

Epworth United Methodist Church



by Rev. Grant Parker

Have you ever heard the expression: “*everybody’s* business is *nobody’s* business?” There is really a lot of truth in that statement!

In Rev. Dr. John Ed Mathison’s book, “Treasures of the Transformed Life,” he reminds us that “a great adventure unfolds when we discover the freedom, promise, and rewards that come with committing ourselves to a closer relationship with God through the treasures of *prayer, presence, gifts, and service.*” Those four areas, along with the fifth area of *witness*, combine to form the thrust of our stewardship efforts we commit ourselves to when we join the church.

Some years ago, I read the following story in another church’s bulletin that sums up creatively the impact of taking personal responsibility for the

necessary work of the church.

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody, and Joe Nobody all belonged to the same church. Once they needed a volunteer to do an ordinary yet nevertheless important job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* would do it, and *Anybody* thought *Somebody* would do it. And you know who did it? That’s exactly right—*Nobody!* A fifth neighbor, who incidentally was an unbeliever, moved into the neighborhood. *Everybody* thought *Somebody* should try to win him for Christ. *Anybody* could have made an effort. You know who finally won him? That’s right—*Nobody!*

Get the point? Everybody’s business is nobody’s business! If you don’t take personal responsibility for

supporting the church with your “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness,” who will? Are you willing to commit yourself fully to *God’s* business?

Keep the Faith, but Share the Gospel!

Brother Grant

THANK YOU!

Your faithful, wonderful support for Grant and myself during his recent illness has again shown your love for us and for our Savior. You have been available to take on any and every area of ministry that needed to be handled during Grant’s surgery and ongoing treatment. As Isaiah 52:7 reminds us, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” You have truly put “feet” to the gospel in your ministry to us and to others during our time of need. May grace and peace be yours in abundance as we continue this journey together. All our love, from grateful servants of Christ to you, the faithful servants of our Lord.

Letha and Grant

September 2022

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Anniversaries	
Sept 1	J.W. & Carol Martin
Sept 3	Curt & Sylvia Curtiss Steve & Sherry Martin
Sept 8	Kyle & Jennifer Page
Sept 10	Seth & Mary Katherine Atchison
Sept 18	Jimmy & Ann Mann
Sept 22	Scott & Robin Hebert
Sept 26	Adam & Rhonda Norden
Sept 27	John & Minnie Henderson

Happy Anniversary
Happy Birthday!

Birthdays	
Sept 2	Catherine Milligan
Sept 3	Adicia Coulter
Sept 6	Brooke Sheppard
	Don Harbuck Brittney Wade
Sept 8	Archer Gil
	Bob Stanton Bob Wisor Jason Prins Kalen Sieck Margaret Word Logan
Sept 9	Reagan Beach
Sept 10	Colton Head
	Sherri Sheffield Sabrina Wade
Sept 11	Kason Prins
Sept 12	Jerri Snell
Sept 13	Bryan Baker Jeb Bridges
	Bubba Tate Brayden Lurker
Sept 14	Raylee Rollo
Sept 15	Pam Shores Marsha Posey
	Minnie Henderson Caroline Pippins Brody Sharpe Urijah Berklite
Sept 16	Jasmine Garcia
Sept 17	Austin White Ava Clay
Sept 18	Butch Lenoir Jessica Griggs
	Lance Waldrop Madyson Snedigar
Sept 20	
Sept 21	Clint Campbell
Sept 23	Kristy Prins Joey Druash
Sept 25	Ross Goode
Sept 27	Scott Yeilding
Sept 29	Jeff Carrero
Sept 30	Dudley Taylor

Ladies - Please Join Us !!!

The Epworth United Methodist Women's group will meet, Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 pm, and we hope ***ALL ladies*** will consider joining us. (You do not have to be a member of the church to join this group.) We simply gather once a month for a little Christian fellowship, a little snack, and a little business meeting.

Please join us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall to hear an informative presentation on this important community service by Epworth member, Kalen Sieck, who is Program Coordinator for the Children's Tree House Child Advocacy Center, a program of Twin Cedars Youth and Services, Inc.

Children's Tree House Child Advocacy Center supports children impacted by violence and abuse in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit & Fort Benning by providing high quality, specialized services for abused children & their families in the comfort and convenience of a child-friendly location. Children's Tree House helps facilitate a coordinated response from experienced professionals to reduce stress throughout the investigation and intervention process.

If you want to come and need childcare, please contact me the prior Sunday or Monday so I can arrange it. Diane Glass (706)681-2107 (prefer texts) or dianeglass99@gmail.com

Our Faithfulness

Total Annual Budget	\$984,296.04
Budget YTD	\$643,578.18
Actual Contributions YTD	\$568,523.95

EPWORTH KIDZ CREW



FALL HAPPENINGS

We have had a great summer with VBS, Terrific Tuesdays and Blue Lake Camp, and we kicked off our new school year with Backpack Sunday. Now it is time to gear up for Fall with.....

Cherub Choir, ages 3 years – 1st grade, and Kidz Cruise, 2nd grade-6th grade, Beginning Sunday, September 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on the opportunities offered to our kids throughout the year.

Sunday School (9:45), and Kidz Church (11:00), ages 3 years through 6th grade

KIDZ CONNECTIONS (ages 4 years through 6th grade) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

PARENTING RESOURCES

Please take a look at these resources for families. I have found good, Godly advice and encouragement from these ministries to parents and children.

Parent Cue ParentCue@rethinkgroup.org
Sign up for weekly tips regarding the specific age of your children.

All Pro Dad allprodad@familyfirst.net
iMOM imom@familyfirst.net

FamilyLife email@email.familylife.com

Focus on the Family Store email@email.fotf.com

Bible App for Kids from Youversion Bible App.
Great devotionals and Bible Story game.

PRESCHOOL AND MOM'S DAY OUT

We are off to a great start with the new school year! I would like to thank the Teachers and Staff for the marvelous job they are doing with these children and families.

Preschool Staff:

Amber McCart – K-3 Tiffany Bowens – K-4 aide
Tiffany Livingston – K-3 aide

Becky Coreno, Christie Badowski – Chapel on Thursdays

MDO Staff:

Puddle Jumpers Class—Sylvia Curtiss, Danielle Cogar

Tadpoles Class—Crystal Berklite, Caylee Glover & Michele Brown

Pollywogs Class—Pam Bailey, Gail Hogge

Substitutes Needed: If you are interested in helping us with either of these programs as a **substitute**, please contact Letha for an application.



Operation Christmas Child:

We would like to encourage every family to donate at least one Shoebox to be given to Samaritan's Purse in November. These boxes will not only bring joy to those children who receive them, but the Gospel of Christ will also be shared with those who may have never heard. Please check out the web site for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child for "How to pack a shoebox." samaritanpurse.org

National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21. Shoebox deadline for our church is **Sunday, November 20.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

NURSERY - 9:45 and 11:00 services

KIDS' CLASSES SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

SUNDAY EVENING KIDZ CLASSES TEACHER NEEDED

PAINTERS & DECORATORS

Please contact Letha Parker at 334-298-3186 or letha.parker@epworth-pc.org

HELPING HANDS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY





Youth Ministry Youth Ministry

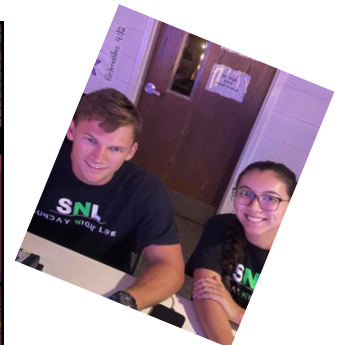
September is the perfect time to "FALL" in love with God. Come and join our Youth Group for time of fellowship, fun, laughter, games, food and learning the word of God.

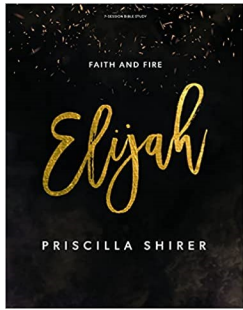
Weekly Activities:

Sunday Night Life- Life is Better Together
5:00—6:30 pm - Every Sunday

*September 11th small groups will be added back in to Sunday Night Life worship.

Wednesday Night Youth—6:00—7:30 pm
6:00—6:30 pm Hangout time (snack bar open)





New Women's Sunday Night Bible Study

Prophet Elijah by Author Priscilla Shirer—led by Michelle Cato

A 7-Session Study starting September 11th at 5:30 pm

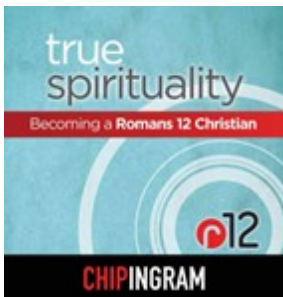
Overview of this Bible Study: Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho. And Elijah—calling down fire on Mount Carmel.

Blinded by the remarkable narratives of our biblical heroes, we can forget they each had a backstory—months and years of development, even difficulty, which fortified their spiritual muscle and prepared them for the tasks that made their lives unforgettable.

Join us for this 7-session journey by Priscilla Shirer, as we walk through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

Please call or email the church office to sign-up for this study at 334-298-3186 or linda.findlater@epworth-pc.org.

Thank You! Michelle



New Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Hello ladies, our men of the church will start their "Man Church" Bible study Monday, September 12th, and many have asked for a women's Bible study, so we plan to start our Bible study "Becoming a Romans 12 Christian" using the same timeframe as the men. I'm excited to see what God has for us as the women of the church "lean in" and draw closer to the Lord.

Bible Study - Starts on Monday, September 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

(The cost for Bible study book will be no more than \$8)

Please email or call the church to reserve your spot and indicate if childcare is needed, 334-298-3186 or linda.findlater@epworth-pc.org.

God Bless, Carla Waldrop



Attention Youth and College—Let's Make a Difference...

We believe every Christian is called to make a difference in the lives of others.

The 3rd Saturday of the each we will meet for an amazing opportunity to bless others and to be blessed as we go out into our communities to show the love of Christ through real and tangible ways. We will meet in the Youth room at 9:00 am for Prayer and 9:30 SERVE sites.

We want every person who is passionate about helping people to find the right opportunities to effectively use their gifts to build up the body of Christ and extend the Kingdom of God.

LOCATION OF SERVE SITES:

Mobility carts: Number of volunteers needed 5

Feed the Valley: Number of volunteers needed 5-15

Safe House: Number of volunteers needed 5

Community Market: Number of volunteers needed 5-15

September 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:30 pm Nomination Committee meeting 6:30 pm UMW (Fellowship Hall)	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am—Bible study "Daniel" 6:30 pm—Bible study "Book of Revelation"	7 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	8 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm Men's Ministry (Fellowship Hall)	9	10
11 4:30—6:00 Youth and Youth Small Groups start back 5:30 pm Kids Cruise and Cherub Choir starts back!	12 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm— "Man Church" in Youth Room 6:30— "Woman Church" Bible study "True Spirituality"	13 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm—Bible study "Book of Revelation"	14 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	15 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool	16	17 Youth Saturday Morning 9:00 am Prayer and..... 9:30 Serve Day
18 4:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting 4:30—6:00 Youth 5:30 pm Kids Cruise and Cherub Choir	19 6:30 pm— "Man Church" in Youth Room 6:30— "Woman Church" Bible study "True Spirituality"	20 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm— Prayer Vigil 6:30 pm—Bible study "Book of Revelation"	21 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Classes, Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Konnections	22 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool	23	24
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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – 2022

- Wreaths Across America Day, which is Saturday, December 17, 2022, is approaching fast.
- As you know, Wreaths Across America Day is the day we honor both our living and fallen Veterans by sponsoring wreaths thru WAA and placing them on the gravesites of Veterans interred at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery, Fort Benning Cemetery, and other local cemeteries.
- We'll work primarily again this year with Fort Mitchell National Cemetery.
- You have done a great job with WAA every year. Your love for our Veterans, coupled with your generosity and selflessness, have caused you to grow from being responsible for ensuring Fort Mitchell received 145 wreaths in 2018 to ensuring Fort Mitchell received 537 wreaths last year. Already this year, you have sponsored enough wreaths to ensure Fort Mitchell will receive 334 wreaths this year.
- Wreaths cost the same this year as they did last year: only \$15 for one; \$30 for two; \$75 for five, etc., and for every two wreaths you sponsor, WAA will provide a third wreath free to Fort Mitchell.
- Sponsor your wreaths today! Pick up a form from the military bulletin board in the gathering room, put your check marked for "WAA" in the offering plate, or sponsor wreaths on the Epworth website. Contact Mary Pittman or Ross Goode if you have questions or need more information.
- We'll keep you posted on our progress and give you reminders and more information soon.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR LIVING AND FALLEN VETERANS THRU WAA EVEN MORE THAN WE DID LAST YEAR!

JOIN EPWORTH'S SECURITY MINISTRY TEAM



- You may not see them, but members of our security ministry team volunteer during every service and special church-wide event to help ensure the safety of our worshippers and the sanctity of our services.
- The more security ministry team members Epworth has, the less frequently any one of them needs to volunteer. We can certainly use your help. We will train you before you serve.
- Many positions on our team do not require much physical activity – you can walk, drive the golf cart, or just sit.
- Join us ! If you are interested or know someone who is, please let Pastor Grant (grant.parker@epworth-pc.org or 334-298-3186) or Ross Goode (camovet@ctvea.net or 706-464-5089) know.

VETERANS DAY DINNER

- Epworth is planning to host another free dinner this year to honor our military men and women, our Veterans, and their immediate families.
- We are planning to conduct this year's dinner on Veterans Day, Friday, 11 November 2022.
 - * The theme of this year's dinner will be Wreaths Across America (WAA), and we are excited that our guest speaker will be the area coordinator for WAA from Fort Benning, GA.
 - * We want to give our military and veteran personnel and their families a great, catered meal, warm fellowship, some patriotic entertainment, great door prizes, and information concerning how WAA supports Veterans worldwide.
 - * If you are a member or attendee at Epworth, we want to ensure we send you a personal invitation so you and your family can attend.
- The "Epworth Military Connections" page on our military bulletin board in the Gathering Room shows all the active, retired, and Veteran military personnel we believe we have at Epworth. We suspect there are more, and we need your help so we can honor them and invite them, too!
- If you are or know a current or former military person who attends Epworth or who is a family member of an Epworth attendee, and whose name is not already on our bulletin board, please let Pastor Grant (grant.parker@epworth-pc.org or 334-298-3186) or Ross Goode (camovet@ctvea.net or 706-464-5089) know.



Give us the names of other Epworth military connections, mark your calendars for 11 November 2022, and look for more information concerning our Veterans Day Dinner soon.