

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

May 8, 2024

“Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”

Isaiah 40:31

Did you ever wonder where God was in your life? Maybe you went through a difficult situation, such as the loss of a spouse or child, loss of a job, a debilitating illness, or a spiritual dry spell. You wondered where God was in all of your pain and heartache, why he didn't take the hurt away, why you had to endure the suffering of the moment. Maybe you wondered if God cared at all for you and your situation.

In the book of Isaiah, we find Israel in that exact spot, albeit of their own choosing. The first 39 chapters of Isaiah contain passage after passage of condemnation and judgment that God is declaring against Israel and Judah for their choice to turn away from God and seek the help of other nations. They have “abandoned the Lord...despised the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 1:4). As a result, God's breath “will consume (Israel) like a fire...” (Isaiah 33:11). That sounds pretty bleak, huh? It's easy to imagine that God has finally and forever abandoned Israel and Judah to their own evil desires, never to be heard from again. But Isaiah doesn't end with chapter 39; their stories are not over. Chapter 40 opens with the words “Comfort, O Comfort my people...” (40:1). And yet, in the midst of those words, one might wonder if God really was present in the midst of the coming exile. Did God really care? Was he concerned at all for his people? Like Israel and Judah of the first 39 chapters, too often we think that we have to take control of our own situation and our own lives and figure out how things will work out. Instead, God calls us to wait upon him. The Hebrew in Isaiah 40:31 literally means “hope in.” “Those who hope in the Lord...” It points forward towards the coming fulfillment of the promises of God. Even though people in this world will let us down, God will never let us down. God remains our strength; God remains our shield; God remains our strong tower. God is always our hope. That is what Isaiah is reminding us of here. If we but wait upon the Lord, he will give us the strength we need. If we cease striving, worrying, straining, grasping, or struggling, he will provide the way to move forward. But our eyes must be lifted up upon Him. We have to wait. We have to be patient. We have to seek the Lord in all things, and he will answer us in His time. In what situation do you need to wait today?

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

New Prayer Requests

The Farmer Family - loss of grandparents
James Hall - ICU Anderson's (friend of Liz Ashby)

Lavarus Rue - Deployment

Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis, Billy Anders, James & Glenda Smith,
Benny Eggler, 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, Fayne Walker, Nancy Warner,
Wayne Patterson, Ray Blevins

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

May Birthdays

1st Laikyyn Wilson
3rd L.J. Rue
11th Oliver Ridinger
14th Elise Joyner
15th Francois du Plessis
19th Gabe Joyner
Aaron Joyner
20th Mila Fluker
23rd Nathan Gatlin
27th Hannah Hall
28th Ron Burton
Ashley Wolvers



Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day & Sunday Fund Offering

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Monday, May 13

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church/Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 P.M. Executive Team/Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, May 15

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Last Youth & Children
Before Summer Break
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost - Graduation Sunday

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Tuesday, May 21

6:00 P.M. Basketball

Wednesday, May 22nd

Last Day for the After School Center

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, May 26

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Monday, May 27

Church Office is closed for Memorial Day
Our UMCOR Team leaves for Sager Brown

Tuesday, May 28

Summer Program (ASC) begins

THE SUNDAY FUND OFFERING - Mother's Day - May 12th, 2024

... is a benevolence fund created to meet the financial burdens of elders who live on a MSS campus across Mississippi. This is your opportunity to assist these elders. Sunday Fund recipients have depleted their financial resources; many have no family or other support available to meet these overwhelming financial and emotional obstacles.

KEY FACTORS IN GIVING

- 100% of the money donated to The Sunday Fund is used to support elders in Mississippi.
- No one has ever had to leave their home because they ran out of money, thanks to **The Sunday Fund**.
- Elders from **all denominations** are served by **The Sunday Fund**.
- Elders often depend on the support of **church families** to meet basic needs.
- The level of assistance we can offer is directly related to the gift balance available in **The Sunday Fund**.

The Sunday Fund does **NOT** receive an apportionment from the United Methodist Conference.

Volunteer Opportunities

May 12 - Sunday - Mother's Day

Acolytes: Lucy & Max Autry
Greeters: Cindy Lang, Lucy Wolvers
Scripture Reader: Erin Richardson
Sunday Snacks:

May 13 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Margaret Yates, Cathy Ellis

May 19 - Sunday - Graduation Sunday

Acolytes: Leigh Ann Smith, Nancy Crews
Greeters: Cathy Ellis, Angie Sherrill
Scripture Reader: Beth Hall
Sunday Snacks: Dianne Shannon, Polly Little

May 20 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Nancy Crews, Grady Coleman

May 26 - Sunday

Acolytes: Cathy Ellis, Sandy Thomas
Greeters: Malaea Mendiola, Sandy Thomas
Scripture Reader: Janet Barham
Sunday Snacks: _____

Camp Firelight VBS is coming to Poplar
Springs Drive United Methodist Church
JUNE 10th - 13th - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
**WATCH FOR SIGN UP SHEETS AND
PLANNING MEETINGS SOON!**



What a wonderful day we had for the Spring Festival.

We cleared more than \$7400 for our festival recipients. Wesley House and Care Lodge will receive \$2500 each and The Ramp Ministry will receive \$1000. The remainder will be kept in hand to help other local missions as needed.

Thanks to each one of you who helped in any way. Before, during and after.

Eddie and Nancy



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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PLACE
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To:

The 2024 Bible Challenge

May 12 - Psalm 32 / Psalm 51 / John 3:16-36

May 13 - 2 Samuel 13-14 / John 4:1-26

May 14 - 2 Samuel 15 / Psalm 3 / Psalm 69 / John 4:27-54

May 15 - 2 Samuel 16-18 / John 5:1-24

May 16 - 2 Samuel 19-20 / John 5:25-47

May 17 - Psalm 64 / Psalm 70 / John 6:1-21

May 18 - 2 Samuel 21-22 / Psalm 18 / John 6:22-40

May 19 - 2 Samuel 23-24 / John 6:41-71

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