



# Latimer's Voice

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## Editor's Comments:

Please use my e-mail address to submit stories, events, happenings, or other information that you would like in the newsletter. If you do not have a computer, please give it to me in person or mail it to me. The deadline for all news items to be submitted is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. That will give me time to have it compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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## Pastor's Ponderings:



### "Train Up A Child"

We have just celebrated Easter and heard the wonderful news that Jesus Christ's resurrection brings victory over death, sin, and sickness. In Matthew 28 we as Christ's disciples are told to take this transforming message into the world. At this time of year we see beautiful new growth and flowers and trees.

It is a time to celebrate new birth. Part of the way we do this as a church is to be part of the mentoring of our children and youth. We do this each Sunday with our Sunday School, our nursery, our children's sermon, and our worship service. We also have a yearly Vacation Bible School in which we take the message of Christ not only to the children in our congregation but to those in the community. We read in Proverbs 22:6 to "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." This practice of life was true thousands of years ago and is still true today. It is critical today with the broken lives we

often encounter in our culture.

It makes me think of the sermon I just gave on Jesus the Good Shepherd. Our children are often in spiritual danger and, like the sheep who are in danger from wolves and other wild animals, need someone to protect them. The Good Shepherd is willing to risk his life to protect the fold, and the writer of 1 John calls on community members constantly to look beyond themselves and even be ready to "lay down their lives for each other." (3:16)

Please be in prayer for our Bible School which will be held from June 5-7. I also ask that you consider if you can help with needed resources, food, and time. Although we have teachers for the different sessions, we need additional help with registration and hall monitoring during the classes. Please pray if you are being lead to help and let us know if you can do so.

The Good Shepherd provides a model for us that we use our talents and do as much as we can to invest in the love of neighbor and the care and protection of creation. Let us take this opportunity of Bible School to encourage our youth in their faith and hope and teach them valuable life lessons.

**From the Nurture Team:**

*“Easter people, raise your voices. Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed”!*

Thank you everyone for helping with our Food and Fellowship meal hosted by Linda and Kent Millwood on April 29. This fundraiser was for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The Sunday Nursery is available to children ages 4 and under. All our nursery helpers are so dedicated and we appreciate their service to our children.

Thank you, Glenda Conley for your dedicated service to Latimer in the music department. Your temporary position kept our worship service singing, and gave the choir direction.

We welcome Misty Walfield to the music team. You will see and hear her each Sunday at the piano.

The Vacation Bible School plans are underway. If you would like to help, please contact Wally. The dates are June 5, 6, and 7, 5:45 to 8pm. We will have a Block Party on June 1 – Friday evening. This will be our May Food and Fellowship meal – so be sure to come and eat and hear good music.

We have a sign-up sheet in Library area for Food and Fellowship meals. Hosts are needed for June, July, August and September. We always look forward to this time together.

Remember our home bound shut-ins. Watch the weekly bulletins and keep these folks in your prayers. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please let me know. We can also be prepared to serve Holy Communion if any would like during our visits. However, you do not need to be on a team. Each personal, friendly visit is wonderful. Please continue to contact our home-bound any way you can.

On May 13 we will recognize all the women of the church for Mother’s Day celebration. Also, May 13 is the Annual Mother’s Day Epworth Children’s Home offering. Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children’s Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each had this opportunity because people and churches like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in SC.

- Sandy Sorrow

**From the Outreach Team:**

The Grief Support Group met March 28<sup>th</sup> to watch the movie “Shadowlands”. This is the story by C. S. Lewis of the time in his life when his wife was diagnosed with cancer, their struggles, and her death. Our next meeting was April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Outreach Team assisted the United Methodist Men in serving our Veterans “Brinner” at Richard Campbell Veterans’ Home on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Home asked us to change the date for April. Thanks to all who

came out to honor these brave men and women.

We were able to purchase twenty large print Bibles for the patients at Patrick B. Harris Hospital. We appreciate everyone who made or makes a donation to the Bible fund. If everyone donates a few dollars all along, that fund will stay built up and we can purchase Bibles. This is one way we can spread God's word. We were able to purchase 20 Bibles for \$69.15.



On April 17<sup>th</sup> Wally Culp, Peggie Bromeling, Janice Bromeling Knox, and Pat Wilson were guests at the annual Volunteers' Appreciation Luncheon at Patrick B. Harris Hospital. Each year they give two awards. One reward recognizes and honors a group for being outstanding volunteers. This year (2018) Latimer Memorial United Methodist Church received that award.

What an exciting day for Latimer! We have been making donations of Bibles, books, clothing, Sunday School and Upper Room materials, prizes for Bingo, etc. for 24 years. All of these things are welcome and appreciated, but they are especially grateful for the large print Bibles. The Bibles are given to the patients to keep.

This reward reminds me of John Wesley's words, "Warm hearts require helping hands." Thanks to everyone who helps this ministry to continue all these 24 years and into the future by donating a few dollars all along to the Bible Fund.

- Pat Wilson

### **From the Witness Team:**

The NOW team members that are on the Vacation Bible School committee have been working hard to plan for this year's VBS. The theme this year is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. It will be held from Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 PM until 8:00 PM. All Children and youth from ages 4 through 18 are invited. A meal will be served to all attendees and

volunteers. There will be a kick-off Block Party on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The Block Party will replace the May Food and Fellowship Meal which is usually held on the last Sunday of the month. Everyone is invited to the Block Party. There will be sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers for VBS and the Block Party on the table in the church library in the very near future.

- Bob Emhof

### **The Liturgist's Schedule:**

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
May 13<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Sorrow  
May 20<sup>th</sup> - Linda Millwood  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Kent Millwood

### **Church Council:**

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

### **Church Directory Corrections/Additions:**

There are two corrections/additions to our new church directory. Linda Millwood's cell number is (864) 940-4534 and David and Jane Barton's new cell number is (864) 332-7711.

## Offering Counters:

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
John Pinson  
May 13<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Kent Millwood  
May 20<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jim DuBose  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Bob Emhof



Choir practice will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

## Ushers:

May - Frank Sorrow  
Andy Bullions

June - Frank Sorrow

## Our Homebound:

Charles Campbell  
Ernie Emhof  
Jane Woodson  
Phillip Brannon  
Jackie Manning  
Peggie Bromeling

## Our Prayer Concerns:

Sarah Blackwell, Kim Bradbury, Phillip Brannon, Peggie Bromeling, Jean Bullions, Jane Burnett, Billie Jo Campbell, Bessie Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Shirley Cook, Nancy Cothran,

Katie Coward, Bill Eaves, Gloria Eaves, Barbara Emhof, Fred and Linda Emhof, Jim Grubbs, Randy Grubbs, Betty Hill, Kallie Hinkle, Georgia Keen, Jim and Amy Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Rebecca McGowan, Carolyn Miller, Family of Mary Ellis Miller, Linda Millwood, Bonnie Moore, Betty Jean Morgan, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, William Henry Norris, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Jennifer Payne, Dot Peck, Family of Joe Frank Pinson, Sarah Raditz, Keith Ridgeway, Joan Sears, Sybill Sellers, David Smith, Joanna Speegle, Linda Squyers, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, and Ben and Nancy

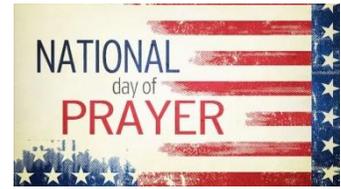
## The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Noon on May 9<sup>th</sup> at O'Charleys in Anderson.

Please let Gay Walfield know by Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

## Anderson District Covenant Group:

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.



Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a special observance at the Belton Farmer's Market starting at 7:00 AM. If you get there by 6:30 AM you will get a free biscuit from Chick-Fil-A. There will also be a guest speaker.

## Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The Men's Club breakfast and meeting will be Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

## Prayer Breakfast:

The Prayer Breakfast will be every Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

## Grief Support Group:

There will be no Grief Support meeting in May.

## United Methodist Women:

At the meeting on Monday, April 2, Pat Wilson presented the program entitled "The Sacred Space of Grief and Hope" from the United Methodist Women's program book.

The Anderson District "A Day Apart" will be observed on April 14 at McFalls Landing on Broadway Lake. Items gathered for the donation collection will be given to the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. One goal of the women is to support local missions which include those statewide. At the time of this writing Gloria Eaves and Sandy Sorrow plan to attend. They will take the donations from Latimer to the meeting. Other women may have attended as no advance reservations were necessary.

Our local unit's mission focus for April was the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center which has a history of supporting midlands educational opportunities. Its mission goal is the education and enrichment of families to help them achieve their own success. As exhibited in the above two missions, the United Methodist Women strive to help and support women and children locally as well as worldwide.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 7, at 3:00 at the church. All

women are always welcome to attend.

### **Nursery Workers:**

May 6 - Regina Bullions  
Nancy Ellett

May 13 - Gloria Eaves  
Judith DuBose

May 20 - Andy Bullions  
Hannah Brooks

May 27 - Regina Bullions  
Nancy Ellett



### **Richard Campbell Nursing Home:**

"Brinner" at the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home will be Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Fellowship Meal:**

The Food and Fellowship Meal this month will be the VBS Block Party held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

### **Bishop's Corner:**

### **The Moment When Everything Changes**

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*"The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him."—John 12:12-16 (NRSV)*

As the sun rose on Saturday, May 20, 2017, it was perfect weather for the Mary McLeod Bethune Legacy Parade. As each float or marching group approached, the crowd roared its approval.

Felecia and I were honored to serve as the parade's Grand Marshals. Indeed, it was a fine day for a parade! Springtime is filled with opportunities to participate in community celebrations and activities. With so many choices, how

are we to decide when to say yes?

All too often we find ourselves in the wrong parade. The world is full of parades, full of bandwagons. It's really difficult to know which parade to join, which one to hop on. It's so easy and so tempting to join the wrong ones, and so hard, sometimes, to get in the right procession. It's so easy to simply get caught up in the enthusiasm of the crowds and join the procession that has the loudest brass bands or the most elaborate floats or the greatest number of celebrities or the most charismatic leaders.

It's easy to miss the procession where Jesus is riding on a humble donkey proclaiming dominion, not with violence, but by courageously loving, humbly serving and bravely acknowledging his place among the victims of imperial power.

In that moment, Jesus knew a change was going to come.

Have you ever had such a moment? The moment when you knew what you were put on earth to do, and you were filled with the

energy and courage to act. This moment is a life-changer. Instead of fear, this moment brings with it a renewed sense of hope and vitality. It's a moment that is filled with a vision that is clear and purposeful. It's the moment your life's direction is crystallized.

This is an important question to consider, because experiencing such a moment sharpens your focus and increases your confidence. Jesus didn't just enter Jerusalem; he paraded!

In our society, the pace of change has perhaps never been more rapid than it is today. As people of faith in chaotic times, it can be difficult competing with the many voices in our midst. Even when it feels risky and frightening, there is hope.

The Jesus that paraded into Jerusalem gives us the gift of hope. When we bring to Christ our fears, the hope of the resurrection is that this world is not just where Jesus died—this world is where Jesus lives.

Are you marching in the right parade?

Consider this. In the tombs of Egypt, the Pharaohs still

languish there, but Jesus is not in the tomb...he is not there...he is risen!

Happy Easter.

