

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 really appreciated the following devotional from Rick Warren about giving to the Lord so I wanted to share it with ya'll. It speaks to the heart of generosity and worship more than just talking about "stewardship." Steve

When I was a little kid I used to buy or make all these little cheesy gifts for my parents. When I look back, the gifts were really lame. But every time I gave my parents a present, they were overjoyed. It wasn't like they needed anything from me, because they didn't. They just enjoyed the fact that I thought of them.

One time when I was 8 years old, I went into a thrift store and bought my mother a dress for 25 cents. I thought it was a really cool dress. It was about a size four, and my mom was a size 12. The clerk said, "Ricky, your mom couldn't get her big toe in that dress." I was so offended and went home crying. When I gave the dress to my mom, she was so thrilled. After she died, I found that dress in one of her dressers. She'd kept it all those years.

There's nothing you can give God that he needs. But when you give him an offering, you're saying, "God, I love you. I'm thinking of you. I want you first in my life."

The Bible says, "*Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income*" (Proverbs 3:9 TLB). That's called tithing. Tithing actually means 10 percent, and it's the first part of your income.

Tithing doesn't just honor God. It is also an act of worship. But the Bible says that not every

kind of giving is an act of worship. So what kind of giving is worship?

"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn" (1 Corinthians 16:2 TLB).

Worship giving is undesignated. That means you don't control it, you don't direct it, you don't tell God what to do with it.

Worship giving is given when and where you worship. You give the first part of your money on the first day of the week and say, "God, you're first in my life."

Worship giving is planned. You don't just give spontaneously. You think it through.

Worship giving is proportional. If you didn't earn anything this week, you don't give anything. If you earn a little, you give a little. If you earn a lot, you give a lot.

God wants your heart more than anything else. He doesn't want your money; he wants what it represents. The most sensitive nerve in the body is the one that goes from the heart to the wallet

Fresh Start Festival is Saturday from noon - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. It is also **Holston Home Sunday for Children**. Plan to give generously.

Choir will meet on Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

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

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.

KEENAGERS will meet October 9, 10:30 a. m. Carol Mitchell will have devotions and the program will be The Silvertones. **Please call reservations or cancellations to Diane Coon, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, October 4th.** Invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

Girl Scout Troop 20705 is collecting **plastic caps and lids** to be recycled into park benches. Will you help? Please bring your caps and lids and place in the collection containers in the fellowship hall. **Acceptable caps from:** medicine bottle, milk jug, detergent bottle, hair spray, toothpaste tubes, deodorant, drink bottles, flip-top, (ketchup, mustard) spray paint, ointment tubes, caps with RECYCLE NUMBER of 2, 4, or 5. **Acceptable lids from:** cottage cheese container, mayonnaise jar, yogurt, peanut butter jar, ice cream bucket **under 8"**, cool whip container, coffee can, cream cheese container, butter container. Prescription bottles with labels removed.

Don't forget to bring in your **Box Tops for Education**. Each one is worth .10 cents and will be donated to Inskip Elementary School.

Christian Sympathy Expressed to:

Pat Collier and family on the death of Pat's Aunt, Frances Bailey.

Porta Chamberlain and family on the death of Porta's brother, Mack Wilson.

Our Service

September 30, 2018

Acolytes Ellis Banks, Aly Jennings
Nursery Rose Baker
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 Romans 12:9-21, and the sermon is "**PAYBACK TIME.**"

Our Presence and Our Gifts

September 23, 2018

Morning Worship	80
Sunday School	46
Budget Offering	\$3,071.00
Roof	20.00
Change for Children	\$2.00
UMCOR	\$20.00

Prayer List:

Linda Comer
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
Howard Darnell
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.