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Jumbled Thoughts



By Rev. Ryan Bachuss
December 4, 2022

Prepare the way, John the Baptist would say. He was talking of course about preparing your hearts for Jesus. This is the guy who lived in the wilderness and ate locusts and wild honey, this is the guy who screamed at everyone to repent. This is the guy who when the Sadducees and Pharisees came forward he said who warned you all to flee the wrath. John reminds me a bit of those old fire and brimstone tent revival preachers. Except most of them that I have seen wore suits or at least jackets. But everything he said was in preparation for the coming of Christ. He did not bang his chest and say that he is better than anyone else, in fact he said the one coming after me I'm not even worthy to tie his shoes. Quite a statement coming from the one who was the precursor to Jesus. But John knew what it was Jesus was coming to do, John knew that Jesus was not just his cousin but something way more important. John knew Jesus was the one coming to save the world, and not in the way people thought either. John's ministry was welcoming to what Jesus was here to do. John said prepare so you will not feel the wrath of God. That might be a far cry from the grace and love that we normally hear, but it is an important reminder that we are here as Christians to keep the message John preached alive. Prepare for the coming of the Lord, Prepare for the love, peace, joy, and hope that Only Jesus can provide. See you all Sunday.

[Walk with Me](#)

A few years ago, a popular song hit the charts, with a gospel choir singing the chorus, "Jesus walks with me." Behind the lyrics lies a powerful story. The choir was started by jazz musician Curtis Lundy when he entered a treatment program for cocaine addiction. Drawing fellow addicts together and finding inspiration in an old hymnal, he wrote that chorus as a hymn of hope for those in rehab. "We were singing for our lives," one choir member says of the song. "We were asking Jesus to save us, to help us get out of the drugs." Another found that her chronic pain subsided when she sang the song. That choir wasn't just singing words on a sheet but offering desperate prayers for redemption. Today's Scripture reading describes their experience well. In Christ, our God has appeared to offer salvation to all people (Titus 2:11). While eternal life is part of this gift (v. 13), God is working on us now, empowering us to regain self-control, say no to worldly passions, and redeem us for life with Him (vv. 12, 14). As the choir members found, Jesus doesn't just forgive our sins—He frees us from destructive lifestyles. Jesus walks with me. And you. And anyone who cries out to Him for help. He's with us, offering hope for the future and salvation now. **By: Sheridan Voysey**

[From Our Daily Bread](#)

Our Mission Statement

C--Create a community of trust & faith with our neighbors.



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- A---Attend to the physical needs of our neighbors.
- P---Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.



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 36872 Hwy 23
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United Methodists vow to faithfully participate in the church's ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

ATTENDANCE/STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Presley Chapel UMC

In Person Attendance = 30 Online Attendance = 2

General = \$271.00 Building Fund = \$0.00
 Missions - \$58.00
 Mission Fund Balance = \$962.75

Huntsville UMC

In Person Attendance = 32 Online Attendance = 5

General = \$212.76** Building Fund = \$0.00
 Missions = \$11.00
 Mission Fund Balance = \$1,884.65

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Presley Chapel UMC - Happy Birthday:

Liz Law - 4, Sharon Kendrick - 10 **Happy Anniversary:** Ryan & Lyndsey Bachuss - 3

Huntsville UMC - Happy Birthday: Jerod Guillen - 4, Lydia Scates - 9

Happy Anniversary: Ryan & Lyndsey Bachuss - 3



How to support the church through your tithes and offerings...



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If you watch our service on Facebook, please comment or like us so that we can count your attendance.

METHODIST MEN'S CHICKEN PICK-UP:
We need your help! This is an easy way to participate in the ministries of our church. Takes less than two hours to complete. Pickup is at Tyson headquarters in Springdale at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Drop off at Open Arms food pantry. If you would like to help in this great cause, please click the new link and sign up or talk to pastor Ryan.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4DAFAF29A4F4C34-chicken>



We are pushing the confirmation classes to the spring. You may possibly be asked to be a mentor for one of our youth going through confirmation, so please keep an open mind as we prepare our youth to be the church body of the present and the future

Breakfast with the Pastor is back. Join me on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am at the Crossbow for breakfast, a cup of coffee, prayer, or just a conversation.

Reminder to everyone - you have access to our online directory where you can update your photos or your address and phone information. Please keep our directory as updated as possible. If you have questions on how to access this directory, call us in the office.

Just the Girls Having Lunch Christmas party on Dec. 14th @ 11:30 a.m. at HUMC

Bake sale and Hot chocolate at Huntsville UMC on Saturday, December 3rd during the Christmas parade (6 pm). Please remember to pre-price and pre-pack your items.

Huntsville's Children's Christmas program and potluck will be this Sunday during morning worship. Join us and invite all your family to enjoy a great program. Our children's programs are always great fun.

Men's breakfast will be taking a holiday break and will restart in January.

Presley Chapel Ladies Christmas meeting Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 am. We will be decorating the church for Christmas.

Presley Chapel Christmas party and children's program on Sunday Dec. 11th at 5:00 pm



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"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

Romans 8:26-27 New International Version

(NIV)

Rick Cartmell family, Richard Coger, Dawn Whitehead, Gerald Van Brunt, Herb & Violet Richardson, Curtis McFarland, Charles Shuster, Scott McGlocklin, Kaye Doll, Jimmy & Frankie Peacock, Jack Commerford, Katherine Moore, Kelly Whitehead family, JoAnn & Steve Tenpenny, Vera Warner family, Tonya Crow, Ashley Hendrix family, Beth K., Carol Ann Davis, Lori & Robert Trinkle, Lorraine Miller, Thurman Green, Debbie Haas, Rachael Tishner, Gary Freeman, Sharron Croddy, Loretta Oxford, Jerri Harrison, Tarny Robertson, Perry McCord, Amanda McKeith, Lisa Fauela, Chris Myers, Norma Bardow

Our Military Members: JR Lievsay, Steven Davis, Owen Davis, John Commerford, Kimberly (Commerford) Gannott

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers...

Please email your prayer concerns to Pastor Ryan @ ryan.bachuss@arumc.org, huntsville@arumc.org, or presley.chapel@arumc.org.

Pastor Ryan's prayer report:

Denton Grubb would love to have visitors; he is in room 302 at Meadowview. Sharon Croddy is now back at Countryside, Keep her in prayer as she continues to recover from hip surgery. Keep those dealing with Covid in your prayers as well. Continue to pray for Rock and Sarah Hatfield. Kaye Doll is having a difficult time with her treatment's side effects and could use extra prayers right now. Lorraine Miller is recovering at home from a stroke. She has some residual effects so lift her in prayer for total healing.

Recipe of the Week

Cherry Cotton Candy Cookies

(Saw this in the Arkansas Living magazine and thought it sounded good. Submitted by Jacki Spotts, Mountain Home.)

1-16 ounce box angel food cake mix
½ cup maraschino cherry juice (can add water to make ½ cup liquid if needed)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup maraschino cherries, diced

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

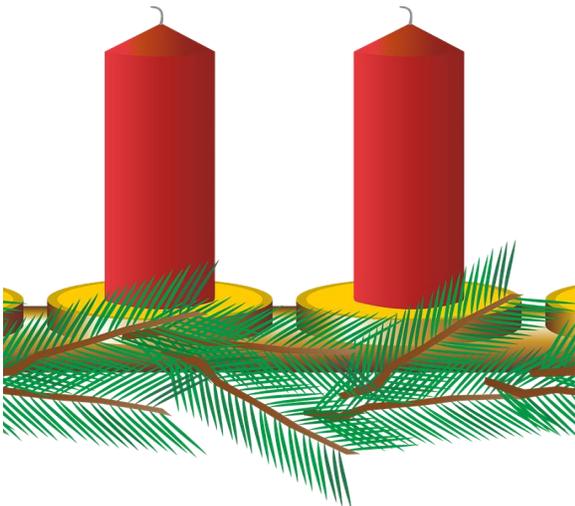
In a large bowl, combine cake mix, maraschino cherry juice and vanilla extract, mixing well. Stir in diced cherries. Drop by spoonfuls onto a parchment-lined baking sheet; about 2 inches apart. Bake for 15-20 minutes and allow to cool.



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Children's Corner

Now we turn our attention to Christmas. There is a season that is going on now called advent. It is a time we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We use this time every year to reflect on all the good that God has done for us and to think about all the hope, joy, love, and peace that knowing Jesus has brought us. Every candle we light represents God's presence with us every reading we do reflects how we are preparing ourselves for Jesus birth. Happy Advent season.



K.I.D.S.

Church isn't always quiet.
Church isn't always Sitting Still.
Church is always ACTIVE!!!
Come find out what we are doing!

Here is the schedule for kidz under construction for

December

4 Christmas program

11 Christmas story time

18 Advent time

25th no kidz meeting

**First Sundays will be Bell Choir
practice each month this fall.**

The children's group will be putting on a bells and carols production during morning worship on December 4th. There will be a potluck lunch after to celebrate the Christmas season together. Also in the month of December, we will be doing a hat, mittens, coat, and socks drive to keep our Elementary children warm. These will be given to the schools at the start of the new semester.



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Youth News!

We are spending time working with our favorite Bible stories right now. I hope that you will join us for fun, food, and learning on Wednesday nights.

If you are scheduled to bring the meal for youth, please plan for 30 youth and adults. We will be providing drinks and desserts for the youth so all you will be needing is a main dish. Remember that we have younger ones now so they should not eat quite as much.

December activities

November 30: Advent begins (Lana)

December 7th: Regular meeting

December 14th Christmas party cookie decorating contest

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Now we turn our attention to Advent season. This is an important time of year as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. How do we prepare, you might ask?

Well, you light candles and do readings that reflect your feelings of hope, love, joy, and peace. You spend time in prayer and you hear the Christmas music that leads to the birth of our king. I guess actually we are throwing a big birthday party. But without all the cake and stuff. I encourage you to listen to the words of the advent readings and reflect on how God is so good to us. Happy Advent season!



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Upcoming Events

December:

*3rd: Bake Sale and Hot Chocolate @ Huntsville During Christmas parade

*4th: Children's program @ Huntsville during morning worship; potluck after service

*7th: Ladies Christmas meeting Presley Chapel

*14th: Just the Girls Christmas meeting Huntsville

*11th: Presley Chapel Christmas social 5:00 p.m.

*24th: Christmas Eve Service @ Huntsville 5:00 p.m. Candlelight service

*25th: Christmas morning combined service @ Presley Chapel 9:30 a.m. Come in your PJ's if you want and have hot chocolate and celebrate Jesus' Birth. Special offering will be taken for Methodist Children's Home Share the light campaign.

*26th-30th: Office will be closed. Pastor Ryan will be on vacation. For emergencies, please call his cell phone or Pam.