



# The Messenger

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## Come and Worship with Us!

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
Lacy Hall  
11:00am Traditional Worship  
Sanctuary

## Come Learn With Us!

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for  
all ages...  
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...  
check the website for dates & times

Find us on facebook and be sure  
to *check-in*

**Bethany UMC, Smyrna**

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facebook streaming or videos on  
church website



## Life...Oh How Precious

The last couple of weeks has caused me to reflect on the preciousness of life. As I write this, I am 14 days into 37 total radiation treatments. Those of you who have been through this know what it is like. Each day at St. Joseph's Hospital I gather with a group of persons who are going through a similar journey, some with breast cancer, some with lung cancer, and others receiving treatment for prostate cancer like me. You become a family. I have gotten to know their stories and they mine. We find ourselves comparing notes on how things are going, how far along are you, and side effects from the treatment. It sounds depressing, but it is actually life affirming. You hear some of their stories and you are reminded about how precious life is. I am also reminded how God has blessed us with the miracle of modern medicine.

Last week, I experienced another miracle with the birth of Grandchild #3 *Mason Sidney Bessinger*. So now, Haddie has a baby brother. I wish you could see the joy on Haddie's face when she first met Mason. She just radiated with joy. I thought she would be stand offish, not sure what to do, but she climbed up into the bed with Emily and Mason and said, "give him to me." She held him and didn't want to let go. Unconditional love was pouring out. Oh, what an example to us all! Now I am not naive enough to think she will always LIKE her brother, but I suspect she will always LOVE him. Again, I was reminded of how precious life is.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let us give thanks for life and all it gives us. Let us give thanks for the blessings, but also the challenges. Life is PRECIOUS!

See you Sunday and bring a friend!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Chip*

# BETHANY NEWS



## Candy Please!

We need **individually wrapped Easter Candy** for our Easter Event on April 14. Collection boxes are by the church office door and on the Children's Hall across from the water fountain. Please have candy in by April 7.

Thank you in advance!

## Thank You

Dear Bethany Family,

I wanted to thank you for your many expressions of care and concern before and after my recent surgery. The calls, cards, visits, texts and meals meant so much to me! I appreciated your prayers. I am deeply grateful for my Bethany Family!  
*Susan Poolos*

## After General Conference

There will be a clergy and laity District Gathering on March 17 from 4pm to 6pm for the Atlanta-Marietta, Northwest, and Rome-Carrollton Districts at Kennesaw UMC. Please attend if you are able.

## Family Night Supper

The menu for the March 20 meal will be parmesan chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, salads & banana splits. Reservations slips will be in worship bulletin.

## Camp Glisson Scholarship Cookout and Cake Auction Lunch



Sunday, March 24—after 11 am worship  
Lunch cost: *Donations!*

In addition to the lunch, we will be auctioning off Johnnie and Joan's famous cakes as well as other delicious cakes donated by other church members!!

All of the proceeds will go towards helping to fund the way for our Youth and Children to attend Camp this summer, as well as help fund the annual Spiritual Life Retreat and a Fall retreat for the children to Camp Glisson. I can tell you, attending camp is an experience they will never forget. Camp Glisson is a special place to so many of our own congregation. I ask that you please help by giving to this special cause so we can continue our tradition of sending our kids to this "Holy Ground" this summer and for other times of renewal through the year. If you will not be here on **March 24**, you may give now. Please mark your check "Camp Glisson Scholarships". The children and youth graciously thank you for your help in allowing them to experience Camp Glisson. If you have any questions, please give Mary Jane or Autumn a call.

If you would like to help by donating a cake to be auctioned, please let Mary Jane, Johnnie Driver or Joan Bennett know. They could use your help to insure we have enough *homemade* cakes. We thank you in advance for all your generosity!!

## Drone anyone?

"Do you have a drone with a camera? The Bethany Trustees need assistance looking at the church steeple. If you can help call Ron Johns 678-662-5952.

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## WEEKLY SERVANTS

**MARCH 17, 2019**

LUKE 13: 31-35     REV. CHIP WILSON  
 "EYES SET ON JERUSALEM"

**Acolytes**

Jack Stuart & Imani Ryan

**Greeters**

9:00 am    Radney Simpson & Fred Droms  
 11:00 am    Delphia Brown & Cindy Hasty

**AV Tech & Sound**

9:00 am    Cindy Boyd & Jack Reilly  
 11:00 am    Jim Stratton & Claire Farmer

**Presentation Team**

Christine Adhikari, Ron Adhikari, Jack Reilly

**Scripture Reader**

Claire Vance

**Ushers**

9:00 am    Craig Bearden  
 11:00 am    Kevin Ammerman, Mike Garrison,  
 Wayne Human, Ron & Mun Hui Johnson, Wes  
 Liebergesell, David Stuart, Beth Weldy

**Children's Church**

Lisa Ammerman & Stephanie Johns

### *Happy Birthday!*

**March 12**—Kasey Peacock

**March 13**—Ryan Baker

**March 14**—Nona Elrod

**March 17**—Rev. Jerry McCurdy

**March 18**—Fred Droms, Natalie Harris,  
 Scott Lehmann, Dee Simpson

**March 19**—Dianne Henry

**March 20**—Diane Roberts

**March 21**—Shelley Booth

**March 22**—Lynn Burns, Rev. Chip Wilson

**March 23**—Laurie Mote, Russell Henry

### **Attendance for Sunday, March 10**

Contemporary Worship Service—89  
 Traditional Worship Service—125  
 Sunday School—113

## HANDS & FEET

### **UMW**

Ladies we are approaching our anniversary of 150 years of United Methodist Women. March 23, 2019 marks the date. The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women children and youth of their day. **Make your check out to Bethany UMW** and write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section. Put it in the offering plate or give it to Joan Bennett. We are going to send one check from Bethany with all of our contributions to this fund. Thank you all for your service and gifts.

*Sandra Crowe and Louise Young*  
 Co-Presidents

### **UMCOR Sunday**

When disaster strikes around the globe, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is prepared to act. When you make contributions to UMCOR you equip the Body of Christ to serve in His name. Giving to UMCOR is something "we" do not something "they" do. We will observe this special offering on Sunday, March 31. Special envelopes will be provided. Please be in prayer for those that will benefit from your generosity.

### **MUST Items**

The following items are needed at the Smyrna MUST pantry: beef stew, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, canned pork & beans, canned fruit (*pineapple or mandarin oranges - no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti noodles, dry potatoes, pinto beans, chili beans, canned carrots, canned spinach, kidney beans, canned peas, chunky soups, tomato paste, tea, juice boxes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



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 Mon-Thurs 8:30 am —4:00 pm

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**Current Prayer Concerns**

- Emily Black
- Regina Cherskov
- Ann Hendrix
- Terry Heyer
- Ron & Linda Hlozansky—friend of Judy Kelley
- Mason McKenzie—nephew of Johnnie Driver
- Mike & Cheryl Norwood
- Susan Poolos
- Ellen Shelnett—friend of Judy Kelley
- Pastor Chip Wilson

**Pray For Our Friends**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Neal Allen            | Eloise Fulmer         |
| Jim Barnes            | Victor Gary           |
| Donald Beaton         | Lisa Hilley           |
| Steve & Kathy Beckham | Buddy & Evelyn Panter |
| Nell Bilderback       | Joyce Poolos          |
| Donald Clark          | Martha Speir          |
| Carolyn Daniels       | Colene Morrison       |
| Jane Eisenburg        | Sandy Roberts         |
| Phyllis Woodyard      | Mary McBath           |

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

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| Christine Adhikari                         | Patricia Kramer                           |
| Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman | Chad Laporte                              |
| Shawn & Angel Campbell                     | Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas       |
| Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter       | Mary Anne Malcolm                         |
| Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter      | Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett       |
| Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley        | David Marvin-family of Ray Gary           |
| Raymond Clark—brother of Bill Clark        | David May                                 |
| Rev. Stiles Cobb                           | Maryanne McCurdy                          |
| Sheila Combs - niece of Ray Gary Sr.       | Jim Mount—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm     |
| Laura Denton                               | Phil & Selene Mozley                      |
| Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas    | Tammy Osborne                             |
| Bobbie English                             | Aaron & Allie Rice                        |
| Elizabeth Fisher—mother of Shelley Boggus  | Eliska Rucker & Family                    |
| Guy & Alison Gabrielson                    | Russell Elementary School                 |
| Aaron Garner                               | David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore  |
| Jason Hardin - family of Carol Jenkins     | Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy    |
| Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe     | Richard Sprayberry                        |
| Harvey Hendrix                             | Doug Stisher                              |
| Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver      | Helen Sullivan                            |
| Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce       | Rev. Susan Taylor                         |
| Jackson Jones—Terry family member          | Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote |
|  | Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's    |

**COMING UP ...**  
**MARCH 17 - MARCH 23**

<b><u>Sunday, March 17</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall; Children's Church—Room 101
10:05 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 PM	Girl Scouts—Children's Hall
4:00 PM	General Conference District Gathering—Kennesaw UMC
<b><u>Monday, March 18</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock; PMO Open House
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	UMM—Lacy Hall; Joymakers; Lamplighters
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge
<b><u>Tuesday, March 19</u></b>	
9:00 AM	PMO Open House
6:00 PM	Walking Group
6:45 PM	Cub Scouts - Lacy Hall
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	ESOL - Koinonia; Lent Bible Study—New Hope
7:45 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
<b><u>Wednesday, March 20—First Day of Spring</u></b>	
5:45 PM	Family Night Supper—Lacy Hall
6:00 PM	Kings Kids; Youth
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
<b><u>Thursday, March 21</u></b>	
11:30 AM	Forever Young—Lacy Hall
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	Praise Band - Lacy Hall; Women's Bible Study—Garth Davison
<b><u>Friday, March 22</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:45 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
<b><u>Saturday, March 23</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
10:00 AM	UMM—Lacy Hall
10:45 AM	Zumba - The Rock
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Banquet—Lacy Hall