

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.

The theme of Annual Conference this year was "Jesus is Good" based on the scrawling found on a mud wall left by a refugee in South Sudan. This is also the theme for my annual pastoral report to Charge Conference. The District posed such questions such as "When have you seen a ministry achieve a God sized outcome" or realized it was the work of the Holy Spirit? Below is the first part of the report I turned in for this coming Sunday's meeting. I will share the second half next week.

Jesus is Good, Part One:

We have had several God moments this past year, but I believe the biggest sense of His presence came when we hosted Camp In The Community for the first time. Several church regulars participated, but so did many children from our surrounding area. We had extensive volunteer involvement from our members to serve alongside the wonderful counselors of CITC. For that week, our church reflected the diversity that is present in the Inskip area. We plan to offer this again each year and hope to continue to cultivate those contacts.

Along those lines, we had something of an "aha" moment in a couple of meetings that led into an impromptu Sunday morning discussion with the entire congregation. As we were addressing the current situation of the church and wondering about its future, I shared a vision of our church reflecting the diversity of our community more fully. While we do not know what form that may take, the majority of congregants seemed very supportive of the notion in general.

We have had an encouraging influx of about 9 children and youth as a result some of the

connections we have made through the years with our programs of assisting Inskip Elementary students with school supplies, our bi-annual Children's consignment sale, CITC and a youth camping trip this past summer. They are regularly walking or riding their bikes to take part. This says much about their commitment as well as the value of our children's and youth programs. Steve

Charge Conference on Sunday, 3:00 p.m. at Bookwalter. You do not have to be an official of the church to attend.

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.

United Methodist Women, Autumn's Circle, will meet on Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. They will also meet on Saturday, October 20, 11:00 a.m. for sewing quilts for the babies at Susanna's House. Why not come and join?

Homecoming is November 4th.

Reverend Lewis Bookwalter visited the Inskip community 136 years ago and saw there was a need for a church. He put an ad in a local newspaper asking people to gather at the school on Woodlawn Drive (on the other side of the cemetery) if they were interested in forming a church. The interest was great and Bookwalter Church was organized in 1882.

Homecoming celebrating the founding of the church is November 4th. Please mark your calendars.

Pecans – Leslie Boggs will be taking pecan orders soon. Not sure of cost yet, waiting on new crop prices.

We are collecting - Girl Scout Troop 20705 is collecting **plastic caps and lids** to be recycled into park benches. 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.

Trunk or Treat, Sunday evening, October 28th. Time to be announced.

Our Service

October 14, 2018

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Emily Laws
Nursery	Rose Baker
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

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

October 7, 2018

Morning Worship	77
Sunday School	50
Budget Offering	\$6,550.00
Roof	\$70.00
Christmas Orchestra	\$100.00
Children's Department	\$50.00
Change for Children	\$3.00
Pack-a-Backpack	\$432.00

Christmas Cantata Sponsor Forms are available in hall racks outside sanctuary. All funds and forms should be submitted by December 10th. Make checks to Bookwalter UMC with "Christmas Orchestra" in memo line and put in offering plate, and give forms to Bailey or put in staff mailbox. Thank you.

Prayer List:

Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
Howard Darnell
Don Henderlight
Irvine Jones
Jo Ann Learn
Stephanie Melton
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons
Sharon Wilson - surgery

Continuing Care:

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

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed.