



Be a BLESSing!

**Every Wednesday Night
5:00 p.m.
Bless Sacks Room**

We will pack close to 100 sacks of food every week to be distributed to students in need at Boynton Elementary School, Heritage Middle School and the Performance Learning Center. We meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Boynton United Methodist Church
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Boynton United Methodist Church **- a people of blessing -**

Mission: *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

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FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Friend,

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:3

Ancient letter writing followed a form that had become traditional in the ancient world. Just as letters in our era will have the individual and address on the envelope, and "*Dear So-and-so,*" at the beginning of the letter; there were certain parts of an ancient letter that people followed.

There was the "*To*" portion in which the person(s) was named to whom the letter was written. Then followed a type of blessing which served as the greeting, which is the above quoted verse. Then followed a thanksgiving section directed to the recipients of the letter. After the main body of the letter were greetings/messages to be passed on to other persons. Ancient letters were dictated, but the one writing the letter always wrote the last sentence or two in their own handwriting to authenticate the letter.

Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians following the accepted form of letter writing used in the first century. So verse 3 is the blessing/greeting portion of the letter. Paul put a lot of thought and prayer into his letters that we have in the New Testament. Paul wishes the Grace and Peace of God to be with the recipients of the letter.

"Grace" – This is God's unconditional love given to each of us. It is the reason why Jesus went to the cross to die for sinners. Also, it is what God calls us to. *"Peace"* is more than the absence of war, in the Biblical accounts it is the presence of all that would make life full and complete. This is what God wants for you. This Grace and Peace comes to us from God our Father – God who loves us unconditionally and wants us in His family – and the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Savior.

Paul wrote this verse to the Corinthians. But God wrote it through Paul to all of us.

Thank you.

Randy Walworth

February

Tuesday 12/5	Wesley Class Lunch at Golden Corral 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 2/6	Nursing Home Birthday Party 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 2/7	Prayers & Stitches in Koinonia room 6:00 p.m.
Monday 2/18	Keenagers at The Filling Station in Dalton 11:30
Tuesday 2/19	UM Women in Heritage Hall 7:00 p.m.
February 23 – 26	Special General Conference
Sunday 2/24	UM Men's breakfast in Heritage Hall 7:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Offering is for Homeless Offering

Sunday, February 3 – 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Housing and Homeless Council distributes all Homeless Offering gifts as grants to church and ministries that provide services and housing to poor and homeless persons through our Conference.



You are cordially invited to

The 50th Wedding Anniversary

Celebration for

Mike & Huelene Harris

Saturday, February 2, 2019

from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

in Heritage Hall

given by

Tommy Harris and Stacy Marshall

No gifts please.



Nicaragua January 2019 Mission Trip

Our team felt God, the Holy Spirit with us from the initial planning of the trip to the return trip.

We arrived in Nicaragua on January 12. We made the two hour trip from the airport to El Ayudante with no problems. We were busy the rest of the day getting ready for Sunday.

1. Sunday to La Paz Centro with 150 at the church service. The present of Evangelical Methodist gave us a surprise visit with his family. Tears of joy from them that we came. After church mobile clinic set up and saw 88 patients. We passed out 20 water filters and 41 back packs. Needs are building a house for pastor and water filtration systems.
2. La Majada Mobile clinic saw 138 patients. 20 water filters given out and 38 back packs. Priority need is repairing and building on to the church.
3. Leadership conference for empower youth ages 10 to 18. 48 attended. It was amazing and Bobby Fleck, the Ringgold UMC youth pastor presented it. We celebrated Dr. Medinas' birthday as we always do. The mobile clinic was a Maranonal and saw 138 patients. Bill Copeland discovered the clinic did not have a seizure med that one patient needed. More about that at closing of note. Bill Copeland gave out 200 water filters to that community. Bill and Ringgold team spent the week in Maranonal.
4. Salinas Grande received 20 water filters and 50 back packs. The clinic saw 155 patients. We grieve with this community and mourn the death of many this past year due to kidney failure. Many that we gave filters to are already on dialysis. The pastor said 20 water filters is like spitting on a roaring fire. He said he has funerals on the average of every two to three weeks. This community is directly across from the salt flats. We are in the process of getting Danilo to check where their water source comes from and to get a sample to be tested.
5. Las Parceles. The youth from Empower on the second day of teaching related to leadership. 20 water filters and 27 backpacks were given – we ran out of back packs. We witnessed a woman we know well having a seizure as she was listening to the presentation of the water filter she was getting. The Nicaraguan perfect on her response for calm caring. The doctor showed us the woman's bag of meds with an empty bottle of the med she needs and a couple of seizure meds they were substituting that obviously were not working. The med they needed is not available in Nicaragua and the clinic gets it from Europe. There was a recent shortage temporary but nevertheless they could not get it. We felt the urgency of these patients needing to get back on the med. We were able to order the med here and sent to another NGO who is arriving in Nicaragua this Saturday. Dr. Medina and Danilo will be sure the three seizure patients will get a ninety day supply that will hopefully cover them until new shipments arrive.
6. Boqueron received 20 water filters and 40 string bags to replace the backpacks we ran out of. 143 patients were seen.
7. Total patients for the trip was 869 medical and 142 dental for a total of 1011 patients. Our goal is to return June 1.

-submitted by Sheri Eschenfelder



February

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| 1 | Matthew Williams |
| 2 | Barbara McCroskey |
| 3 | Nathan Holdaway |
| 3 | Zachary Barrett |
| 4 | Brian Edwards |
| 5 | Amanda Johnston |
| 6 | Debbie Champman |
| 7 | Jillian Roberts |
| 7 | Patrick Johnston |
| 9 | Michael Rosenzweig |
| 9 | Sue Humble |
| 9 | Amy Jo Howard |
| 9 | Elias Gentry |
| 9 | Jack McGhee |
| 11 | Kris Ligon |
| 12 | Amanda Sharp |
| 14 | Dennis Mullens |
| 14 | Neva Thacker |
| 14 | Lisa Logan |
| 15 | James Robey |
| 16 | Haylie Aven |
| 16 | Travis Holt |
| 19 | Sophie Roberts |
| 20 | Barbara McCalla |
| 21 | Paige Cooke |
| 23 | Kay Harper |
| 24 | Bob Walden |
| 25 | Anna Williams |
| 26 | Ida Burwitz |
| 27 | Beau Pattison |
| 28 | Sarah Davis - Roupe |



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| 7 | Ed & Lisa Huskey |
| 7 | Jerry & Linda Lowery |
| 11 | Griff & Dawn Shirley |
| 12 | Jack & Marlene Bloomer |
| 23 | Denny & Stacy Marshall |



February Menus

February 6	Sloppy Joes, tater tots, carrots, slaw and Terry Jo's Chocolate Cake.
February 13	Pizza Night, fruit salad, Valentine's strawberry delight.
February 20	Meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, slaw, roll and cherry pie.
February 27	Chicken and dressing, fried squash, potatoes and onions, spiced cranberry orange mold, pear cobbler with ice cream.

Servants for February

Sunday Nursery (9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

3	Mary Martin
10	Sandra Smith
17	Tina Holt
24	Barbara McCroskey

Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m.

Greeters

3	Tom & JanElle Mooney
10	Wanda Harris
17	Harvey & Amy Williams
24	Gigi & Beau Pattison

Host/Hostess

Sherma Addington – 706-861-2599
Gigi Pattison – 724-747-7812

Head Usher

Steve Abercrombie - 423-505-6070

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Greeters

3	Jim Cosper / Sandra Smith / Patty Bishop
10	Kay Harper / Dennis Sims / David Humble
17	Jarrett & Sheri Eschenfelder / Fay Peters
24	Steve & Sally Abercrombie / David Humble

Acolytes & Holy Communion Stewards

3	Acolyte/Holy Communion Steward – Jim Cosper Howard & Glenda Thomas – Holy Communion Stewards
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Church community

Sherma Addington – health concerns
 Charlie Ball – lymphoma
 Tom Billington
 Neil Bird
 Carl Bunch – recovering from heart surgery
 Ida Burwitz
 Barbara Chambers
 Ellen Cook – looking for full time job
 Lois Dietz
 Richard Doyle – recovering from surgery
 Iris Eaves
 Dot Gilbert
 Dan (pancreatic cancer) and Janice Harding
 Lisa Huskey – recovering from back surgery
 Richard and DeAnne Huskey
 Jerry Lowery – health concerns
 Claire McCullough – untenable work situation
 Connie Noland – ear problems
 Jerry Noland – health concerns
 Ann Orr – recovering from rotator cuff surgery
 Nancy Perry
 Theo Pinkston
 Cathaleen Rivers - seizures
 Joyce Roach
 Chuck Thacker
 Jennifer Walworth
 Rob Waters – degenerative disk in back
 Sadie White
 Harvey Williams – heart concerns
 Sue Williams
 Bob Walden – NHC
 Annie Wyatt

Cancer

Fred Baer – lung, requested by Julie Dietz
 Bill Beagan, multiple myeloma – friend of Howard & Glenda Thomas
 Nancy Brock – colon, requested by Julie Dietz
 Ann Brooks – lung, Haley McCullough's grandmother
 Scott Eldridge, Claire McCullough's cousin
 Cecil & Nita Geter – parents of Carolyn Bonner
 Lawrence Levan – Dot Gilbert's brother
 Howard Mathes – lung, uncle of Lee Shirley / Sharon Guffey
 Co-worker's husband – liver and pancreatic, co-worker of Claire McCullough
 Carla Ramos – a tumor, co-worker of Debbie Craft
 Axton Solberg – brain, 3 year old – son of Toby Solberg, pastor at New Heights Baptist Church in Ringgold
 Glenda Shropshire – pancreatic, friend of Darraj family
 Billy Walworth, prostate, brother of Randy Walworth
 Bert Workman – cancer, friend of Nancy Bunch

Our Mission Field

For Boynton UMC to reach people for Jesus Christ
 BUMC Worship Services (Contemporary and Traditional)
 Sunday School
 Student Ministry / BKidz Children's Program
 BKidz Day Out Program
 Stephen Ministry
 Prayers & Stitchers
 Recovery at Ringgold
 My New Normal (Parents of Special Needs Kids) support group
 Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission
 Nicaragua
 February 2019 Special Called Conference

Catoosa Schools, in particular our partnership schools:
 Elementary: Boynton, West Side, Woodstation
 Middle: Heritage, Ringgold
 High: Heritage, Ringgold, LFO

Homebound/Senior Care Facilities

Bertha Baker, Tom Billington, Margaret Bowman, Martha Dietz, Lois Dunn, Edith Land, Stacy Mashburn, Nan Pinkston

Our Church

Pastor Randy Walworth, Jennifer, Mary Beth
 Our BUMC staff and their families: Linda, Carl, Gigi, Katie,
 Joe, Diane, Ellen, Janet, Julie and Rebecca
 Our church, our community, our nation, our world
 Our New Building and Renovated Sanctuary Project
 The United Methodist Church

Other requests

Valerie Barnes – second small stroke, Claire's sister-in-law
 Bob & Ruth Bennett – health concerns, Diana Doyle's parents
 Lamar Brown – triple bypass surgery, brother of Theresa Waters
 Mary Byington – needs new liver, Anna Williams' Mimi
 Patrick Chandler, CF needs lung transplant, requested by Mike Harris
 Dennis Doyle – Richard' brother – medical concerns
 Mary Ann Dyer & Family – husband passed, previous asst.
 Principal at West Side Elementary
 Patrick Johnston's dad
 Baby Olin Isip – health, relative of Diana Doyle
 Janet Jacks, mass on lungs, relative of Audrey Cooper
 Larhonda Jacks, mastectomy scheduled – relative of Audrey Cooper
 Nikhoma Johnson, recovering – niece of Jennifer Walworth
 Patrick Johnston's dad
 James Kennedy, 84 - in declining health, brother of Barbara McCroskey
 Family of Don Kress – friend of Lamar Stone
 Claire McCullough's co-worker's father
 Jerry Noland's nephew, Michael – stroke, Jerry & Connie Noland
 Terry Oliver- friend of Holt family
 Family of Helen Parrish – Jenni Wilson's grandmother
 Aaron Peeler, epilepsy & autism, called in by Elizabeth Peeler
 Family of Ila Fay Reno, sister of Lois Dietz and Sadie White
 Marty Robertson – aneurysm, cousin of Lamar Stone
 Rhonda Robinson – balance problems, friend of Noland's
 Saylor Ruis – health issues, 8 yrs. old, Jack & Reba Love
 Judy Plemon's 13 year old nephew – serious health problems
 Deandra Shaver – MICU, classmate of Zachary Barrett at HMS
 Student struggling with serious mental issues, by Rebecca Barrett
 Karen Small – car wreck – broken bones, co-worker from WSE
 Stacey Smith – friend of Lois Nix
 Gail Townsend – stopping all chemo treatments, requested by Barrett's
 Jimmy & Sue Walworth – recovering, brother of Pastor Randy

Prayer to Love As Jesus Loved

Heavenly Father, more and more I come to understand what the Lord Jesus meant when He said that He is one with the Father and prayed that His disciples, may be one. I see that love is a precious union of heart and a sweet communion of spirit...and just as the Father and Son emanate the same powerful love – so w too are to have that same beautiful love developing in us, by the power of the Spirit.

Lord, I pray that the body of Christ may become united as one, and abound in the unity of the spirit more and more, in love – not compromising truth but showing a genuine concern for one another. I pray that individually and collectively, we may live godly lives in Christ Jesus and seek to encourage and edify one another...seeing to be of the same mind and having the same godly love for each other.

I pray that we may be united in spirit and in purpose, and that we do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit...but rather with humility of mind regard the needs of the other as more important than our own. This I ask in the name of Jesus – Who died for us all. Amen.

Submitted by Mike Harris, Prayer Chair

A Way Forward/Special General Conference in February

We have had a prayer effort for some months now for the Special General Conference that will be held in February 2019. It is on the church prayer list and the Koinonia Class has kept it on their prayer list as well.

In October I attended a meeting at Ooltewah United Methodist sponsored by the Holston Annual Conference which was led by two of their delegates to General Conference. They did a very good job of explaining what the proposals are that will come up in February.

In essence there will be three proposals presented to the Special General Conference to choose from. In these studies it has been found that most everyone has definite opinions & has strong feelings. United Methodists are divided on this topic. The proposals are focusing on how to maintain unity in the midst of all this. In short these do not force a different way of believing on a church.

ONE CHURCH PLAN – This proposal lets each individual church choose which way they believe. Each pastor will also choose how they believe. Traditionalist pastors will be sent to Traditionalist churches; for example.

TRADITIONALIST PLAN – This plan maintains our current stance (While we believe LGBT persons are of sacred worth to God we also believe that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with the scriptures). This plan strengthens this stance.

CONNECTIONAL CONFERENCES PLAN – Within the United States this plan does away with having regional annual conferences such as North Georgia, Holston, South Georgia, etc. Instead there will be just three conferences in the USA. The Traditionalist Annual Conference will maintain the current denominational stance. The Progressive Annual Conference will allow same sex unions. The Centrist Annual Conference will allow their individual churches and pastors to decide for themselves as in the One Church Plan. All U.S. churches would each decide which conference they prefer to be in.

I thought the best way of getting the information to you at this time would be to offer some links below:

Videos:

1. This is a great Youtube video of delegates explaining the three proposals that will be considered in February:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dR1eriGpJM&feature=youtu.be>

2. In this video, the Council on Bishops discuss the One Church model:

<https://vimeo.com/277331100/3d399afb04>

3. Bishop Sue of the North Georgia Conference speaks about THE WAY FORWARD at the 2018 North Georgia Annual Conference:

<https://vimeo.com/276351658>

4. Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball of West Virginia gives an overview of the proposals in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yX8CeDy5FHY>

Devout, God-fearing, Gave Generously

"He and his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."

Acts 10:2-4

In the Old Testament, the sacred gifts expressed in devotion to God - an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Generous and God-fearing people obey God by generously giving to those in need and ask to be in a daily relationship with God.

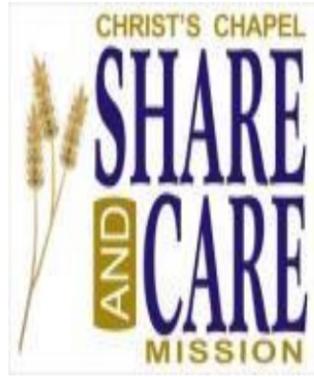
We need to be more aware of what we give - not only in money, but in our time and talents. Our attitude should be to trust and obey out of gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus Christ. The self-serving manner in which many of us in America live isn't glorifying to God. At our church, we need to refocus on what God would have us do rather than "buying" what our society is doing.

A practical application of this passage would be to allow our comfort zones to be pushed to the uncomfortable. Seek God through prayer and His Word. Ask yourself, what can I do to be more effective in our church community? Participate. Commit to more than just walking in and out of the church doors like a consumer does in the world. What is on this earth will pass away. What God has given us in Jesus is eternal.

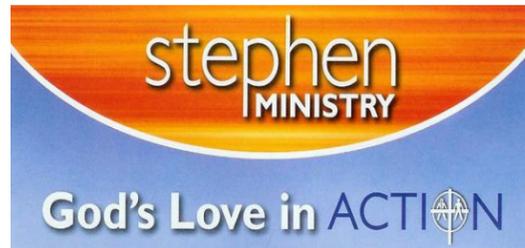
Being a generous people involves more than lip service; it involves action. Action motivated not by worldly standards, but by what we profess will last eternally - transferring our trust to Christ alone. And when we respond as Cornelius did, our gift too, will be a "memorial offering before God".

-submitted by Ann Orr, Financial Secretary





Christ's Chapel Share & Care Mission is in need of soups, chili, stews, canned or mixes and crackers during the month of February. Please leave the items under the mailboxes in the hallway across from the women's restroom or place on the altar on Sunday, February 24.



Next Men's Breakfast
Sunday, February 24, 2019
7:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall



The January meeting was opened with a program entitled, *Sisterhood for Human Flourishing*, presented by Patty Bishop. The programs this year celebrates United Methodist Women's 150 years of women organized for mission. Each of the monthly programs looks back to our legacy and connects it to where we are today. We form a sisterhood of grace – a community of women organized for mission who foster the creative, supportive fellowship that is espoused in our Purpose.

Plans are being made to host a Bazaar to benefit artisans around the world as a help in fighting poverty. Also, an important date to remember is March 2 – 3 for the UMW's retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center.

Join us February 19, to learn more about these and other work in mission as a *Sisterhood of Grace*.

Andrea Sims



BLESS Sacks is a self-funded program that provides a weekend supplement to local students who receive free or reduced lunches in the Catoosa County School System. Last school year we packed over 3,000 sacks for Boynton Elementary, Heritage Middle, and Performance Learning Center. If you would like to help pack the sacks, we meet every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the *BLESS Sacks* room (located across from the Nursery).

The 2019 February Calendar
is the next page down.



Boynton United Methodist Church

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. 50 Wedding Anniversary for Mike & Huelene Harris in Heritage Hall
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