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Bible Studies

“My brother, sister, friend—read, study, think, and read again. ... The Bible is written in a style so condensed as to require much intense study. Many know nothing of the Bible or of religion because they will not think and study.” – Charles G. Finney



(Photo by John-Mark Smith via pexels.com)

Charles Finney was a force very much like Billy Graham during the middle of the 1800’s. In addition to being an evangelist, he was a teacher and writer, and the quote above comes from the preface to his Systematic Theology. I like it because it reminds me that much of the richness of the Bible only comes through dedicated study, book by book. We begin a new study of the **Gospel of Mark** in October, Tuesdays at 6 PM online via Zoom, and in person Wednesdays at 10 AM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Flame Deadline: October 21st

The Flame

of Burns Memorial United Methodist Church

October 2022

On Fire for Christ

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From The Pastor

The Administrative Council voted on September 19 to form an Exploratory Committee to learn more about the process by which many United Methodist Churches are leaving the denomination. This process is called “disaffiliation.” Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Greg Porterfield, met with the Exploratory Committee on Monday night, September 26, clarifying the process. Many details on this process can be found at the North Georgia UMC Web Page, www.ngumc.org/disaffiliation-process-and-information. Here are some of the highlights of the Conference policy.

The Conference Board of Trustees have presented a process for disaffiliation that was established by the 2019 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. This is Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline.

The steps include the instructions that to proceed, a two-thirds majority of the professing members of the local church present and voting at the church conference approve the resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. The resolution must then be ratified by the members of the North Georgia Annual Conference.

Prior to the disaffiliation date, a local church shall pay to the Annual Conference any unpaid apportionments for the 12 months immediately prior and an additional 12 months of apportionments, plus unfunded pension obligations, direct-bill obligations, and other liabilities.

In churches where the church council and clergy sense that a large portion of a congregation may wish to consider disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church under Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline, they should first reach out to their District Superintendent.

Churches that discern that they would like to request a church conference to vote on disaffiliation will make their request to their District Superintendent. Superintendents will receive requests between January 1 and February 28, 2023. After February 28, church conferences will be scheduled by the District Superintendent.

We will be having open meetings to discuss the pros and cons of disaffiliation on Sunday, October 16 and Sunday November 13. Both these meetings are at 1:30 PM. Please be in prayer for our church during this season of discernment. My hope is that whether we stay or go, we are able to do it together.

Grace & Peace, Pastor John

Missions Committee

The Burns Memorial UMC Missions Committee met on August 30, and among other decisions they voted to continue generous support for the **Compass for Hope** (ministry to the Augusta Homeless population), **Safe Homes** (emergency shelter for battered women), and **I-Care** (ministry to help victims of sexual trafficking).

In addition we voted to give support to the **Augusta Rescue Mission**. It is a free emergency shelter for men, providing a hot dinner and breakfast, showers, clothing as needed, hygiene items, access to laundry, clean facilities, a safe environment and an evening chapel service. They also have a residential program primarily focusing on total life recovery. Chris Jones, the director of the Augusta Rescue Mission shared about their ministry at our Wednesday night supper, September 21. For more information call 706-722-2058.



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We also voted to help **Hindman Elementary School**, Hindman, KY. It is one of the schools still cleaning up from the flooding in Kentucky. In July of this year Kentucky was hit with historical rainfalls and flash flooding. There was a great amount of damage and 38 people were killed. Through a friend at Burns we are connected to Hindman school, and our church made a donation to help this school.



Fellowship Sunday School Class

Everyone is welcome to join our Sunday School Class. Bill Williams is our teacher. The author is Robin Wilson, from Prattville, Alabama. She has served as a pastor in both Alabama and the British Methodist Church. The theme of the material this fall is God giving us freedom.

Here are the scriptures and titles for October:
10/2 - James 2:14-17, Exodus 22:21-27, "Sharing With The Vulnerable"
10/9 - 1 Kings 17:18-24, Luke 21:1-4, "Gifts Of The Widows"
10/16 - John 9:1-7, 35-38, "Blinded By The Truth"
10/23 - Luke 18:1-8, "Justice For The Persistent"
10/30 - Ezekiel 47:21-23, "Hospitality Without Boundaries"

Methodist Men's Fall Retreat

All Burns Church men are invited to a fall retreat (Friday night to Saturday afternoon) at Camp Daniel Marshall on Clarks Hill Lake. Get away from the stress and join us for a relaxing day at a beautiful location. If you are interested, please contact Carl Adams to reserve your spot!



October 19, 2022
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Taco Salad Buffet
Desserts Beverages
Adults: \$7
Children 4 - 12: \$3
Children 3 and under: Free

Please fill out the sign up form in the bulletin and place it in the offering box on Sunday morning.



Autumn Word Search

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I	D	K	G	C	J	L	L	A	B	T	O	O	F	J
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See how many of these autumn related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

1. Autumn
2. Fall
3. Leaves
4. Colors
5. Raking
6. Harvest
7. Pumpkins
8. Apples
9. Gourds
10. Football
11. Season
12. Scarecrow
13. Corn
14. Maize
15. Yellow
16. Orange