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From The Pastor

Years ago when I was in college, I took a class on the Gospel of John. It is embarrassing, but the only thing I remember from that class is the professor’s comments from chapter six, where Jesus described himself as the “manna from heaven.” My professor may have been hungry at the time, because at this point, he went off on a tangent, sharing what he thought the “manna” of the Old Testament actually was. If you have forgotten, manna was the food God provided for the Israelites while they were wandering in the wilderness. The Israelites were to gather what they needed, day by day, and that which was not gathered would melt in the sun. The best description of manna is found at Exodus 16:31, “And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. So my professor said, “Manna was white, sweet, would melt in the sun; clearly God made the Israelites vanilla ice cream.”

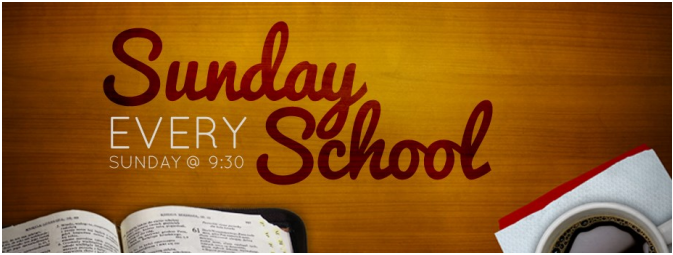


Speaking of ice cream, I’m looking forward to our **Ice Cream Social**, at 5 PM, Sunday, September 11, in the Family Life Center. This will be followed by a **Hymn-Sing** in the Sanctuary. Our ice cream will be provided by Jimmy Goldman, longtime friend of David Hobbs, Bennie, Agee, the late Jimmie Kinsey and other veterans of the Continental Can/Federated Paper/International Paper/Graphic Packaging international on Mike Padgett Hwy. Mr. Goldman, who worked as an electrician in the Wood Yard Shop, made ice cream every Friday as part of a lunchtime shop party. He said the ice cream became a sought-after staple of the meals. He said the shop foreman really enjoyed it and would keep coming back to the shop on Fridays after he was promoted up the line, eventually to plant manager. Once there was a new shop foreman who saw the ice cream as a nuisance and told Jimmy to stop making it. The next Friday the Plant Manager came down to crash the lunch party, saw there was no ice cream, asked Jimmy why not ... the next week ice cream was back on the menu. Mr. Goldman kept on making ice cream on Fridays at the plant, and stayed on making it after he retired. He says he now has the Rolls-Royce of ice cream makers, the White Mountain Electric! He says that after 40 years, he has perfected his recipe. It just makes me think about a song, maybe you have heard it, I’m pretty sure Jimmy’s plant manager had, “I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream!” And don’t forget, following the ice cream and socializing, we will make our way over to the sanctuary to see if we can stump Mike as we call out favorite hymns! What a wonderful day that will be.

Grace & Peace, Pastor John

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Everyone is welcome to join our Sunday School Class. Bill Williams is our teacher. We are starting a new quarter in September. The writer for this quarter 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 September:
- 9/4 - Exodus 1:1-2:10, “Standing Up Against Oppression”
 - 9/11 – Exodus 15:1-18, “Freedom Song”
 - 9/18 – Exodus 17:1-16, “The Redeemer’s Provision
 - 9/25 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20, “Obedience to Freedom

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?



Many of us have favorite hymns that we just love to sing! If you have one like that and have not sung it in a while, please send the name to Pastor John. Soon we might be singing your song!

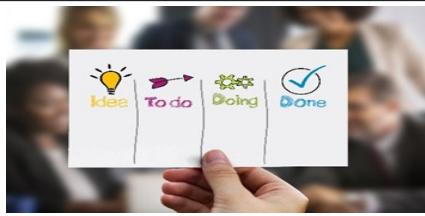
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The Flame Deadline: September 21st

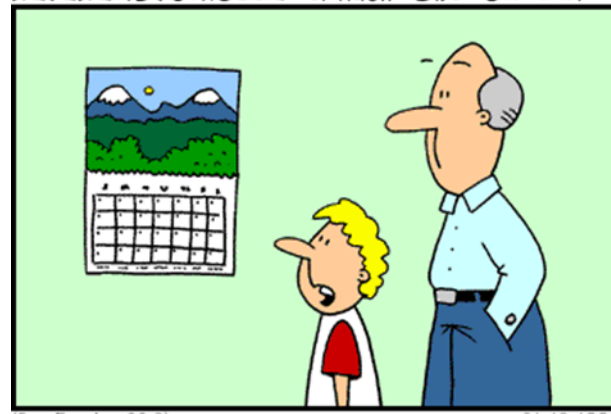
LOOKING AHEAD:

The Charge Conference is the annual business meeting of the church, presided over by the District Superintendent, and is held typically with a dozen or more churches together. Our meeting this year is on October 9, at Woodlawn UMC. In preparation for this year's meeting, several committees will be meeting in September. We hope **if you are on a committee that you can be present!**

Sept. 1, 2 PM—Trustees
 Sept. 8, 5 PM—SPRC
 Sept. 15, 1 PM—Nominations
 Sept. 19, 6 PM—Administrative Council



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(See Exodus 20:8)

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I WAS HOPING TO KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY, BUT I CAN'T EVEN FIND IT ON THE CALENDAR

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Bible Studies:



St. Augustine wrote, "the Holy Scriptures are our letters from home." We can of course read these "letters" from God on our own, but sometimes we understand more when study as a group. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in a group study. Currently at Burns we offer Bible Study Classes on Tuesdays 6 PM (Zoom) and Wednesdays 10 AM, and Sunday School Class, Sundays 9:30 AM.

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Family Night Supper

September 21, 2022
 Dinner: 6:00 PM

Baked Chicken Dressing
 Le Sueur Peas Rolls Beverages
 Cherry Cobbler w/ Ice Cream

Chris Jones, Director of Augusta Rescue Mission will be our guest speaker.

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.

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING:

The next Community Prayer Breakfast (formerly known as the "Mayors Prayer Breakfast") will be on Tuesday, September 27, 8 AM at the Master's Table Soup Kitchen (702 Fenwick St, Augusta). The location for this meeting moves each month, but it is always on the 4th Tuesday.



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FALL WORD SEARCH

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acorns	cobweb	harvest	October	seasons
apples	corn	hayride	orange	September
autumn	Fall	jackets	pumpkin	squash
bonfire	festivals	leaves	quilt	squirrel
brown	foliage	maize	rake	sweaters
chestnuts	football	migrate	red	Thanksgiving
chilly	gourds	November	scarecrow	wagons
cider	green	nuts	scenic	yellow

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