

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

August 21, 2024

“Build houses...plant gardens...take wives and become fathers...seek the welfare of the city...”

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Most people would know Jeremiah 29 from its 11th verse: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’” It’s a great verse of promise made to the exiles of Judah, and one that gives us great comfort even today. But, if we look deeper, we find that it is a specific promise made at a specific time for a specific purpose. The Israelites that Jeremiah is addressing are part of the first exile under the Babylonians. Jerusalem is still standing; and the majority of Israelites are still living at home. I’m sure the exiles thought that this situation was temporary. They probably thought they would soon be living back in Israel as God’s people. But, as days dragged on, they found themselves in a time of uncertainty. What would the future hold? How long would they be here? In the midst of their questions Jeremiah speaks to their situation by reminding them of God’s promises. But it wasn’t going to happen overnight. It would require some work on the part of the Israelites—effort that they had not put forth for years. It would require returning to their first love and seeking God again.

We find ourselves in a time of uncertainty right now. We have lost members over the last two months, and we are asking the question “what happens now?” Where is God calling us? What will become of us? Who will we be? How can we survive? Remember that God is always in control. Starting in September, I’ll be doing a sermon series in Jeremiah 29. We’ll look at some of the instructions that Jeremiah gives to the Israelites as insights into surviving a time of uncertainty and fear. We’ll see how they can apply to our situation. We’ll seek to center ourselves in God’s promises and remember that he will never leave us. God is not done with you yet. God is not done with Poplar Springs Drive UMC. Do you believe it?

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

New Prayer Requests

Daniel Comeaux - Colon Cancer

Nora Goodsell - Recurrence of Leukemia

Tracie Flowers - Breast Cancer

Continue to prayer for:

Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham, Francois du Plessis,
Billy Anders, James E. Smith, Brenda Huffman,
Sharon Stephens, Charlotte Chaney, Shane Helton,
Adrian Hill, Brenda Ferry, Neal Martin, Justin Dean,
Jamie Rawson, Ceil Coleman, Tom Sanderford, Jake Warren,
Mitch Raybuck, Joe Kieronski, Lavarus Rue, Robert Phillips
and Larry Vick

If you have a prayer request and/or an update
please let the office know.

August Birthdays

4th - Peggy Baldwin
Beth Hall

5th - Jake Joyner
Mindy Mendiola

24th - Butch Shannon

25th - Semmes Martin

28th - Suzanne Grafton

29th - Leigh Ann Smith

30th - Barbara Miller

31st - Jim Autry
Polly Little

September Birthdays

2nd - Neldia White

3rd - Mariah Rue

6th - Lori Berrey
Irby Lang
Dianne Shannon
Vivian Wright

14th - Grady Coleman

15th - Nancy Crews

16th - James Ashby

19th - Malcolm Martin

24th - Lucy Autry

Sunday, August 25

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, August 26

5:00 P.M. Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, August 27

5:30 P.M. Nominations Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Youth and Children

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday September 1

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, September 2

Church Offices closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, September 4

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Youth and Children

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, September 8

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Church Wide Meeting

In lieu of Sunday School

4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, September 9

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 P.M. Executive Team Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, September 11

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Youth and Children

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Memorials:

Vera Coker - Butch & Dianne Shannon
James & Janette Weeks

Betty Young - Irby & Cindy Lang

Ken LaBruyere - Dianne Singley
James & Janette Weeks
Duke & Caroline Wilson
Butch & Dianne Shannon

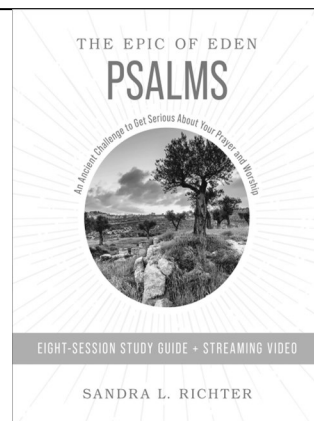
Ray Blevins - Grady & Vicki Coleman
Butch & Dianne Shannon

Benny Egger - Grady & Vicki Coleman
Duke & Caroline Wilson
Ron & Jennifer St. John
Mark & Ginny Adkins
Butch & Dianne Shannon
Regena Ford
Gary & Robin Thompson
Irby & Cindy Lang
Sandy Thomas
Elva Britt

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The Epic of Eden: Psalms The Hymnbook of Ancient Israel

By Sandra L. Richter



This deep dive into the book of Psalms with Bible professor Sandra Richter will do three things: (1) it will tutor us in what honest faith in hard times looks like; (2) we will be reminded of who we are and who God is; and (3) we will see that we do not walk alone, but we will find our way back to the Lord of Heaven and Earth who has never ceased to hear the cries of his people.

**Sign up Sheets are in the Gathering Area for
Tuesday @ 10 am or Wednesday @ 6 pm
Starting the week of September 15th**

Volunteer Opportunities

August 25 - Sunday

Acolytes: Maliya & Mila Fluker
Greeters: Regena Ford
Sunday Snacks: Malaea Mendiola, Erin Richardson

August 26 - Monday

Meals on Wheels: Marjorie Walker

September 1 - Sunday

Acolytes: Erin Richardson, Betty Allison
Greeters: Robin Thompson
Communion: Danny Young, J.L. Young, Matt Hall, Bekah Hall
Sunday Snacks: Robin Thompson, Polly Little

September 2 - Monday - (Holiday)

Meals on Wheels: Margaret Yates, Cathy Ellis

September 8 - Sunday

Acolytes: Lucy & Max Autry
Greeters: Luci Wolvers
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis, Regena Ford

September 9 - Monday

Meals on Wheels: Janet Barham, Carrol Barham



Thank you to the Hospitality Committee
for providing Sandwiches and
Desserts for the family of Glenda Smith.

Meals on Wheels: Our church delivers Meals
on Monday's here in Lauderdale County.

**We need a couple of volunteers
to deliver on the first Monday of each
month . This would begin on October 7th.**

(Teams can swap delivery weeks if a conflict arises)

**Contact the Nancy Crews @ 601-616-3553 or
call the church office @ 601-485-5598**

Interested in ringing handbells?

**We are in need of additional
ringers. Please contact
Debbie Young or Patti Coxwell.
Rehearsals are on Sunday @ 4 PM**





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The 2024 Bible Challenge

August 25 - 2 Chronicles 1-3 / 1 Corinthians 16

August 26 - 2 Chronicles 4-6 / 2 Corinthians 1

August 27 - 2 Chronicles 7-9 / 2 Corinthians 2

August 28 - 2 Chronicles 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 3

August 29 - 2 Chronicles 13-14 / 2 Corinthians 4

August 30 - 2 Chronicles 15-16 / 2 Corinthians 5

August 31 - 2 Chronicles 17-18 / 2 Corinthians 6

September 1 - 2 Chronicles 19-20 / 2 Corinthians 7

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