



EPWORTH UMC NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022



by Rev. Grant Parker

“An Encouraging Word”

“Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam,
And the deer and the antelope play.
Where seldom is heard, a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.”

“Where seldom is heard, a discouraging word.” What a pleasant thought! What a difference it would make in our home, in our churches, in our daily comings and goings, on the job, and in our hearts, attitudes, and our outlook on life in general if “seldom (was) heard, a discouraging word!”

I received a daily text message from Brother Mark Waldrop, our youth pastor at Epworth, referencing Ephesians 4:29, which states: “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

I’ve always thought it quite a testimony to the ministry and the memory of the Apostle Joseph that he was known by the nickname of Barnabas, which means the “Son of Encouragement” (Acts 4:36).

Have you ever met people

whose response to others and their outlook on life in general left you with the impression that they had been born into the crabapple family, so to speak? I have! But then, have we ever stopped to think if perhaps there were circumstances going on in that person’s life that caused him or her to react the way they do? Perhaps a kind or encouraging word is all that’s needed to relieve a person of a burden they’ve been carrying around, all alone, for some time! Listen again to what God says to us in the Bible: “Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an **encouragement** to those who hear them” (Ephesians 4:29, NLT). And besides, we all respond much better to positive comments than to negative criticism. A noble goal for all of us would be to make three, or five, or ten or *more* positive comments to another person before making the first negative comment. Husbands, wives, children, co-workers, bosses, employees, neighbors, friends, church members, pastors, boyfriends, girlfriends, even

pets, like to be encouraged on a regular basis. An encouraging word is often the difference between having a good day and having a bad day for many people. Try it today! Build someone up with a positive, cheerful, and encouraging comment! Who knows?

Your comment may be the main reason someone’s skies were “not cloudy all day.”

“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up!” (Proverbs 12:25)

Keep the faith, and share the gospel!
Brother Grant

Visitation Volunteers

The following people will accompany Brother Grant when he goes visiting on Monday nights. Please meet Brother Grant at 6:30 pm at the church.

- June 6 Tony Deal
- June 13 (No Visitation)
- June 20 Marcia Myles
- June 27 Steve Ward



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Birthdays	
June 1	Annabell Shields Zachary Linsley
June 2	Bill Dykes Alissa Stone Adam Norden
June 4	Gladys Breeleand
June 5	Pixie Dillard Kyle Collins
June 6	Chuck Clay
June 7	Sharon Cook
June 8	Tyler Garney Olivia Morgan
June 9	Vickie Griggs Ann Marie Findlater Keagan Clark River Harbuck Christina Linsley
June 11	Helen Bush Sheryl Bell Seth Snedigar Charlene Brewer
June 12	Charles Floyd Gloria Ellison
June 13	Grant Parker John Findlater Steven Head
June 14	Jared Head Olivia Martin Maggie Zeigler
June 15	Wyatt Beach Jeff Bradley Chloe Cameron
June 16	June Rice Merri Jane Evans Teresa Sanders
June 17	Nancy Loofboro
June 19	Caden Clay
June 20	Bubba Roberts Griffin Griggs
June 21	Shane Clay Lydia Lake Marcus Sanders
June 22	Roy Hogge Shaun Cameron Justin Chedrick
June 24	Kim Burtt Gracie Glass
June 25	Abby Kate Atchinson Jill Glass

June 26	Rhonda Norden Gerritt Griggs Laura Wise
June 27	Brad Baker
June 28	Rusty Townsend Jennifer Page
June 29	Becky Coreno Gwen Morris
June 30	Joy Garney Kennedy Stone Grayson Waldrop Brittani Buckingham

Safe House Ministries

in Columbus Ga, which feeds and helps the homeless, is in need of several items at this time. Any of the following would be greatly appreciated.

Bleach, Laundry Soap, Razors, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrush and paste, toilet paper, paper towels and wrapped utensils from your take-out orders.

Anniversaries

June 3	Jimmy & Rendi Hall
June 4	Ron & Joy Garney
June 6	David & Laura Johnson
June 12	Matt & Sheryl Bell
June 13	Ricky & Alissa Stone
June 17	Ronnie & June Rice
June 18	Mark & Leslie Fair
June 20	Ron & Cindy Hart Steve & Ellen Ward Rusty & Dana Townsend Jacob & Amanda Head
June 22	Derek & Miranda Griggs Jeb & Melissa Bridges
June 25	Tony & Dee Dee Ellis
June 27	April & Denver Edwards
June 28	Billy Ray & Mary Frances Head Brandon & Marie Culpepper

OUR FAITHFULNESS

Budget YTD	\$359,646.63
Actual Contributions YTD	\$362,839.30



Volunteers are needed for Mobility Worldwide. God has equipped you with the skills that you need. You only need to be willing. We are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9:00am -12:00pm.

"We show the love of Christ by providing mobility and dignity to human beings living in the developing world who cannot walk."

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 6:00 pm Youth Family Night 6:00 pm FunFest Committee meeting 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew	2 9 am Mom's Day Out 6:30 pm United Methodist Women	3	4 11 am - 2 pm Fun Fest
5 4 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	6 Noon Happy Days Youth Camp	7 No Mom's Day Out Youth Camp	8 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew Youth Camp	9 No Mom's Day Out 6:00 pm Men's Ministry Youth Camp	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved for VBS Return from Youth Camp	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved for VBS
12 Annual Conference begins 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School starts	13 Newsletter Deadline Annual Conference 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	14 No Mom's Day Out Annual Conference 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	15 Annual Conference 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	16 No Mom's Day Out 10:30 am - 4:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	17	18
19 NO Youth tonight	20 5:30—6:00 pm Youth Prayer	21 9 am Mom's Day Out 10:30 am—4:00 pm Youth Bible Study / Activities 6:30 pm Prayer Vigil	22 6:00—7:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew	23 9 am Mom's Day Out	24	25
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EPWORTH KIDZ CREW



JOIN US FOR VBS

Sunday, June 12 - Thursday, June 16

Time: 6:00-8:30 p.m. EDT

Ages: 3 years through 5th grade

Register: vbspro.events/p/epworthvbsmonumental

(STUDENTS & VOLUNTEERS)

VBS Volunteer Meeting:

Sunday, June 5th, at 4:00

We need the following items:

Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart and gallon sized), small bottles of water, juice boxes and glow sticks/glow necklaces.

COME JOIN KIDZ CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30-7:30

Ages 4 years through 6th grade.

BLUE LAKE CAMP FOR KIDS

Ages: Completed 3rd Grade through 5th Grade

Dates: Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15

Register: Please contact Letha at 205-799-8547

Epworth Preschool & Mom's Day Out Registration

Please contact Letha at letha.parker@epworth-pc.org or 334-298-3186 to register your child for the Summer MDO or Preschool, ages 3 and 4, beginning in August.

FUNFEST IS COMING!

Saturday, June 4th

11:00 am —2:00 pm

Volunteers needed.

Please contact the office by phone or email: 334-298-3186/epworth.umc-epworth-pc.org

Donations needed:

Bottled water and canned soft drinks

Bring your family, friends, neighbors and anyone else you meet!

2022 High School Senior Recognition Sunday



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. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)



Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)





Youth Ministry
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EPIC
SUMMER
AT
EPWORTH
2.0



Family Fun Night
June 1st at 6:00 pm
Join us for food & games and find out about youth camp and our summer program.



Welcome to the Epworth
YOUTH Program

Dates: June 6th—10th
Place: Pigeon Forge, TN
Cost: \$150.00

Snow Tubing, Lumberjack Adventure Park, & much more!



Summer Meeting times

Wednesday Nights

6:00—7:30 pm

Tuesday Bible Study

10:00 am—4:00 pm





Sound Choices Baby Bottle Boomerang

Every week Sound Choices ministers to women & girls that are facing an unplanned pregnancy. They do this by providing free pregnancy testing, a trusted advocate to talk with, an ultrasound, and referrals for community resources. These women are given the opportunity to hear the gospel, see the value of their life and the life of their unborn baby, and understand how much God loves them.

Starting **Mother's Day** we will distribute baby bottles from Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic. Please take **one** per family. We are asking that you take the bottles home, fill them with a check, cash or coins, and return them to the church on Father's Day, June 19th.

This year's goal is \$3,500! We can do this! By filling your Baby Bottle, you are introducing expectant moms to their baby via ultrasound, and also introducing them to Jesus Christ & the hope He provides. Women who visit Sound Choices are invited to attend **FREE**:

- Weekly Parenting Classes
- Bible Studies
- Confidential Abortion Recovery Counseling to women who are hurting from a past abortion experience. If you need to talk to someone about a past abortion, please email info@SoundChoicesPC.org or call 706.322.5024.

Keep filling those Baby Bottles throughout this week with your spare change, as we celebrate changed hearts! Whether your bottle is full or empty, Sound Choices asks you to return each bottle, because they re-use these bottles. **By returning each one, we help them to be good and faithful stewards of the funds you donate, and the income which God provides for the crucial ministry they offer.**