later. Until then we will follow the science and listen to those who know more than I do. This is how we can love our neighbor as ourselves. We will get through this and we will be able to see each other's faces. Until then God is in control as God has always been.

In God's grace,
Pastor Alan

If you need to get in touch with Pastor Alan you can:

Call the parsonage: 828-396-2017;

Call or text his cell phone: 386-785-3435;

Email him: agaylord@wnccumc.net

He is also on Facebook under Alan Gaylor.

NOTE: we will continue with parking lot only services for the foreseeable future. Homecoming, etc. may have to be postponed or canceled.

Sunday Services

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:15a Sunday School
- 5:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00p Every FOURTH SUNDAY United Methodist Women

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:00p Teens for Christ (Gr. 6-12)
- 7:00p Bible Study—Children & Adults.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



Special Notes

Church Council Meeting

We will have a church council meeting on **Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** We need to go over our financial situation, and bring the council up-to-date on the church's business.

Special Note

The Nominations and Personnel and the Finance Committees will need to meet in the near future to choose 2021 committee members and set the budget for 2021.

If you wish to volunteer to serve on a committee next year, please contact Pastor Alan or Bleaka Hollar.

Lay Servant Training

We have sent out an email with information on this event. You must register online before September 14th. Call the church office if you need the email to be re-sent.

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

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16, 17 NIV

Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts in *July-August*:

In Memory of Margaret Campbell by: Delores, Bill, & Gary Paul Campbell Larry & Alice Hill

In Memory of Hoke Clark's August 9th Birthday by: Becky Clark



Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.. —Genesis 1:1, 31 NIV

EVOLUTION IS LOSING BY THE NUMBERS

No one can prove that God exists; believing in the existence of God is a matter of faith. Yet, reason plays a part in coming to that belief. God gave us a brain to use, and scientific research is one way that we use that brain. But when our ideology interferes with the facts, our brains are useless. Unfortunately, true science is quickly becoming obsolete—and not because of those who believe in an Ultimate Designer. No, the problem comes from those who cannot stomach the idea of a Designer, and therefore rightful Lawgiver and King of Kings.

“Forty years ago, the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Physiology held a symposium of mathematicians and biologists. The conclusion of the mathematicians, after calculating all of the many wildly improbable layers of assumptions necessary for Darwinism to work, was that the origin and development of life according to Darwin's old, worn out theory was simply impossible. What was the response of the Darwinist biologists? Simply this: The calculations of the mathematicians must be wrong since evolution happened. No evidence or analysis could disprove Darwinism.

What that means is that Darwinists are too lazy and too dumb and too corrupt to look for a more workable scientific theory for the origin and development of life. They view as *science* what props up their creaky ideology, just as Marxists consider their prophets' failed musings as *science*, and Freudians ignore all the utterly unproven assumptions in Freud's theories as *science*, and global warming disciples rewrite old temperature data to conform to their phony theory and consciously suppress data that disproves it.

Scientism is the enemy of science. The triumph of scientism is the death of science. Scientism forecloses alternative theories and demands totalitarian groupthink. No task ahead is more vital than exposing and debunking the invented pseudo-science of scientism. Indeed, if we fail in this task, we are doomed.” —Bruce Walker, *American Thinker*, Aug. 5, 2019

Though there is evidence galore of changes within *kinds* of animals and plants (aka “natural selection”), there is no viable evidence of one *kind* of animal or plant changing into another *kind* of animal or plant (evolution). So-called scientists continue to push old, debunked missing links (hoaxes), but the proof for evolutionary theory remains elusive. Truth is a God thing. Lies, hoaxes, and pretense are Satan's thing. Find the facts, and you find God.

If we Christians accept the theory of evolution and an age of billions of years for the earth and universe, we undermine two important things Christianity is based upon: the Bible as God's Word, and, therefore, truth; and the redemption story. If we cannot accept the 6 days of creation account in

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the front of God's Holy Word, why should we accept anything else in the Bible that we dislike or find problematic? If death was here on earth before Adam and Eve (evolution needs death to be ongoing to work—survival of the fittest), why do we need Christ? How can He possibly save us from an inherit part of this world, instead of the "curse" put upon it by God because of man's rebellion? Is this surrender to the "science" of evolution why so many young people leave the church once they become adults? Is this why so many adults are willing to deny God's Word and follow the culture—because they no longer believe it is God's Word?

For alternative interpretations of the geological and biological records, take a look at some of the articles and videos on the following websites:

www.answersingenesis.org: Answers in Genesis is an apologetics ministry, dedicated to helping Christians defend their faith and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively. We focus on providing answers to questions about the Bible—particularly the book of Genesis—regarding key issues such as creation, evolution, science, and the age of the earth.

www.icr.org: Institute for Creation Research conducts research from a biblical worldview and maintains a website because they "want people to know that God's Word can be trusted in everything it speaks about—from how and why we were made, to how the universe was formed, to how we can know God and receive all He has planned for us."

www.godandscience.org: Evidence for God—is full of articles such as: Answers for Atheists, Design vs. Evolution, Christian Theology with links to youtube.com videos and faith and science associations.

www.biblicalscienceinstitute.com: Biblical Science Institute—creation-themed science ministry exists to help you rationally defend the Christian worldview against those who claim that the Bible is unscientific. Critics assert that science has disproved the Bible, particularly the history recorded in the early chapters of Genesis. The Biblical Science Institute will equip Christians to logically refute such claims and to be encouraged that science confirms the Bible.

October Celebrations

- 3rd—Kevin Simmons
4th—Bleaka Hollar
5th—Gwen Teague
7th—Larry Hill
8th—Jackson Behmer
12th—Skylar Helton
18th—David Crouse
18th—Kenny Silver
19th—Katelyn Little Mareece
21st—Loretta Helton
22nd—Colby Collins
26th—Victoria Coffey
28th—Randy McRary
30th—Felicia Fowler
25th—Larry & Alice Hill
27th—Dale & Flaxen Reid

Happy Anniversary!



September Celebrations



- 4th—B. Dale Reid
4th—Heather Stone
11th—Will McRary
11th—Daniel Simmons
16th—Chris Haas
17th—Tasha Haas
18th—Aubree McCrary
18th—Kenny Silver
19th—Billy Wayne Campbell
20th—Kelly McCrary
21st—Flaxen Brookshire-Reid
24th—Lois Starnes
24th—Louise Teague
30th—Russ Knepp

Happy Anniversary!



- 3rd—Paul & Linda Moretz
7th—Bill & Delores Campbell
9th—Ernest & Peggy Jenkins
10th—Chuck & Tammy Adams
13th—Kevin & Teresa Simmons
25th—Paul & Annette Burson
26th—Wayne & Kim Ellis

Our Military

Kyle Blair
Ricky Garland
Trey Hefner
Shane McRary
Jamie Mullinax
Michael Potts
Hunter Tolbert



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