

# 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.*

"What is Truth?" asks Pontius Pilate as he stands before the falsely accused Jesus. That is a question for the ages and especially relevant these days. There has been false and skewed reporting in recent years which has damaged trust in the media. This has led to people now use the term "Fake News" for stories they disagree with despite their veracity.

The capacity for twisting the truth is truly astounding. In spite of overwhelming empirical evidence, there are individuals or groups adamantly denying just about anything. There are those who will explain how the 9/11 attacks were orchestrated by our own government or how the Holocaust never happened. They conveniently discount facts. That is why I say that "Ignore" is the root of ignorance.

Proverbs 15:14 says "A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash" (NLT). Most people tend to read and listen to things that reinforce what they already know. Everyone should read material, the Bible included, that challenges you on some level. Your mind may not change, but at least you will have given it a little exercise.

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is an indwelling affirmation of truth. This is deeper than what you "think" is true and it comes with a bit of work. You must study. You must pray. You must listen to a variety of voices. You must pray some more. At some point, if what you come to know lines up with the Truth of Christ, it will resonate within you. What Pilate is responding to is Jesus saying, "In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to

testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." If it the Lord's truth, I can pretty much guarantee it will have "love" written all over it, too. That's not fake news. That is Good News. Steve

**Sunday**, morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

**Choir will not meet** on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday evening activities**, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

## Meetings scheduled for:

Monday, September 17: **Outreach**, 6:30 p.m. and **Church Council**, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 20, **Finance**, 7:00 p.m. and **United Methodist Women**, 7:00 p.m.

**Parents** the Children's Department is now in the process of preparing our Christmas Program, Straight Out of Bethlehem. We will be practicing on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All children are invited to participate. The program will be presented on Sunday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.

**Charge Conference**, Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m. at Bookwalter.

We are on countdown to the **3rd Annual Fresh Start Festival** is set for Sept 29th from noon - 3:00 p.m. And we need your help! If you would like to volunteer for the festival, please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall. **Volunteers**

**will meet** at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 19, 23 and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**We are still collecting canned sodas** for the Festival to be given out with the free pizza. This year we are asking for **Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew.** We also need donations of bottled water. You can bring these in any time. Thanks!

Missionary Class has **hot tamales for sale,** \$15.00 a dozen.

## Our Service

September 16, 2018

**Acolytes** Rachel Byrd, Ella Wilhoit

**Nursery** Doris Dennison

**Ushers** A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,  
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

**Come join us for worship this Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. as we worship the Lord.** Scripture reading will be Luke 7:11-17, and the sermon is **“HIGHER PROPHET.”**

## Our Presence and Our Gifts

September 9, 2018

Morning Worship	89
Sunday School	52
Budget Offering	\$4,185.30
Roof	\$20.00

## Mark Your Calendar

September 29	Fresh Start Festival
October 14	Charge Conference, 3:00 p.m. at Bookwalter
October 28	Trunk or Treat
November 4	Homecoming
November 25	Advent Begins

December 8 Children's Christmas Program

December 16 Choir Christmas Cantata

### Prayer List:

Linda Comer  
Eddie Cox  
Leroy Cox – cancer  
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)  
Don Henderlight  
Bill Ferguson  
Joe Hurst  
Irvine Jones  
Jo Ann Learn  
Stephanie Melton  
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer  
Jack Oglesby  
Patricia Sutton  
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

### Continuing Care:

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