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There shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be
any more pain:
for the former things
are passed away.

Revelation 21:4, KJV

The Ultimate Destination

What's better than the first day of a long-awaited vacation? The excitement of reaching our destination, the anticipation of fun-filled adventures, the freedom to relax and lay down our burdens for a while—we'll pay good money for that.

But it's a fleeting pleasure. Before our bags are even unpacked, the clock has already begun counting down to when we'll have to return to the pressures of everyday life.

It won't always be so. One day, we'll lay down our burdens for good. When we reach our ultimate destination, God our Father will welcome us. Our loved ones, long gone, will gather to celebrate. And every day of this breathtaking adventure will be like the first because time will no longer rule over us.

The best vacations are just a shadow of what God has in store for His children.



SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, JULY 25

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



& Anniversaries

- 25. Walter Burnett
Howard Webb
- 26. Hannah Woods
- 27. Susan Melton
- 30. Melissa Wyatt
Phil Williams
Jana Bardwell
Julie Trammell
Mills Paul

- 26. Mr. & Mrs. Steven Harris
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Coulton

Methodist Heritage: John Wesley Said It!

“I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.

And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.”

- John Wesley in
Thoughts upon Methodism

I am always struck by that line: “*having the form of religion without the power.*” Wesley is talking about the Holy Spirit. Is it real in us? Are we alive in Christ, or are we just a dead sect?

Brother Lauren

Children's Page

This week our lesson is called "Prayers for All People." This comes from our series, **Talking with God**. Praying is important, but sometimes it can be hard to know who and what to pray for. When we pray, it is a conversation with God. God knows our heart, but we should still talk to Him. When we pray, we need to pray for people who are leaders, for those who are sick and hurting, and most importantly, for those who do not know Jesus.



Summer is almost over, but we have a few more activities planned. We enjoyed a day of crafting, experimenting, and baking this past week.

Don't forget to sign up for our Bowling trip next Thursday to Fannin Lanes. Cost is \$10, which includes bowling and shoes. Please call Tera or the church office by Monday to sign up. Grades 5K-6th will meet at the church at 12:00 noon. Return time TBD.



Youth Sunday School

This entire month we have been learning about the importance of have a strong prayer life. We have heard about Daniel, and we looked back at some of the works of David. This Sunday our lesson continues with Paul. Paul is a man who went through a radical change in his life. He went from persecuting Christians, to becoming one. In doing so, he suffered many hardships and tough times throughout his life. This lesson is an important reminder that Christians will face many difficult times and trials, but God will always be there. We must remember to talk to Him and seek Him in all that we do.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Summer is almost over, and school will be staring back soon. We will plan to gather a few more times before we get back into a normal routine. Mark your calendars for August 14th. This will be our Sunday night kick-off for the new school year.

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Greeters	Sandra Martin/Marilyn Burnett
Scripture	Ezra 4:1-5, 5:1-2
Sermon	“A House Half-Built”
Flowers	Clayton Nagle

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

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| 24. 7th Sunday after Pentecost | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 |
| 25. Jacob and Laban argue | Genesis 30:25-36 |
| 26. Jacob prospers at Laban's expense | Genesis 30:37-43 |
| 27. Jacob settles in Goshen | Genesis 46:2-47:12 |
| 28. Jacob receives God's blessing | Genesis 32:22-31 |
| 29. I shall see your face | Psalms 17:1-7, 15 |
| 30. The glory of God's people in Israel | Romans 9:1-5 |