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**Homecoming &
\$10,000 Sunday,
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**OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH
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Sunday Services

- 9:00am Worship Service
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 5:00pm Adult Choir / 4:00 pm Praise Band Practice
- 6:00pm Every FOURTH SUNDAY Ebenezer Methodist Women

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” *Matthew 28:19*



Pastor's Corner



I have witnessed Jesus open blind eyes, open deaf ears, loosen mute tongues, grow short legs, heal cripples, reverse paralysis and many other such miracles. The good news is that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He will do to you that he has done for many others. Today, I want to share with you a summary of steps to receiving your healing by T.L. Osborn (1993).

Step 1 Know that physical healing is part of Jesus' ministry today. Jesus' power is available to you now as it was in the bible days. The age of miracles has not passed. Jesus authorized all believers in all countries to lay hands on the sick, promising that they will get well (Mark 16:18).

Step 2 Know that God has already promised to heal you. The Bible is God's word, his voice to us. Read the Bible as though God was physically present, and speaking to you. Jesus said, you may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it (John 14:14). Do not doubt, believe God's word, claim His promises in sincere prayer.

Step 3 Understand that God wants you well: Only Satan wants you sick and tormented. Sickness comes from the devil not from the Lord. Scriptures declare that all the people Christ healed had been oppressed by the devil. All sickness is Satan's oppression and not God's work. Jesus of Nazareth... went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). When you understand that sickness is from Satan, you will resist it, rebuke it, and it will leave you as you trust in Christ.

Step 4 Understand that bodily healing is part of your salvation. Jesus the healer is Jesus the savior. There is no separation. After you receive Christ as your Savior, you can receive healing for your body. God's order of blessing is given in Psalm 103:3... "Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases." Yes, Christ suffered enough to pay for all our sins, and we are now recipients of abundant life.

Step 5 Take God at his word, ask Him to heal you, and believe that He hears you. As a child of God, approach the Father with confidence (Hebrews 4:16). Praying with faith does not mean to beg and plead for healing. Our heavenly Father is happy to see us well, happy, strong & healthy. Father says, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you" (John 15:7).

Step 6 Believe you have received what you asked. This is faith, simply expecting God to do what He has said He will do. We are implored to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Believe as you pray and not after many years when you get well but while you are asking. Some people say, "seeing is believing" but God's order is the opposite, "Believing is seeing."

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WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 7:00p Bible Study — Adults.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.
Phone: (828) 396-2214



Meetings, etc.

Food Ministry

The next meal will be served on **Monday, Oct. 21**. Please contact Ricky Baker for details.

Seniors Gathering

Our Senior citizens are invited to another morning of fellowship with meal on **Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 11:00 a.m.** Details to be announced later.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet on **Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4:00 p.m.**

EMW Meeting

The Women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, Oct 27 at 6:00 p.m.** All the women of the church are invited to attend.

“There are times when the hardest thing in the world is to do nothing, yet there are times when that is the only thing to do.”

How do I hide God’s word in my heart? Memorize it!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

—Psalm 32:1-2 NIV

Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears



“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
--Acts 1:4b-5 NIV

References: Acts 1:1-11; Interpreter’s Bible, Vol. 9 Acts/Romans

After he said this, [Jesus] was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. –Acts 1:9 NIV

The disciples and followers of Jesus thought they had lost him forever when he was crucified, dead, and buried. Then with shock, disbelief, and trepidation they heard he had risen from the grave. Over 40 days, he proved that he was alive and not a ghost or mirage. (vv. 1-3) Now, Jesus has departed again, and their joy has turned to apprehension and bewilderment. Why has he left us alone again?

The Jews of Jesus time had been waiting for centuries for the glory of King David’s Israel to return. They thought Jesus was the one who would set up a new Kingdom of Israel as an independent and glorious nation. After his resurrection, they remain fixated on that earthly based kingdom, but Jesus has something more far reaching and glorious planned. He preached on the Kingdom of God, not of Israel. He calls for his disciples to “be his witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (v. 8b)

But first they must wait some more.

“There are times when the hardest thing in the world is to do nothing, yet there are times when that is the only thing to do.” (I.B., p.27) For instance, “we can work for a living, we can only wait for the spring.”

Religion involves active and passive work. Sometimes we concentrate so much on being busy that we avoid being passive long enough to hear God’s “still, small voice.”

During our times of waiting, God does not want us to be hanging on to the past or our previous “glory days” or speculating about the future. He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.” (v. 7) He wants us to be witnesses here and now, transforming the world one person at a time—to remove the evil, corruption, envy, pridefulness, vanity, hate, and selfishness out of the systems of our world by leading people to Christ where they can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into good and godly people.

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October Events

Laity Bootcamp

Saturday, Oct. 5
9 AM—12 PM

The Global Methodist Church is concentrating on increasing the participation of the general laity in evangelism and all ministry aspects of the local church. Our circle in Caldwell County of GMC churches will have a “Bootcamp” to train and give guidelines for praying for and witnessing and inviting people that we know to come to church for services and other events.

This event **will be held at Grace Chapel Global Methodist Church** under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Hefner. A light lunch will be provided, so please contact the church office or Pastor Simon or Bleaka Hollar to register for the seminar. Bring your Lifeboat List with you to the meeting.

Homecoming/\$10K Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 13
10:30 AM

It’s time to come home to Ebenezer Methodist Church. Our doors are wide open to all our former members and visitors. It will be great to see you again.

We thank our current members and friends for their devotion to our Lord and our church and its ministries. This Sunday we are asking that you increase your financial support to help us pay down our disaffiliation loan even more by digging deep and giving abundantly. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 above our regular average offering for the General Fund of \$2,946.

Sunday school classes will not meet. Please bring a favorite dish of food or dessert to share if you can for the pot-luck lunch after the worship service. See you there!

Trunk R Treat

Saturday, Oct. 26
5 — 7 PM

TRUNK R TREAT

Bring your children to our annual safe Halloween party. Our members will be decorating our cars and pickups and giving out candy and treats to all the little spooks who come. Hotdogs with chips, and brownies, cookies, and cupcakes will be served, too.

EVERYTHING IS FREE!



Gateway School Breakfast

Tuesday, October 29th

We finally get to serve another breakfast (brunch) to the Gateway School students and teachers **starting at 9:00 a.m.** (Workers will need to arrive earlier.) Please see Kim Ellis or Bleaka Hollar to volunteer to help cook and serve, or just come to hang out with the students for a couple of hours.

We plan to prepare a small bag of goodies for the students to take home with them. Suggestions for items to include in these gift bags are pre-packaged crackers, cookies, candy, etc. or other small, inexpensive gifts. Donations from our members will be greatly appreciated.

October Celebrations



- 3rd—Kevin Simmons
- 4th—Bleaka Hollar
- 5th—Brenda Kirby
- 5th—James Pitts
- 5th—Gwen Teague
- 8th—Jackson Behmer
- 9th—Kelly Hefner
- 12th—Skylar Helton
- 19th—Katelynn Mareece
- 21st—Loretta Helton
- 22nd—Colby Collins
- 26th—Victoria Coffey
- 28th—Randy McRary

“One compromise at a time leads to destruction.”

— Jonathan Cahn.

Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts in Sept:

- **In memory of Kelly Minton McCrary** by Gary & Phyllis Minton.

John Wesley Said:

“When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man when he gets all he can and saves all he can does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!”



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Then their transformation will lead to transformation of the larger groupings of mankind—medical, political, religious, interrelationships of people and nations, business world, churches, etc.

The disciples waiting time in this instance would be complete when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them on Pentecost. Yet, they had to wait for that to happen before they could begin their new mission. Should we not take the time to pray and wait patiently for God’s guidance through his Spirit?

The angels told the disciples that Jesus would return. We have waited for centuries now for Christ to return. The hope remains, but waiting can be boring—unless we are doing the work Jesus set for us to do.

Christ was raised up into the sky and obscured by a cloud when he physically left the earth last time, but he has not left us alone. He is here, not just in Jerusalem or Galilee or Samaria—but to the ends of the earth.

Though we cannot see Jesus in a physical body anymore, we do see him when we allow the Spirit to open our eyes to his presence. We do not have to travel any long or short distances to find him or wait in line for hours, days, or weeks to get a glimpse of him. He is here, now, with you, with me, with everyone who wants his attention, because his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is present in us who believe today. We only need to be still long enough to hear his call. “Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.” (Psalm 27:14 NIV)

Pastor’s Corner, cont’d

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Step 7 Act on your faith and thank the Lord for healing you. If you really believe God has answered you, and that you have received the healing you requested, you will naturally do two things: (i) Thank God Almighty. (ii) Put your health into action (rise up and pick up your mat). Faith without works is dead (James 2:20).

These steps will bring about the fulfillment of what God has promised. Claim your healing—whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, and begin to do what you could not do before. God is able to do more than we all ask (Ephesians 3:20). Remember to share your testimony about the goodness of our God!

Faithfully, Pastor Simon

Upcoming Events & Ministry Opportunities

Oct. 5 — Laity Bootcamp at Grace Chapel Global, see p. 3.

Oct. 13 — Homecoming/\$10,000 Sunday. Plan to prepare a dish of your favorite food or dessert to share at the pot-luck lunch after the service. Dig down deep and set aside a larger offering on this Sunday to help us meet our \$10,000+ offering goal. See p. 3.

Oct. 26 — Trunk R Treat, 5-7:00 p.m. We are collecting candy for this event now. We will also need brownies, cookies, and people to dress up their trunks or truck beds to help give out candy to the children. See p. 3.

Oct. 29 — Gateway School Breakfast, see p. 3.

Nov. 2 — Methodist Women’s Country Store Fundraiser The women need home baked cakes & pies to sell at this event. We are collecting gently used items now for the sale.

Nov. 9 — Veteran’s Meal. We will need workers and desserts to honor our local military veterans with a delicious meal and time of fellowship.

Nov. 25 — Granite Falls Tree Lighting. We need workers to help us prepare and give away breakfast biscuits at this annual event.

Dec. 1 — Advent and Hanging of the Greens.

Dec. 22 — Gifts for Christ Sunday

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Pastor Appreciation Mnth

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please let Pastor Simon know how much you appreciate his service to our church and community in person, by letter, by phone calls, or with a card—or take him fishing! He’ll love you for that last item.

Our Military

**Ricky Garland
Shane McRary
Jamie Mullinax
Hunter Tolbert**



Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.