



The Good News

September, 2014

FAITH WALK

with Brother Jaimie J. Alexander



In the last few weeks, the Ice Bucket Challenge has quite literally “soaked” the nation. Everyone from Bryan Hickman and Wesley Gernstetter of the FUMC Bella Vista Church family to Justin Timberlake has poured a bucket of ice water over his or her head and challenged others do the same or make a donation to fight ALS within twenty

four hours in person, on face book, and by livestream. With only about half of the general public knowledgeable about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, the Ice Bucket Challenge is making a profound difference by making people aware of ALS. Since July 29, the Association has welcomed more than 70,000 new donors to the cause and more at the this reading.

When I read “The Sermon on Mount” in the Gospel of Matthew, I hear its message that is also an ice bucket challenge to believers. Jesus’ teachings are challenging instructions on how we are to honor God and live in a world of chaos with each other. The **Sermon on the Mount** is a collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus, which emphasizes his moral teaching found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5,6, & 7. It is the first of the five Discourses of Matthew and takes place relatively early in the Ministry of Jesus after he has been baptized by John the Baptist and has preached in Galilee. The September Sermon Series will focus on “Christ’s Ice Bucket Challenge” to us as found in the Sermon on the Mount.



At the end of September, I will be part of a team traveling to Uganda for 2 weeks. When the invitation came to be part of this mission team, I felt a stirring of God deep in my heart to be part of what God is doing that is bigger than my understanding. After a time of prayerful consideration, I committed to go. The purpose of the trip is to experience the love and generosity of Ugandans, see firsthand the challenges of poverty they live and work with, and to experience God’s amazing power through connecting with followers of Christ in Africa, and finally, to experience God’s creation through viewing African wildlife in their natural habitat and celebrating a trip and work dedicated to God through being part of the work of empowering leadership skills with process improvement skills and solutions to maximize work efficiencies and operations in Africa. The trip will be lead by Chad Smith of Bella Vista and team members from other areas of the United States. I ask for your prayers for the team. Please pray for Godly wisdom, determined attitude, a productive time, great health, and openness to the Holy Spirit for the team members and others.



In August, we welcomed Mrs. Brenda Wideman as a Perkins School of Theology Ministry Intern. Brenda will serve through May 2015 with the FUMC Bella Vista church family. Our role for Brenda is to be a teaching congregation that helps her to develop pastoral skills of ministry. To assist her in the process she will meet monthly with a Lay Teaching Committee. The members of her Lay Teaching Committee are Chair Noah Pittman, Dixie Young, Ewart Scarff, Vicki Forrest, Bryan Hickman, Katrina Sparlin, Roger Scoles, and Rev. Sue Metcalf. It is an exciting time for both Brenda and for the FUMC Bella Vista family to share in this time of learning and time of experiencing the ministry of Jesus Christ.



Last but not least, thank you to all the persons who participated in “SUPERCHARGED” on Friday August 15. It was a time of great blessing and fun as we worked together as a church family to welcome persons to the church. It took many people to make this event happen and I thank each of you for your time spent in ministry.

God is faithful!

Bro. Jaimie



Epistles from Pastor Zach



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Jeremiah 29:11

When Eli was younger, Kerry and I loved to go on walks with him, and Eli loves to be outside no matter what, so he loved to go on walks. Now we take all three on walks (mainly because we would get in trouble if we left one at home). But as Eli learned to walk he did not like to sit and be pushed in his stroller. He wanted to be the one pushing the stroller (which completely defeated the purpose), but if we were not in a hurry I would let him push. At this point we would immediately begin to zigzag down the sidewalk and start going up people's driveways and doing all sorts of other things. When I would put my hand on the stroller to help guide him and show him the quickest way, Eli would immediately slap my hand and say "I DO IT, DADDY, I DO IT!" Even though I am his father and I want what is best for him, and I know the fastest, easiest way to get home without all of the obstacles that lie ahead, there are times that I just have to let Eli do it and learn for himself.

I can't help but think about this same interaction and our relationship with God. As the scripture said, God has wonderful plans for us and he knows the safest and easiest way "home." But how many of us, when we feel God trying to guide and direct us, will reach up and slap God's hand away and say, "I DO IT!!" Then because God lets us make our own decisions, he has to let go and let us learn for ourselves. After we zigzag along, most of the time we finally end up back where God was trying to get us to go all along; and it would have been so much faster and easier if we would have just let God guide us to begin with. May we all learn to trust in God and allow him to direct our paths.



Join Pastor Zach and Kerry, beginning Sunday, September 28 at 4:00pm as they begin 6 Sessions on "Discovering a Deeper Intimacy with God Through Your Marriage"

Sacred Marriage-What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy . . . but holy? And, what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God?

Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Sacred Marriage shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.

Everything about your marriage—everything from the history you and your spouse create, to the love you share, to the forgiveness you both offer and seek by turn—is filled with the capacity to help you grow in Christ's character. This six-session, small group DVD curriculum will equip you to love God more passionately, reflect the nature of his Son more precisely, and fulfill God's overarching purpose for your marriage. Childcare will be provided. Sessions include:

- God's Purpose for Marriage: More Than We Imagine
- The Refining Power of Marriage
- The God-Centered Spouse
- Sacred History
- Sexual Saints
- Marriage: The Love Laboratory

In Christ, *Pastor Zach*



Joining in the Journey Together

Everyone wants to know, “So what’s with this new intern person?
What’s she supposed to do?”

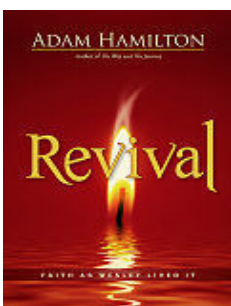
Well, here’s some of the answer to that.... I’m still a student, an apprentice, still learning how to do ministry, still learning about God, still learning how to get to a point to be able to complete my Master of Divinity degree for Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas. I have been doing theology by the book for over three years. Now it is time to engage in full-time ministry and to do theology by real life, to see God in everyday experiences, in life, in all of you.

God will be teaching me through you. Yes, I have a responsibility to engage in ministry with the pastors, staff, and laity team of this faith family. Yes, I will be helping to do visitation to those of you who are going through illness and surgeries. Yes, I will be helping to lead in worship: reading, praying, and preaching. Yes, I have a responsibility to put structure on a grief ministry that will serve the needs of this faith family and the surrounding community. Yes, I have a responsibility to write papers (and write papers and write papers...) to turn in to my Perkins faculty advisor – remember I’m still a student, and Perkins faculty absolutely love papers. Yes, I have a Lay Teaching Committee (LTC) I must meet with and report to and who report to Perkins on my behalf – a group of your very own lay people, who will watch over me and let me know (and Perkins know) how I am doing. (Thanks so much to those who are a part of this LTC!) These are among the things I will be doing.

But most importantly, I will be listening with each of you to hear God more clearly; I will be loving with each of you to love Christ more dearly; and I will be learning and growing with each of you as we are led by the Holy Spirit to be more mature Christians along the Way. All of you will help me with this and I thank you ever so much for being willing to be a part of this.

I thank you also, for I have been truly up-lifted by your warm welcome into this faith family, and I am so very excited about the months ahead as we Join in this Journey together.

Blessings, *Brenda Wideman*, Ministerial Intern



“Revival ~ Faith as Wesley Lived It”

The time is the early 1700’s. The Protestant Reformation is about 200 years old. The established church and political foundation for society in Britain is and has been the Anglican Church, The Church of England. The Age of Enlightenment, Age of Reason, is a couple of decades old. In this cultural shift, reason and science are valued over faith and tradition and individualism is valued over community. From this backdrop emerges John Wesley, an Anglican priest and a man of deep faith. His unrest at the loss of the

“holiness of heart” in both church and society and his insight that the Divine-human relationship is sorely needed led to a movement and revival of faith that spread like wildfire throughout England and America. This movement of Methodism changed the world at that time.

John Wesley’s message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians – calling for revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might also be changed.

Join Adam Hamilton and us in this six-week journey to England, through Wesley’s land, life, ministry, and teachings. For Methodists, Wesleyans, and all Christians, Wesley’s story is our story, defining our faith and challenging us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Be watching for more details of this study coming in October and led by Brother Jaimie Alexander and intern Brenda Wideman.



VISTA KIDS



After a nice summer break, the WOW VBS followed by SUPERCHARGED was exactly what we needed to kick start a great fall and winter with Vista Kids! Supercharged was such a special event for me to be a part of - not just because of the fun way we were able to welcome the community to our church, but because of what happened within our church to make it a reality! It was my privilege to work with all of the people serving on the Evangelism team to accomplish our vision of reaching out during a crucial part of families lives -- back to school time. There is no better way to enjoy someone's talents than to work along side of them! I have been blessed to experience thoughtful and compassionate leadership of Maryann Johnson, the constant and knowledgeable presence of Keith Sterwald and all those who have made our downstairs come alive and the smiling, can-do attitude of all those involved in leading Vista Kids to **Love through Worship, Learn God's Word, and Lead Others to Christ.**

Our **Special Needs Ministry** team is growing and has a passion to open our doors wide! We've set dates for our popular **rEcess** program, a parent's night out for families with special needs children and their siblings. Our first date is coming up in September, so please don't miss this opportunity to hold a child's hand, bring a smile to his/her face and provide a breath of compassion to his/her parents. Contact the office and let them know you are interested in helping out. All **rEcess** evenings are held on a Saturday evening at the church from 5-9 pm. **YES, YOU CAN DO THIS!** Say "yes", you won't regret it. See the *Upcoming Dates* for the first date.

Our Sunday School team is so excited to offer some new opportunities! We will begin offering a **FULLY STAFFED nursery** for the 9:30 service. When is the last time you had a baby on your lap? We offer rocking chairs, cribs, changing tables and lots of cute little toys for your hour of bliss! This is a PERFECT opportunity if you regularly attend the 8:00 am or 10:45 service. You can volunteer once a month or even once every two months and provide a huge service to

parents who need a little quiet time and a thoughtful message to center them for the upcoming week. Please let the office know when you decide **YES!** I'll contact you to find a date that works best with your schedule.

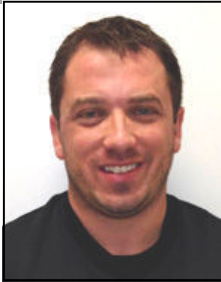
Also, we will be offering a **new toddlers & twos class**, allowing our 3 & 4 year children a more consistent learning environment. This class will have a lead teacher, but will also require a volunteer as our other classes do. The expected class size in Toddlers & Twos is presently 7 children.

Upcoming dates

- September 20; 5-9 pm: **rEcess** (there will be an actual event & training for new people at the same time).
- October 10; 5:30-8pm: **Friday Nite at Sunday School**. If you have children from infant - 6th grade, please plan on attending! We will offer dinner (pizza) and introduce you to our new Sunday School layout. We will also be registering children in our new check in system and signing up parents for the **SS volunteer rotation** (yep, it's time and if we all do it, it won't be TOO BAD!)
- November 8; 4-7pm : **Faith and Family Night Celebrating Special Needs**: This community-wide night will feature a potluck (with ingredient card for those with special dietary needs), worship & music! The shortened worship time will present a special testimony by Michael Bolin, who shares his message of hope and belief of God's miracles today! **Please put this on your calendar** -- you will NOT want to be the one who has to listen into the buzz from your friends about this evening! All are invited, and be on the lookout outside Becker Hall for the potluck signup.

People of FUMC, **THIS is the time!** Don't let another day slip by with out reaching out your hand to build our ministry and serve your friends, your community and your Lord! Each day we have is but a gift. **PASS IT ON!**

With love, *Kristin Crider*,
Director of Children's Ministries



YOUTH LIFE

No major events are coming up for the youth. As they start a new school year, please keep them in your prayers. Many are moving to high school or junior high. A few are in their last year. The big Senior year!

As many of you have seen, the downstairs looks amazing. Many thanks to all who helped make this a success. The Bishop loved it and feels that great things will happen at our church, and he was impressed at how everyone supports each other.



I have not forgotten the second meal for all who supported the youth Mission Trip. I am looking at a Sunday in September to do a nice lunch. Keep an eye out on Facebook and announcements in the bulletin for the date. Again, thank you for all your support in making our Mission Trip such a success.



Also, please look up Jason Wiles photography on Facebook and "like" it. He has produced a wonderful picture of the church. If you have not seen it, it is in the office. Prints are available for \$50. All proceeds support the youth.

Please sign up in the church office for Wednesday night dinners for youth. There are about 15 to 20 to feed. Most of the youth come straight from after-school activities to our Wednesday night youth group, with no time to eat dinner. Also, if anyone can donate school supplies for our youth area, please feel free. We need anything that can be given. As always please feel free to find me on Sunday to talk or ask any questions. Again, thanks for your love prayers and dedication to the youth of the church. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. Amen.

David Hanson, Youth Director

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OUR FAMILY



Each month this space is used to tell about the people who are part of our church family. If you know of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, hole in one, community recognition, someone moving away or moving in, whatever the rest of the church might like to know to keep up with folks, let me know so I can include the information in these pages. Send

your information to Jan Lowe, Congregational Care Minister at jan@lovelearnlead.com, or 531-0381 or at the church, 855-1158.

NEW MEMBERS



Kelly and Wayne Parham joined the church on August 3, 2014 at The Well service. They bring with them five children from their blended marriage; son Michael Parham lives away from home. Hayden Johnson (18), Halle Johnson (15), Blake Elizabeth Johnson (11), and youngest son, Edward (Eddie) Parham, (8).

Home is now Bella Vista, but they lived in Tulsa, OK all their lives. Kelly and Wayne grew up together, and attended New Haven Methodist Church. Wayne is a computer engineer, self-employed. Kelly is a former ballet dancer, and mortgage broker, turned housewife.

Wayne likes acoustics, automobiles, and motorcycles. Kelly likes dancing, motorcycles, and

decorating the house. They manage to keep busy with these things and spending time with their family. They are members of the Sunrise Shepherd Group.

Welcome the Parham family the next time you see them at the Contemporary service.

Mark and Sarah Lucht became members of



FUMC at the 8am service on August 10. The Luchts call Iowa their home even though they haven't lived there in over 20 years. But they did go to school there. They finished their working careers in California where

they managed a steel service center. Their First Friend is Carmen Heck, Sarah's aunt.

They came to Bella Vista seeking an active retirement community. Mark enjoys golf, DIY projects, walking and hiking. Sarah enjoys knitting, walking, and hiking.

Scott and Brenna Drindak became members on

August 10 at *The Well* Contemporary service.

Allen and Phyllis Janssen are their First Friends and they are members of the Good 18 Shepherd Group.

Scott moved to this area from Colorado in 1978, where he has worked for Airbus for 19 years. Brenna has





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an Arkansas Adjuster's license and works at WalMart. Brenna graduated from the UofA with a bachelor's in History.

They moved to Bella Vista from Springdale hoping to enjoy a "quieter" area. They attended the Methodist church in Springdale, but love the contemporary service here in Bella Vista.

They ride motorcycles, hike, read, visit with kids and grandkids. They love to travel, go on cruises, etc. They also like to visit American Civil War parks and read historical books. Music is a love for them, as well.

Brenna is in the DAR and VDC, does genealogy, and she just started a quilting class.

Scott, a USMC veteran, loves guns and military memorabilia.

We are glad the Drindaks got away from the busy lifestyle of Springdale. Welcome Scott and Brenna.

John and Sharon Lindsey became members of our church at the 10:45 service on August 10. Sharon is Jan Abbott's sister, and the Abbotts quickly volunteered to be "First Friends" for John and Sharon. The Abbotts had been working on the Lindsey's to



move to Bella Vista. Now they say it was the best move they ever made. The Lindsey's are members of the Agape Shepherd Group.

John and Sharon call Little Rock, AR home. John spent 33 years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Now, he is looking forward to spending

time fishing, while Sharon likes to play cards. Both have started bowling since moving here. They also spend time gardening.

Welcome to FUMC, John and Sharon.

Robert (Bob) and Betty Reynolds joined the church on August 10 at the 10:45am service. They remain members of the For God Shepherd Group, one they have attended even prior to joining the church. Dixie Young is their "First Friend."



Both of the Reynolds' attended grade school and high school in Coffey Co. Kansas. They both graduated from Emporia, KS. Bob enlisted in the USAF and served in Korea during the war.

Jan Davidson was instrumental in getting Betty to join the Martha Circle where she continues as a member. Their grandson is credited with getting them to move to Bella Vista.

Betty enjoys painting, watercolor, and acrylic. Although she would not offer it, her work has been published several times. Bob enjoys reading, watching football, and baseball, and woodworking.

Together they like to visit family, take care of their home and yard.

Welcome to these good friends, whom many of you already know well.

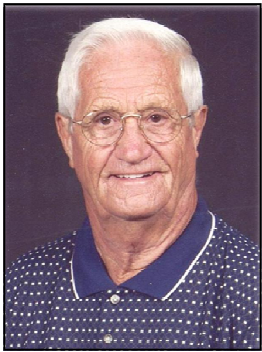


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DECEASED

Douglas Young, 57, son of Pat Young, died as the result of a car accident on Highway 49, near Joplin, MO on Sunday, August 27, 2014. Pat's daughter-in-law, Marie, her granddaughter, Tricia, and her grandson, Daniel all survived the crash, with injuries. Please continue prayers for Pat and her family.

Bobby Cox died Tuesday, July 29, at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville. Although Bobby had been ill, his death was sudden and completely unexpected. A memorial service was held at the church on August 9 at 10am. Please pray for Diane and their family as they grieve his loss.



Vicki Jones, 66, died Tuesday, Aug 26 at Circle of Life Hospice, in Bentonville. Vicki and husband Neil have been attending FUMC, BV for about two years. She has battled cancer most of those two years. A funeral service was held at Bella Vista Funeral Home on Friday, Aug 29. A meal was provided for the family at the church.



SOARING SOLOS

Sept 12/13, Friday & Saturday Overnight bus trip – Eureka Springs for the Passion Play and optional 3-hour Holy Land Tour. Hotel accommodations \$36 each for shared double queen bedroom. One room left.

Soaring Solos (continued)

Sept 22, Monday night – Taco Potluck at church in the chapel at 5:30pm. We'll build our taco's the same as we did the pizzas. You can sign up for what you want to bring when you make your reservation.

To sign up for any activities or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of upcoming Soaring Solo activities and events, just send an e-mail to jan@lovelearnlead.com or call Jan at 531-0381. Church members are encouraged to invite others to join in our activities. You don't have to be a member of our church to participate in outings, just single.

SANCTIFIED CLASSIFIEDS

Indoor Plant Waterer—take over established route. Choose Tues and/or Friday to go through the building watering the plants. It will take about fifteen minutes from start to finish.

Sunday Bus Drivers—to cover for regular drivers during vacations, and as needed. Please see Bob Kennedy for more information.

Car/Parking Lot Attendants' Leader and Attendants—Need one person to take Duane Pommerenke's place in overseeing volunteers to help park cars for 4 or 5 big events during the year (Pancake Days, Bazaar, Rummage Sale, and Supercharged). Taking on this responsibility for 2 years would be great. Attendants are also needed.

Coffee Service—Three people are needed to help with coffee service one Sunday a month (12 times a year), for the 9:30a.m. (Contemporary) service. The job is during the 9:30 service, and for about 15 minutes following the service. Please contact Jan Lowe for more information or to sign up.

Sunday Office Angel—7:30am till 9:30 or 9:30am till noon, to answer phones, make copies, if needed, sign people up for various programs and events of the church. This requires someone whose gift is hostessing.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Frank & Bobbie Dees
- 2 Frank & Marilyn Kostal
- 10 John & Janie Koonce
- 17 Dave & Lynn Broers
- 28 Wilbur & Marion Best



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Edward Parham (8)
- 2 Marilyn Kostal
- 3 Karen Dove
- 3 Owen Drish (10)
- 4 Dawn Thompson
- 5 Shannon Wicker
- 7 Kayla Wicker (5)
- 9 Trudy Baird
- 9 Martha Grant
- 10 Kamryn Baker
- 10 Jack Etheredge
- 10 Wayne Horner
- 10 Wayne Parham
- 11 Billy Jerman
- 11 Norma McLain
- 12 Connie Clark
- 12 Nona Storck
- 13 Donna Gaudet
- 13 Syble Highfill
- 14 Jan Lowe
- 15 Joyce Connell
- 15 Peggy Henault
- 16 Karen Bacon
- 16 Johnny Rayburn
- 18 Gary Tomlinson
- 19 Pat Mayer

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)



- 20 Bro. Jaimie Alexander
- 20 Chloe Jorgensen (9)
- 20 John Koonce
- 20 Maxine Paullin
- 20 Lois Wakefield
- 21 Patsy Attaway
- 21 Kyler Baker (8)
- 21 Morgan Drish
- 22 Shirley Davenport
- 22 Amy Fulton
- 23 Patricia Brannon
- 23 Julia Crider (9)
- 23 Aggie Danenhauer
- 23 Greg Franklin
- 24 Marion Best
- 24 Kitty Polich
- 25 Haylee Johnson (15)
- 25 Brennon McCarthy (6)
- 25 Diane Verville
- 26 Piper Engle (11)
- 26 Stan Robinson
- 26 Karen Roenfeld
- 27 Eldon Cox
- 27 Scott Drindak
- 27 Georgiana Green
- 27 Michael Parham
- 28 Danette Baker
- 30 Carol Cheek
- 30 Cathy Wilmoth



MISSIONS

VIM – Disaster Relief and Preparedness

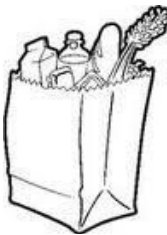
UMCOR is still very active in Mayflower and Vilonia. Janice and Byron Mann are on the ground there and have committed for a year. Volunteers will be needed for at least a year, likely longer.

From September 8-11, 2014 Hal Shope and Marianne Zotti will be attending the SCJ Disaster Academy at Camp Canyon, an hour west of Oklahoma City. All levels of training will be available from ERT to long term recovery and spiritual/emotional care. Anyone who is interested can attend this training. Contact Hal or Marianne for more information.

UMCOR has requested to do a church preparedness workshop here at FUMCBV. Later this fall we will try to get that organized.

Pak A Sak

Havenwood will receive our collection of food on September 21st. Women and children living at this non-profit home are trying to turn around their lives, and have difficulty making ends meet each month. Their food Pantry is in need of all types of **READY TO HEAT AND EAT ITEMS**. Especially soup, stew, pasta, tuna, Spam, mac&cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit.



SAGER BROWN VIM TRIP

Due to scheduling conflicts, our trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA has been put on hold for this year.



However, the Arkansas Conference has trips scheduled. The October 23-27, 2015 is wide open with 20 spots available. Ten slots are available for the March 23-27, 2015 trip. Contact Byron at vim@arumc.org for more information.

MISSION of the MONTH Red Bird Mission



Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these

needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a K-12 school and an early childhood development program for 3 and 4 year-old children.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically undeserved.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area. Volunteers in mission service come and help with the refurbishment of homes, low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store and local crafter's wares are marketed to a wide area through the craft marketing ministry. A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. Over the years the Mission has enjoyed wide support in The United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. In recent years we have seen a decline in the support we are receiving.. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help us continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.



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One More to Go!

One big hurdle, the Rummage Sale, is over! So now we have one more, big UMW fund raiser left for this year. We hope you've all set aside the first weekend in October for **THE BAZAAR**. If you are not acquainted with this event, it is similar to the Rummage Sale in that we pretty much take over the top floor of the church to sell many homemade, homegrown or home-baked items with ALL proceeds going to missions. Many ladies have been faithfully attending the workshops and hopefully, many folks have been working at home on handmade crafts. If so, we would appreciate receiving them as early this month as possible so we can price them. Dropping them off on Thursday morning would be best but otherwise just bring them to the office. It is helpful if you attach a suggested sale price. We also have a section for plants, books, food items and extra special "Dignified Discards". Watch the bulletin for announcements as to when to drop them off.

And then we have to ask your help one more time on the actual sale day of **Saturday, October 4th**. As usual, an event like this takes many willing hands to make it a success, and it really is fun working with your fellow churchgoers. There will be a **sign-up sheet on the UMW bulletin board** in the back of **Becker Hall**. If you're not sure where you can help, there will be a section for that and we will call you. If you have any questions, talk to any UMW member or call Verna at 876-1392.

Caregivers Support Group Meeting Monday, September 8th at 9 a.m. in the chapel

Statistics are very revealing pieces of data that give insight as how our lives may play out in the future. One of the revealing statistics for the majority of seniors age 70 and over is that there are typically two types of people; family caregivers and their care recipients. In many instances the caregiver often becomes a care recipient as well because of the additional stress and physical demands that they deal with on a daily basis. At some point, decisions need to be made that require legal documents. Issues of health care directives, guardianship, long term care are just a few areas where appropriate legal documents come into play. The preparation of appropriate legal documents can also help resolve family conflict when health care and other decisions must be made. Knowledge is power. *Come hear elder law attorney Tom Morris talk you through avoiding the legal entanglements of dealing with issues often encountered by the primary caregiver. You will have the opportunity to ask questions relative to your own specific circumstances.*

UNITED METHODIST MEN ~ UMM

To all men of the church – the September meeting of United Methodist Men will take place in Becker Hall on Wednesday, the 10th at 6:30pm. Frank Anderson, Mayor of Bella Vista, will present the program. The meal will be Chicken Fried Steak, Scalloped potatoes, corn and salad from Papa Mike's.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will hold their quarterly luncheon on Wednesday, September 24, beginning with quiet time in Becker Hall at 11:45am. The program will be presented by Sharon Sunderman, Schedule Coordinator for Bella Vista Courtesy Van. The menu will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread and a light dessert. The lunch is \$7.00. Reservations need to be turned into your circles or Sue Nebrig by Sunday, September 21st.



Northwest District Conference

Join us Sunday, September 14, for our 2014 District Conference
Heritage UMC (1604 East Pointer Trail in Van Buren, AR).

This year we are offering several workshops before we begin the business session. The focus of these workshops will be how a particular area can help a church achieve the Conference trajectory: *"Creating vital congregations that make disciples who make disciples for the transformation of lives, communities and the world."* Laity & clergy are invited to attend the workshops! Please contact our church office to sign up.

The following workshops will be offered:

- Evangelism - Rev. Wes Hilliard, senior pastor, Heritage UMC
- Mission and Disaster - Rev. Troy Conrad, District Mission & Disaster co-coordinator
- Children Ministries - Karen Swales, coordinator, Conference Children's Ministries
- Youth Ministries - Brooke Crumpler, Northwest District Youth co-coordinator
- Lay Servant Ministries: "What You Need To Know"
Elizabeth Curtis, NW District Lay Servant Ministries Director
- Technology — Butch Renfro, AR Conference Center for Technology, will be available to help pastors and laity complete the process of setting up their arumc.org emails, passwords, and "how to forward" questions.

Schedule of Events

2:30pm - 3:00pm: Gathering & Fellowship	3:00pm - 3:45pm: Workshops
4:00pm - 4:30pm: Business Session	4:30pm - 5:30pm: Worship - Revival!

WESLEY CONCERT SERIES

British Rarities ~ A recital featuring British Art Songs of the 20th Century with David White, Tenor and Broc Hite, Piano ~ Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 3p.m. in the Sanctuary. There is no admission charge; a free will offering is accepted.

The idea for this concert grew out of a series of conversations between myself and David White during a visit to England in the summer of 2013 when we were both members of the choir of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. We were engaged in "Residences" at Bristol and Worcester Cathedrals at the time, which meant that the G&HT choir was taking over responsibility for the music used in the Cathedrals' daily worship services, while their regular choirs were on vacation.

During some of the breaks in our singing duties, and over several dinners and pints, David and I discovered that we shared a fondness for the

poetry of Thomas Hardy, A.E. Houseman, Ivor Gurney and several other early 20th Century British poets; and that we also particularly enjoyed singing the music of British composers like Ralph Vaughn Williams, Gerald Finzi, Ivor Gurney, George Butterworth and Benjamin Britten. So it seemed only natural that a concert uniting the elements of British verse with music by British composers would be a natural outcome of our discussions.

I knew that our Wesley Series at Bella Vista First United Methodist Church would be an almost perfect venue for such a program. Not only that, but we were also fortunate to have an exceptional accompanist, Broc Hite, on our church staff who would be able to provide a singer with the kind of musical partnership that a program of this type requires. Enjoy!

Dr. Larry Zehring, Director of Music Ministries



EDUCATION

Adult Bible Study

Prayer, Finding the Heart's True Home

"... the heart of God is an open wound of love. He aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to him. He grieves that we have forgotten him. He weeps over our obsession with muchness and manyness. He longs for our presence."

"Prayer ushers us into the Holy of Holies, where we bow before the deepest mysteries of the faith. . ."

A Fall Bible Study, using Richard J. Foster's book *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*, will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd at 4:00 PM. The study, facilitated by Rev. Albert Fisher, will seek to help the participants understand the experiences of prayer and the character of our dialogues with God. Evening classes can also be schedule if there is interest.

There are hundreds of books on prayer, and much of the advice they contain is likely to be the same. So what distinguishes Foster's book from others? Call it a kind of wisdom, a sense that here is someone who knows something of God's heart. Richard Foster explores various aspects of prayer, which he defines in one place as *"the human response to the perpetual outpouring of love by which God lays siege to every soul."*

Beginning with the simplest forms of prayer—what he calls "ordinary people bringing ... ordinary concerns to a loving and compassionate Father"—he then explores the deeper places where prayer becomes not simply petition but a way of life. He shows how prayer can move us inward into personal transformation, upward toward intimacy with God, and outward to minister to others. He leads us beyond questions to a deeper understanding and practice of prayer, bringing us closer to God, to ourselves, and to our community.

Coming to prayer is like coming home, Foster says. "Nothing feels more right, more like what we are created to be and to do. Yet at the same time we are confronted with great mysteries. Who hasn't struggled with the puzzle of unanswered prayer? Who hasn't wondered how a finite person can commune with the infinite Creator of the universe? Who hasn't questioned whether prayer isn't merely psychological manipulation after all? We do our best, of course, to answer these knotty questions but when all is said and done, there is a sense in which these mysteries remain unanswered and unanswerable. . . At such times we must learn to become comfortable with the mystery."

This study will help you to understand, experience, and practice pray in its many forms—from the simple prayer of beginning to the power of unceasing prayer. It will help you clarify the prayer process, answers common misconceptions, and shows the way into prayers of contemplation, healing, blessing, forgiveness, and rest.

For registration and/or questions, contact Albert at 903-271-2738 or aefisher1@att.net

The Class Cost is \$20.00 for a copy of Richard Foster's Book

Alan Packard will be facilitating two new classes this fall. The first class is a **Disciple III**, beginning Wednesday, September 17 from 9:00am to 11:30am in the Chapel. This 32-week Bible study is a continuation of Disciple I and II. The second class is **"Jesus in the Gospels"**, beginning Friday, September 19 from 9:00am to 11:30am in Room 6. Please sign up for the classes in the office. Contact Alan with any questions.



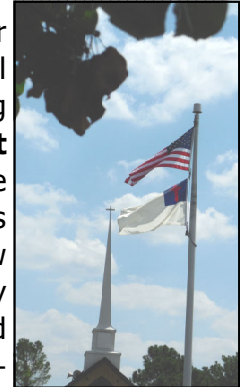
THANK YOU

Dear Jaimie, Thank you so much for a great day Yesterday. I was so impressed with your people, your staff, and your leadership. In particular, my heart was warmed as I saw first-hand evidence of a church reaching its mission field to welcome children, youth, and young families. It goes without saying, of course, that I thoroughly enjoyed lunch. The food was delicious and the company delightful. God bless you, my Brother. Grace and Peace, *Gary (Bishop Gary Mueller)*

I want to thank all of BVFUMC for their cards, calls, and e-mails while I have been in AZ. for surgery and recovery. The connection to home and my church means everything to me. It has made the 8 weeks go by faster. Thank you all. *Sue Nebrig*

On behalf of the UMW, we want to say a HUGE "Thank You" to every one of the folks who contributed to the Rummage Sale's success. Whether you donated items, your time, your muscles or came and purchased things ~ all of it is greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to local charities that help women and children. Again thank you for your support. *Co Ellen Sterwald & Julie Fischer*



Don't know if you've noticed or not, but we have two beautiful new Flags. The American Flag was donated by **Rev. Albert Fisher** and was flown over the White House in our nation's Capitol on May 6, 2004. The new Christian flag was donated by **Phoebe Bader** (this is her second flag donation). With our ever-changing and sometimes extreme Arkansas weather conditions, our flags last about a year before they need to be replaced. Next time you see these two generous individuals, please tell them "Thank You"!



Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your worship service this past Sunday. Your congregation made me feel quite at home. From the moment I entered your church and was greeted at the door to the warmth extended to me showed me just how "Christ-like" your congregation is. On behalf of Gideons International and the NWA Gideon Camp, I want to thank you for your offering. In His service, *John Spunaugle*

JULY 2014 FINANCIAL DATA				2014	Compare
		* =	-Endowment	Budget	2013
Month to date (as of 7/31/14)	Actual Receipts	*	\$48,024	\$52,924	* \$42,888
Month to date (as of 7/31/14)	Actual Expenses		\$58,535	\$52,924	\$47,872
	Month of JUNE		-\$10,511		\$741
Year to date	Actual Receipts	*	\$374,920	\$370,464	* \$329,195
Year to date	Actual Expenses		\$378,247	\$370,464	\$340,748
	YTD		-\$3,327		-\$11,553
Operating Account:					
					-\$19,728

September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CHURCH CLOSED <i>Have a safe Labor Day</i> 	2 9:50 Golf-Scotsdale 4:00 Fisher Bible Study 6:00 Wideman Committee	3 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:30 UMW Brd Mtng 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	4 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 9:33 Golf-Highlands	5	6 8:00 Shriners Auctn 8:30 Young at Heart 9:00 Amp Big Book
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14 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice	15 7:34 Golf-Highlands 9:00 Martha Circle 9:30 PEO-CD 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 By the Book	16 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:24 Golf-CC 11:30 Moving Forward 1:00 Naomi Circle 1:00 BV Book Club 4:00 Meals on Wheels 4:00 Fisher Bible Study	17 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple III 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	18 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:32 Golf-Scotsdale 6:30 Evening Circle	19 9:00 Gospels Study 5:00 Hay Days	20 9:00 Amp Big Book 10:00 Hay Days 5:00 rEcess
21 PAK A SAK MUSIC APPRECIATION 7:05 Handbell Practice 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Service 9:30 "The Well" Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Service 1:00 UMC Golf Challenge 2:00 Wesley Concert	22 7:34 Golf-CC 9:00 Care Givers Spprt 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:45 Women's Chorus 12:00 Calico Cut-ups 5:30 Soaring Solos 6:00 By the Book	23 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:49 Golf-Berksdale 3:00 BV Library Brd 4:00 Meals on Wheels Brd 4:00 Fisher Bible Study	24 7:30 Men's Emmaus 8:30 Bible Study 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Disciple III 11:45 UMW Luncheon 3:40 Chancel Bells 5:30 Prayer Service 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Life	25 8:00 Men's Chorus 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:58 Golf-Berksdale	26 9:00 Gospels Study	27 9:00 Amp Big Book
28 7:30 Praise Tm rehrsl 8:00 Traditional Srvice 9:30 "The Well" Srvice 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Traditional Srvice 2:00 Band Concert 4:00 Marriage & God	29 9:58 Golf-Kingsdale 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:45 Women's Chorus 6:00 By the Book	30 10:00 Prayer Shawl 10:58 Golf-Scotsdale 4:00 Fisher Bible Study	1	2	3	4 UMW BAZAAR 

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST and HIGHLANDS CHURCH **12th ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING and DINNER**

WHEN: Sunday, September 21, 2014 - Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

WHERE: Kingswood Golf Course

FORMAT: 2 person scramble, shotgun start

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: PaPa Mike's Restaurant

Details: We will play a two person scramble made up of couples, men or women teams. Pairings will be one team from each church. We will try to pair couples with couples, men with men and women with women. Green fees and cart rentals are payable to the golf course.

Scoring: Team scores will be totaled separately by church and divided by the number of teams to obtain an average score. The church with the lowest average score will receive the traveling trophy.

Fellowship Awards Dinner immediately follows the tournament (about 5:30pm) at PaPa Mike's. All church members and guests are invited. Cost is \$10 per person.

Sign up for golf and/or dinner on sheets provided in the office no later than Sunday, September 7th. Make checks payable to: United Methodist Men's Club. Turn in fees to the Church Office or mail to Jim Prather, U M C Golf & Picnic, 33 Cambria Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715-1503.

Join us in this Twelfth Annual United Methodist Golf and Fellowship Outing. If you don't play golf, still come for the picnic and fellowship!

