



Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Where we are reflecting God's love in the heart of the community

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

WELCOME

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN- UMH #252

(tune: "The Church's One Foundation")

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. As you led Jesus to the waters of baptism in the Jordan, opened up the heavens, and came down upon him, come down, O Love Divine, upon us. Open our eyes and our ears that we today may hear afresh in our own hearts that voice from heaven which said to him, "This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased." Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Betty Shelton
Judy York
Mike Hall

Carole Pegram
Leola Vaughn
Phyllis Warren

Diane Preddy
Lucille Fiddle
Ruth Thomas

Prayers for our Servicemen

Brandon Estrada – Army
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force

Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Craig Rush II – Army

Jay Christopher – Navy
Roger Rich – Army

Mike Tumlin – Army
Will Quesenberry – Marines

Prayers for others

Ann Grose	Becky Westmoreland	Betty Hawkins
Billy Hanks	Bonnie & David Stratton	Boone family
Brian Landreth	Carmen Wilmer	Chris Griffin
Dee Mullins	Dennis Fink	Evon & Mitchael Lawson
Elise Jones	Gene Tiesler	Gosnell family
Grace Reed	Jillian Jalovec	Lori Tuttle
Lucia Lane	Matt Wray	Norma & Dock Coleman
Pat Elder	Randi Smith	Rylie Cole
Sandra H. Leach	Sharon Ozment	Shay Black
Silas Mitchell	Steve Joyce	Ted Southern
The Tucker family	Vartkes Ajemian	Yorkie York
Bella Ramos	Beth Peach's mom, Patty	Beth's friend's mom, Aileen
Betty Lambert	Bill Darnell	Bruce Willard
Carolyn Johnson g'dtr, Lorna	Denise, Ed, Catherine	Leah & Dan
Lori Vanstory	Mary Wheelless & family	Pat Gentry
Paul Neal, Sr.	Regina & Steve Frederick	Tammy & David Reid
Wendi Gould & Brent	Will Steinkamp	Elizabeth Courtright family
Faye Case family	George Dick family	James R. Wilson family
John Budwine family	Lewis Dodson family	Peggy Joyce family
Ruby Matthews family	Pat Thacker family	
Family members of those who have died from COVID		
Local & Small Businesses		
Those residing in hospitals and nursing homes		
Essential employees		
All healthcare workers and First responders		

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WAYS TO GIVE

We offer FOUR ways you can give to the church:

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

GALATIANS 1:1-5, 11-12

¹Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), ²and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

¹¹For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

¹²For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

“Down to the River to Pray”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:1-12

¹He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. ²And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, ³“Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow; ⁴as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. ⁶And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. ⁸Other *seeds* fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.” ⁹And He was saying, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ¹⁰As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, *began* asking Him *about* the parables. ¹¹And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, ¹²so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.”

SERMON

“Baptized and Sent”

Galatians’ Good News for an Anxious Church: Part 1 of 6

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATION OF SIN & PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving over the Water

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

FAIREST LORD JESUS - UMH #1899

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10

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General Budget as of December 31, 2020

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$223,518
EXPENSES	\$209,821*

*In addition to these expenses, we paid \$19,800 using the Payroll Protection Plan.

Land as of December 31, 2020

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$23,476
EXPENSES	\$23,886*

*In addition to the expenses shown, we have made payments totaling \$11,465.51 directly to the principal.

We reflect God's love through our giving... Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

Fall Sunday School for children ages 5-11



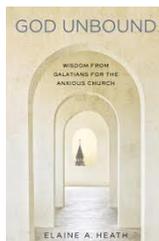
Go on Facebook to Stokesdale UMC-Childrens Sunday School.
Craft supplies can be picked up in the church office.

Tuesday evening @ 7 PM – Trustees Meeting on ZOOM

Wednesday evening @ 5:45 PM – Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall

7PM – Choir Practice in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM

Thursday evening @ 6:15 PM – Word and Table in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live.
Going through the Study "God Unbound" Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church, by Elaine A. Heath



Thursday evening @ 6:15 PM – Girl Scout Brownies meet

January 19th Finance Meeting and Admin Council – Finance begins @ 6:30 PM, Admin Council begins @ 7PM

January 21st @ 7PM – Goshen Book Club



Reading “Next Year in Havana” by Chanel Cleeton



Also discussing “Angels At My Fingertips” by Lorna Byrne

Reading ahead for February: “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson



Blood Drive
Stokesdale United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
8305 Loyola Dr
Stokesdale, NC 27357
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

January 30th @ 9AM – Food Pantry Distribution *Bethel UMC hosting*

We continue to receive monetary donations for food for the Food Pantry.



Souper Soup Sale

The Missions Committee will be holding a Souper Soup Sale fundraiser to benefit Backpack Ministries. They will be offering homemade Potato, Chicken Noodle, or Chili soups by the quart container for the suggested donation of \$7.00 per quart on **February 6th** by drive-through pickup at the entrance of the church from 11am-2pm. **Soup must be pre-ordered** by contacting Rachel Reid at mrn1989@bellsouth.net, or by calling / texting Rachel at 336-508-0455 no later than Jan. 31st.



EVERYONE HAS A STORY. . .

The upcoming Lenten Season will mark one year since the beginning of the pandemic. Throughout this darkness and despair, we may have forgotten that we are a part of a community of faith where others have the same thoughts, feelings, and struggles. Also, we may have forgotten that we have a future filled with hope through Jesus Christ who has conquered death so we may have life.

The Missions Committee is giving us an opportunity to share our stories of faith through the struggle by providing a Lenten devotional booklet. From now through February 1, the church office will take your stories and publish them on-line and in print so they can inspire our community. Use the Upper Room devotionals as a model for your own testimony. Go to the following link to see their guidelines: <https://submissions.upperroom.org/guidelines>. Send your submissions to the church office via email to LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org or bring them to the church office by Monday, February 1st.

OPERATION EXCEL The Operation Excel Program through Oak Springs Baptist Church will begin using our Fellowship Hall the end of this month. If you are able to volunteer Monday – Friday from 3 to 6PM please let Elaine Christopher know.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

10th Jane Hartman
Meda Howell

11th Larry Eller
Bridgett & Larry Shelton

12th Cassandra Strickland

13th Rylie Cole Preddy

15th Payton Simmons

16th Christopher Brame
Bobby Gauldin

18th Mitchael Lawson

19th Mike Turner

21st Diane Preddy

22nd Nancy & Ted Southern

24th Alexandria Baxter
John Wray

26th Allison Harris
Steve Howerton

27th Mike Williams

28th Phyllis Green
Jamie Harte

Kevin Landreth
Suzanne Turner
29th Olivia Gannon
Louise Grotzinger
30th Scott Wilson

IN MEMORY OF . . .

of Ruby Matthews donations have been received from:

Mahalia McGee
Melisa Hanks

of Pat Thacker donations have been received from:

Terry & Doug Stephens
Bonnie Mills

of Faye Case donations have been received from:

Bonnie Mills

of Jordan Huff donations have been received from:

Cynthia & Tommy Huff

of Peggy Joyce donations have been received from:

Carolene & Rodney Eller
Chung Woon Seo
Lynda Williams
Mahalia McGee
Terry & Doug Stephens
Melisa Hanks
Diane & Bill Preddy
Bonnie Mills

thank you!

*The Family of Faye Case thanks you for all the cards and donations to our church and to the Veterans Monument in Faye's memory. When you lose someone a piece of your heart goes to Heaven and many pieces went with Mama Faye.
-Barbara Marshall*