

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

I was looking through some articles I wrote before and found this story from November of 2005 I wanted to share again.

A remarkable story broke recently about a high school football player from Ohio. His circumstances came to national attention because of a decision made by an official. Bobby Martin of Dayton was born with no legs. Yet, he had already played in five football games this season when an official kicked him out of the game for not wearing shoes or kneepads.

Bobby's story is inspirational. Never knowing any different, he learned to run on his arms as fast as many of his peers. He is also on the wrestling team. He said this was the first time in 17 years he has ever felt disabled. His parents had already approved his playing and doctors had cleared him. The coach and the players love having him a part of the team.

Bobby's story is instructional. The rules of football are designed to allow the game to be played fairly, consistently and safely. Yet, as in all of life, there may arise a situation in which a rule does not apply cleanly. Then you have a choice... be legalistic or do your best to adhere to the spirit of the law.

This official came down on the side of legalism. This is the kind of adherence to the law that Jesus encountered. God's statutes still are and have always been holy and just. Along the line, however, well-intentioned people got caught up in the minutiae of details and lost the spirit of the law. On one occasion, Jesus explains that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. We are still challenged to this day to write God's law on our hearts. With love, we fulfill the law.

In response to this shortsighted decision, the Ohio Athletic Association has issued Bobby a letter clearing him to play football for the remainder of the season. Good call. If this official is ever suspended for refereeing without a heart, perhaps Bobby can share some of his overabundance. *Steve*

Sunday evening, 6:30, Women's Bible Study.

No Wednesday evening activities next week, November 22nd. Regular activities will resume on November 29th. for children, youth and adults.

Resurrection 2018 is right around the corner. For youth planning to attend, the cost is \$50 which covers transportation, food, accommodations, and ticket for admissions. The money needs to be turned in to Zach Smith by Wednesday, December 6. If any financial assistance is needed please see Zach.

The youth will be sponsoring a **spaghetti luncheon and sweet auction this Sunday, November 19th, following the worship service.** Baked goods will be auctioned off and delivered on Wednesday November 22. Anyone wishing to donate a baked good, contact Leslie Boggs or Zach Smith. The monies donated will go towards Resurrection and the summer mission trip.

Pecans are here. Leslie will have them before Sunday School but she will not be available after church. If you need them before Thanksgiving and are not able to see Leslie, please contact her at 566-2403. There are 9 pieces available if anyone is interested.

Calendars.....Calendars....Calendars

It's time again to get your listings together and updated for the upcoming 2018 BUMC calendar. For those who have listed before, you will be getting an envelope with your entries you included last year. Please make changes/additions, calculate your total at the bottom, put your payment in the envelope (checks payable to Leslie Boggs), and drop in the collection box in the fellowship hall. If you've never listed before, please join us. The calendar will be printed sometime during the 1st two weeks in December and should be available by the 17th.

PRAY KNOX – 1 CITY – 1 MOVEMENT 365 DAYS OF UNIFIED PRAYER

In 2018, join us as we engage in 365 days of prayer for our city. We are gathering voices from across Knoxville to guide us to pray for the same prayer target each day. More information will be available at a later date to guide us in our prayers for Knoxville and surrounding areas.

Hanging of the Greens is Saturday November 25th. Come and join in the fellowship at 10:00 a.m. and help decorate our church for Advent.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Children and all others interested in visiting our homebound members will meet at the church on December 2nd, 9:30 a.m. The children will meet at the church for their Christmas Party at 12:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Our Service

November 19, 2017

Acolytes Izzy Deer, Matthew Edmondson
Nursery Perry Hall, Brooklyn Haun
Ushers A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,
Mary Mahoney, J. Carroll Starnes

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, November 19th as we worship the Lord. Scripture will be Philippians 4:4-9, and the sermon is "A TALE OF TWO DAYS."

Our Presence and Our Gifts

November 12, 2017

Morning Worship	114
Sunday School	65
Budget Offering	\$3,165.71
Roof	\$70.00
Change for Children	\$1.80
UMCOR	\$5.00

Note: We will not be sending out a newsletter next week. Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. The pastor is always available when needed.

Prayer List:

Continuing Prayers: (please list **requested by** after names)

Mary Sue Adcock
Fran Bailey, cancer
Will Boggs
Ashley Brown
Pat Burnett, cancer, family friend of Marlene Webb
Bill Combs, brother-in-law of Beth Ford Ericson
Eddie Cox
Dorris Dennison
Megan Emehiser, stage 4 cancer – friend of Karrie Melton & Kensley
Bill Ferguson
Beth Ford
Charlie & Patsy Gardner
Sarah Hawkins, wife of David Hawkins
Joe Hurst
Joy & Earl Hauther
Kathy – kidney failure
Kermit and Martha Kitts
Stephanie Melton – surgery
Becky Newberry
Micah Nicely, 20 year old with brain tumor
Parker Pass, 4 year old child
Pat – breast cancer
Briana Rose
Amanda and Zak Smith, cousin of Carolyn & Sue Wilson

Tom Stansberry, Melissa Wiedemann's father
Bill Townsend
Don and Maggie Turpin
Roy Walker, Doris Dennison's brother

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Lynn Mashburn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.