



CHAPEL CHIMES



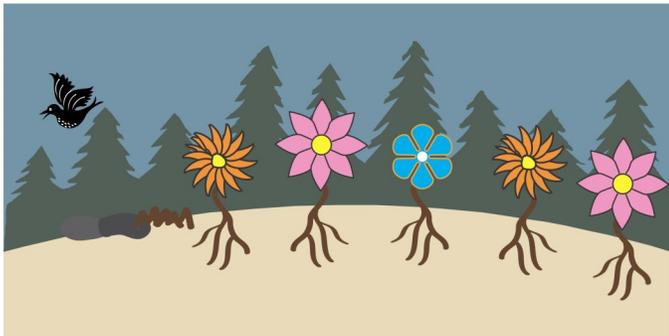
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But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15



Subliminal Messages...

Years ago I saw a documentary on subliminal messages, the example they used came from Drive In Movie Theaters. Here's what they shared, during the movie previews there were a few frames of commercials of the snack bar items. The commercials were so short, being only a few frames, no one noticed them. The theory was the short commercial frames would

stir your subconscious to want to buy snacks at the snack bar. Thus subliminal messages, to me, for some reason sounded a little under minding, being sneaky.

So to 'redeem' this theory, I think of this idea as sowing seeds, with the hope of bearing fruit. For example, in the Bible, John 6 starts with Jesus feeding the 5000 with five loaves of bread and 2 fish. It's a miracle, and on top of that, the disciples collect 12 baskets of leftover bread.

Then by verse 26, Jesus kind of rebukes the crowd that is following Him by saying in affect, 'You're only following Me for the physical bread and not for the spiritual bread.' By verse 32, Jesus starts pointing to the true bread that's from heaven, the spiritual bread that's from His Father. Then in verse 35 through 45, Jesus gets to the point, that He is the Bread of Life.

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I read in John 6 how the Holy Spirit guilds Jesus first with feeding the 5000 with some bread and fish. Then Jesus underscores the importance of seeking Him for spiritual bread. Then Jesus puts the truth out there before the followers and us, He is the Bread of Life. Jesus is our means of spiritual nourishment, the Bread of Life from God the Father. Belief in Him is eternal life.

Now to the subliminal message, the sowing of seeds. At the end of August and the middle of September I shared a couple of Sunday messages, 'Fields of Grace' and 'Preparing the Net'. Both were to encourage us in the importance of coming together for worship and church attendance.

'Fields of Grace' was referring to when we come together for worship, we have the opportunity to sow seeds of God's word and encouragement into each other's lives.

Then with 'Preparing the Net', I shared the importance of being tied, 'knotted' together with each other, like how a fishing net is tied, knotted together. The time we spend together in worship and small groups with our church family knots us together to make the fishing net that Jesus can use. And the purpose of the net? To catch fish, catching people for Christ.

So with this subliminal message, the sowing of seeds, what am I trying to sale?

It is the desire of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church and my desire to increase the average worship attendance of all the UM Churches. I want us to do our part to make this a reality beginning in the month of October. Steps in achieving this are in this month's Chapel Chimes.

Please read the article and come hear the plan.

Then partake in sowing seeds into our 'Fields of Grace' and 'Preparing the Net'.

Rejoicing in your fellowship, Pat





NEWS AND EVENTS

The United Methodist women will meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Come join us on October 3rd at 10 am



A benefit bake sale is planned during the hours of the men's annual Fish fry. Thursday, October 12th.

All proceeds go to LIFE RESOURCES CENTE OF JACKSON COUNTY, a local non-profit ministry for the homeless community. We invite our church family to help provide funds to purchase renovation materials for a permanent factify by bring baked goods that we can have available for sale at both the noon and evening meals.

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The United Methodist Men are having their annual Fish Fry on October 12th from 11:00-1:00 and from 5:00-7:00. Tickets are \$8.00



We will have our fifth Sunday fellowship meal on October 29th at 4 pm. It will be a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner.

Please join us in fun fellowship and FOOD!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10- 1 Communion Sunday, No Evening Worship.
- 10- 3 United Methodist Women's Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- 10- 4 No Wednesday Night Bible Study.
- 10- 5 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
- 10- 8 SPRC meeting at 3:00.
- 10- 11 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00.
- 10- 12 No Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 10- 12 UMM Fish Fry 11:00-1:00 & 5:00-7:00
- 10- 15 Administrative Council 6:30 p.m.
- 10- 18 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00.
- 10- 19 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30.
- 10- 21 United Methodist Women's Northeast District Meeting, 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon.
- 10- 22 No Evening Worship
- 10- 25 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30.
- 10- 26 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30.
- 10- 28 Trunk or Treat 3:00 - 5:00.
- 10- 29 Fifth Sunday fellowship dinner



B A B Y

Congratulations to Nicki and Nick Clark for the newest addition to their family. Carly was born on September 23 weighing 6 lbs and 5 ozs and 19 in. long. We can't wait to meet her!!!

Children
are a *Gift* from the *Lord...*
Psalm 127:3



We will have our annual "Trunk or Treat" on October 28th from 3-5 pm. We want to encourage everyone to participate and decorate their trunks! We had a wonderful turnout last year with so many people from the community to visit. This is an excellent opportunity to fellowship with our neighbors.

Plans for Increasing the Average Worship Attendance for Randall's Chapel UMC



The North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Northeast District are asking all pastors and churches to come up with a written plan that will be their attempt to increase their average worship attendance for 2018.

As the pastor, my desire is to make a simple plan for the congregation to partake in. Hopefully this plan will increase our numbers of the average of our worship attendance.

In 2015 our average attendance was 117. For 2016 our average attendance was 116. As for the first 7 months of 2017, our average attendance from January 1 thru July 31 has been 113.

A suggested plan to increase our average attendance is to include everybody who attends our worship to partake in a simple plan.

The following steps are to involve everyone who is attending worship by doing the following steps.

Steps to increase average worship attendance are:

- 1. Prayer - For everyone to pray over the following areas.
 - (a) Pray for their own personal attendance to increase.*
 - (b) Pray for an individual who is not attending regularly to attend more.*
 - (c) Pray for an individual who does not attend church to start attending.*
 - (d) Pray for an opportunity to ask b. & c. to attend church.**
- 2. Commitment Cards – For everyone to offer a Commitment Card as an offering on a set Sunday (Two cards, one for offering & the other to keep as a reminder).*

What we will do with these cards:

- Write your name down as a commitment to increase your attendance.*
- Names of 1.b. & 1.c. Whom you will pray for and ask to attend worship.*
- Then one Sunday in the future, we will turn in our cards as an offering with our pledge to increase our attendance and our prayers for others.*

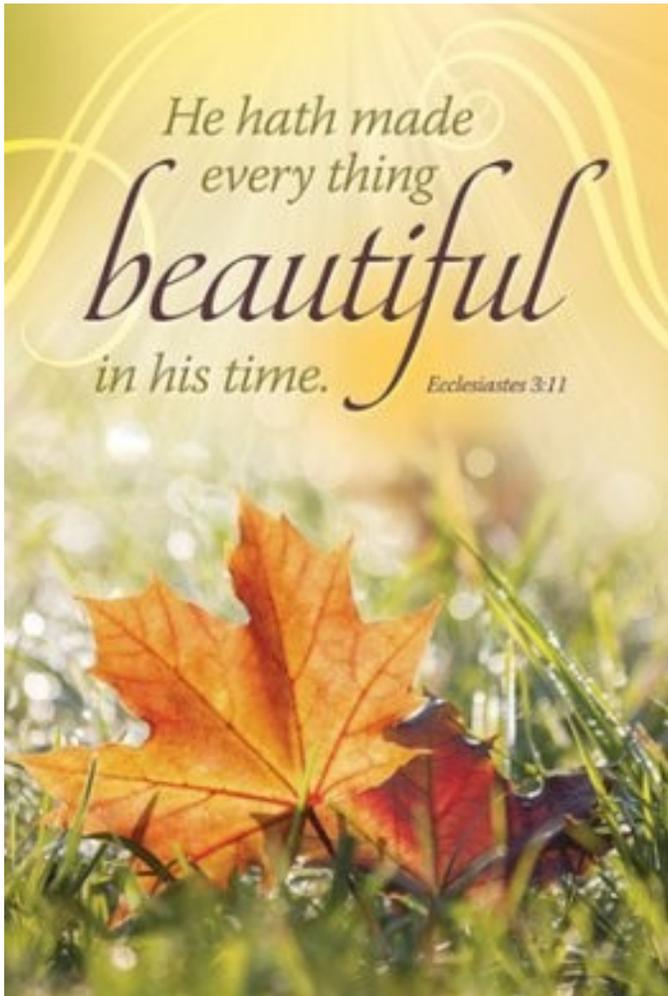
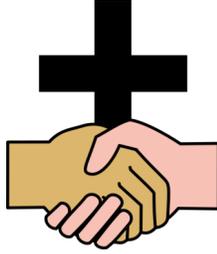
*As stated before, our goal to increase our average worship attendance involving everyone to partake in this simple plan. Putting this plan into action will happen after several weeks of announcing the plan during our worship and newsletter announcements. The official start date will begin with our “**Commitment Card Sunday Offering**” when everyone may offer their Commitment Card.*

I believe this is something we can all partake in and see the blessings that will come from this. I ask that we take this to heart and be in prayer about our commitment to encouraging others to be a part of the Body of Christ in our worship time together.

Thanks, Pat

OCTOBER GREETERS

- 1 - PAUL WILSON
- 8 - JAMES GREEN
- 15 - TREVON SMART
- 22 - JOHN GERLACH
- 29 - ROGER BROOKINS



Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Fred Fratus family upon his passing. Please continue to keep Judy in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 GREG BRADFORD
- 9 BRENDA STOVER
- 12 BRENDA ELLIS
- 13 JULIA EVERETT
- 13 HANNAH ANDERSON
- 14 MISTY MARTIN
- 16 LEE ANN WALKER
- 18 EMILY GUESS
- 24 TREY WRIGHT
- 25 ALAN EVERETT
- 26 BILLIE KIRBY
- 27 MIKE MCDONALD
- 29 LIZ HILL
- 29 AARON GILLIAM
- 30 TONY LYNN



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 NICK & NICKI CLARKE
- 9 EDDIE & LANA RICHEY
- 20 STEVE & WENDY WILSON
- 30 JIM & DEBRA SNYDER



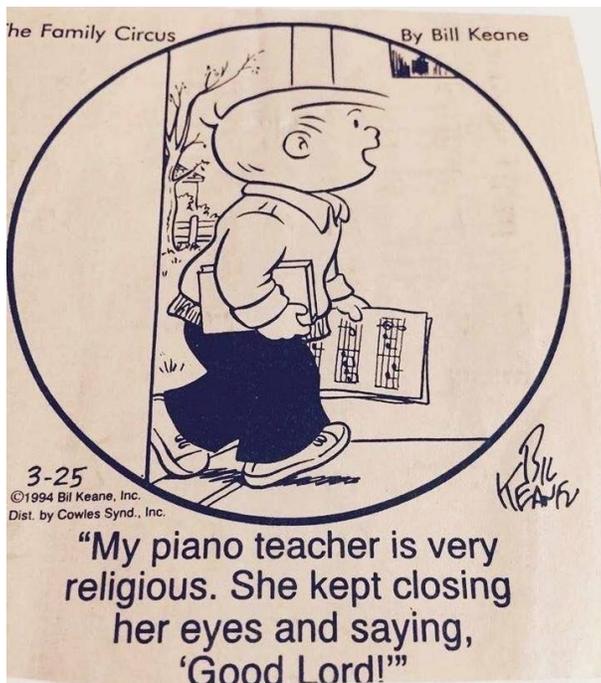
THE FUNNY PAGE

I'M PRETTY SURE THE
"FISHERS OF MEN" THING WAS
A FIGURE OF SPEECH.



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Funny yard sign



"My piano teacher is very religious. She kept closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord!'"

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Mark 10:25) 01-10-2007
YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL THROUGH A NEEDLE

October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>UMW MEETING 10 AM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NO BIBLE STUDY YOUTH AND CHILDREN 6 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>SPRC MEETING 3 PM</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM YOUTH AND CHILDREN</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM UMM Fish Fry 11:00-1:00 &</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>ADMIN COUNCIL 6:30 P.M.</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM YOUTH AND CHILDREN</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>UMW NE DISTRICT MEETING 8 AM -12 NOON</p>
22	23	<p>24</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM YOUTH AND CHILDREN</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>TRUNK OR TREAT 3 - 5 pm</p>
<p>29</p> <p>5th Sunday Fellowship 4 PM</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p>				

SEVEN QUICK FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN

- 1) Halloween is a contraction of “All Hallows’ Eve,” which is also known as “All Saints’ Eve.”
- 2) All Hallows’ Eve marks the beginning of *Allhallowtide*, a time in the church’s liturgical year dedicated to remembering the faithful Christian saints and martyrs. It lasts 3 days: All Hallows’ Eve on October 31, All Saints’ Day on November 1, and All Souls’ Day on November 2.
- 3) Many believe some elements of the holiday to have originated from the Celtic harvest festival of *Samhain* in Scotland and Ireland, which was a time when the spiritual and natural worlds overlapped more than usual.
- 4) Various traditions have been suggested for the origins of pumpkin carving, including the Celtic practice of carving scary images onto turnips to ward off spirits during Samhain, or the Christian practice of representing deceased persons’ faces in jack-o’-lanterns at feasts.
- 5) The element of food on Halloween is related to multiple traditions. Most likely, it is associated with setting out treats for the visiting spirits of deceased relatives, or with the poor going around to collect cakes in exchange for prayers or other oral performances.
- 6) It is possible that costumes were originally worn by children dressed up to commemorate earlier saints, or by the public dressed to disguise their identity from wandering spirits wishing to inflict vengeance.
- 7) The greeting “Trick or treat” was a demand made by trickster children in the early 20th century who would threaten disruptive pranks in their neighborhoods unless they were appeased with treats.



Something We Are Looking Into . . .



Mayor Robin Shelton has approached Randall’s Chapel UMC in an effort to join with the City of Scottsboro in a storm shelter program. The City would like to place a storm shelter on our property. The idea would be to have a storm shelter behind the back parking lot; this shelter would hold up to 90 persons. It would be 48’L x10’W x8’H. All of the shelter expense will be handled by the City.

The May 7th Ad. Council meeting discussed the plan and voted to approve the ‘go ahead’ of looking into what all is involved in making this happen. The Ad. Council thought this would be good for the community. Many avenues are being looked into, even as to whether the North Al. Conference approves this. All of this is a process to see if we and the City can make this happen.

As of this date 9-26-17, we are moving forward with this process.



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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

Classes for all ages - nursery provided

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN 6 PM

THURSDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM

FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,
CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, SUGGESTIONS AND/OR COM-
MENTS.....

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