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What is Your Prayer for the Church?

I've been reading the Book of Acts lately, and I'm continually amazed at how the Holy Spirit, using faithful people, began to build a church, that proceeded to share the Good News in such an effective way, that the world was forever changed. I'm also reminded, as I continue my study, that Jesus crucified, Jesus risen, and the Spirit being poured out drove the vision of the early church. And as I look at the early church, I'm reminded again, that these same keys are what must drive the church of today.

In the beginning of the Book of Acts, the Apostles ask Jesus if He was going to restore Israel, in other words, "Are you now going to do what we've been expecting you do all along?" This is a real witness that even after listening to Jesus preach for three years – after seeing him raise the dead and rise from the dead Himself – they still didn't completely get the concept of a spiritual kingdom. But I can't judge them ... I am, we are a work in progress as well.

Jesus offers a rebuke in verse seven of Acts 1... and then in Acts 1:8, He lays out the vision of the church. (Which we see fulfilled by chapter 10. Acts 1-7 is Jerusalem, Acts 9 is Judea and Samaria, and Acts 10 is the Gentiles, which begins building the church to "the ends of the earth.")

When a church along with the church pastor and staff – commit themselves to seeking God's will, hearing, accepting the mission, and then doing all we can to fulfill the task of ministry given to each one of us. ... the church can accomplish so much more than it ever imagined. Don't give up on the church. Don't stop believing. Don't be a pessimist. Don't complain about what is not there. Don't talk negatively about the church. Don't stay angry and bitter over what one person did or say to you. We are not perfect people, and there is no perfect church. If you are a pastor (or a human being for that matter) someone is always going to be angry with you and criticize you no matter what you do. And you will discover that everyone has an opinion as to how you should live your life and lead the church. Don't judge, keep on loving, and try to understand where people are in life at any given moment.

If you see something lacking and you can fill it just do it. If you like to see a new program or a new ministry, just dive in get people to support you and we will bless it. Let's be a part of God's passions and ambitions being lived out through us. We, the people are messy and complicated. Sometimes we just need a little encouragement to put our preferences aside for the sake of the mission of the church, or some prayer over a critical spirit, or a reminder about the purpose of church, or a big hug. Let us focus on what we can do together for the sake of Christ and the church.

One of my constant prayers is, "Jesus, teach me to see as You see and feel as You feel so I can be passionate about what matters to You!" Jesus got to be the driving force behind what is happening in the church ... or the church will be fruitless and unproductive.

What is your prayer for the church?

In Christian love and grace, Mel



Maxine Hoffman
October 2, 1931—
September 20, 2021

Graveside Service:
Hampton Vaughn Crestview
Memorial Park
Wichita Falls, Texas
Friday, September 24
1:00 p.m.

Charles Kenneth Ashley, Sr.
February 22, 1928—September 14, 2021

Visitation:

Saturday, September 25 • 10:00 a.m.
prior to the funeral service

Funeral Service:

Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel
Saturday, September 25 • 12:00 p.m.

Interment:

Greenwood Memorial Park

Please continue to keep both the Hoffman and Ashley families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



United Methodist Women General Meeting
Tuesday, October 5 • 10:00 a.m.

Bring a sack lunch & water and dessert will be provided.

Guest Speaker:

Brenda Sanders-Wilson

Ms. Sanders-Wilson is a descendent of Major Cheney. She will share the history of Major Cheney, for whom Major Cheney Elementary School is named for and the impact on education in our community.

There will be an update on the new Cheney Hills Elementary School opening this fall.

St. Luke United Methodist Church has supported the Backpack Ministry at Major Cheney Elementary School, so everyone is welcome to attend and hear about all of the new changes.



Children's Sunday School classes have been cancelled until further notice.



Estate Sale at the home of Patsy Sullivan
4613 Starlight Drive
Haltom City, Texas 76117
September 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2021
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME ON FACEBOOK & YOU TUBE:

*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for In-Person Worship or via our Facebook page or YouTube.com:
SLUMC—Haltom City*

***Sunday, September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth & Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.***

Weekly Attendance

*Wednesday Night Youth Activities • September 22 - 6
Adult Bible Study • September 22 - 14*

Sunday, September 19, 2021

St. Luke UMC—10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—66

In-Person Worship—47

Online Worship—340

French Worship Service—2:00 p.m.

In-person Worship—45



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; Scott Paris; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Doris Mobley's son, Don; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Hilaire Lukalema; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Leslie Duncan's aunt, Ruth Smith; Joyce Hejl's brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Marianne Hejl; Sam & Ann Kiker; Judy White; Patty Tucker; Ross Longeway; Howard & Kara Schwoppe & their family; Sandra Mason; Pastor Ditu's sisters, Ruth & Marie; Wynelle Hencke; Byron Lechler; Betty Holshouser; Bill & Roberta Reeves; Dena Hughes; Peggy Fallin; Marilyn Smith; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; George & Karen Angle's sister-in-law; Norm & Betty Turnage; Lydia Acosta's daughter, Donna & her husband, Alfred; George Conant; Carolyn Hodge; Art Gordon; Martha Smith; Jane West; family of Cathy Henderson; Linda Smith; David Ellis; Bill Worthington; Maureen Carr; Leslie Duncan; George & Karen Angle's daughter-in-law; Linda Wills' father; Gloria Bailey with the loss of her husband, Glen; families of the military who died in Kabul; George & Mary Paris' sister, Jackie; Joe & Betty Crawford; Tom & Judy Connolly; Karen Angle's sister-in-law, Debbie Biles

This Week's Concerns: Bill & Deana Hoffman & family with the loss Bill's mother, Maxine Hoffman; family of Charles Kenneth Ashley; David & Kay Stapp; Amy West's sister, Sharon Dobbs; those affected by Hurricane Nicholas & Ida; the people of Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; those affected by wildfires; prayers for our nation; all of those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & front-line workers

Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Sam Burnett; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



***Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Book of Galatians
September 29 • 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
We invite you to join us.***

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had nine members present last Sunday. Roxie's lesson was on Jesus and his disciples. Prayer concerns: Barbara Jones, Beverly Bradley and Mary's daughter, Pam.

GENESIS CLASS:

We wish Richard Wells a happy birthday this week. Joys and Concerns: Prayers for Bill Hoffman and his family with the loss of his mother, Maxine. Prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Kelly asked for prayers for her students and the teachers at her school. One of her students took her own life this past week. She was 11, soon to turn 12. They are uncertain if she did so intentionally or if it happened as a result of taking part in a Tik Tok challenge that encourages kids to take Benadryl until they hallucinate. Kelly asked for prayers for Cali's family, friends, and teachers. Keep the Kasonga's in our prayers. John's cousin's wife passed away suddenly from a heart attack. She was in her forties with no prior medical history. They will be traveling to Washington for the funeral. Prayers for safe travel as well as comfort and strength during this difficult time. Karen Angle's sister-in-law was mentioned in the newsletter's prayer list. We want to keep Debbie Biles in our prayers. Mary Paris's sister Jackie was also mentioned in the newsletter prayer list. We pray for her as well. As always we keep our church family, front line workers, first responders, our military, our nation, and our leaders in our prayers. Pray for all those who have been effected by the storms, fires, and Afghanistan situation in our prayers. Pray for all the silent concerns and worries on our hearts.

NEW COVENANT CLASS:

We finally covered session 4 of *The Walk*. Besides praying 5 times a day, reading scripture 5 times a week, serving others 5 times a week, we discussed giving to our church. Studies show how giving to others actually gives us a feeling of self worth, improves our "mood" and lowers blood pressure! Amazing how helping others, in turn helps ourselves! Linda fell face down, but luckily didn't break anything. It was good to see Larry, he's no longer contagious and doing well. Leslie made it to class for the first time since her hospital stay, which is also good. Prayers for Susan's friend with colon cancer. We of course need to remember our MIA's and always Kay and David. She's having trouble sleeping at night, so her days and nights are mixed up.

PARTNERS IN FAITH CLASS:

Eleven attended class Sunday. Bless him, Raymond brought many varied choices so we chowed down, then some even took home offered leftovers. Thanks, Raymond! Sang to Martha and Jackie whose birthdays are this week. We miss our Martha, still out of the area due to storm damage making her home uninhabitable. Praying it is finally fixed soon! Our biblical Superhero this week was Esther, the young Jewish woman thrown into political intrigue in the Persian court. She made a courageous choice to save her people in a time when women had little power. Her story continues next week. Snacks: Bonnie Harter

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

There were only thirteen members in attendance this past Sunday. Our vice-president, Jack Bostick took over for Virgil, who was traveling along with Ann. We had a very good lesson discussing Chapter 22 in the Book of Luke concerning the plot to kill Jesus. We will continue this study starting with chapter 23 this coming Sunday. Roxie Waters is still waiting for a date for her surgery. Earline Vinnedge fell last week shopping, but she is doing okay. Libby thanks everyone for all the birthday cards and phone calls she received on Friday. Happy Birthday to Toni Hood who will have a birthday on September 30.

Devotional & Refreshments: Gloria Lechler



The Fall Fest Committee voted unanimously to hold Fall Fest this year. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 13
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fall Fest will consist of the Silent Auction, Bake Shop and a boxed lunch.

We are exploring creative ways to have Fall Fest this year online as well as in person if possible.

More details to come.



Changes Coming to the Youth Activities Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 26 our youth will meet from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for fellowship.



Please continue your financial support of the church for it is now more important than ever. You may mail your offering to the church office or give online through our website, www.st-luke-umc.net, or mail checks through your online banking programs.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke United Methodist Church!



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Sunday Services: In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

French Worship Service: In-person and Online Worship • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NEWS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU:



NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:

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Sunday, September 26, 2021
18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Activities

Monday, September 27, 2021

9:00 a.m. Newsletter **DEADLINE**

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 30, 2021

6:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Friday, October 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, October 3, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Activities



Youth News:



Hey everyone!

Hope you are having a great week! It was great to have 5 in class on Sunday. We talked about the change of the seasons and we talked about Ecclesiastes "A Time For"... There is a time for everything including weeping, mourning, dancing, etc. We talked about different aspects of this and how it affects us. But the most important one to make time for is God. Always make time for God and prayer. This is the most important thing in our lives. We are changing Youth Activities again to Sundays from 5 pm -7 pm. I hope you are all able to make it at that time. This will start this Sunday, September 26. There will be no Youth Activities on Wednesday nights starting September 22. Hope you all have a wonderful rest of your week!

Love you all! Lisel