



Our Mission: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making *Worship* a priority, extending an intentional *Invitation*, *Nurturing* Godly friendships, committing to *Grow* spiritually, and making a difference by *Serving* others.”

ESSENTIAL BELIEFS - SERIES ON UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS

John Wesley, along with many other Christian leaders, is quoted as saying, “*In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity.*” While there is great wisdom in this quote, it does compel us to ask the question, “Which of our Christian beliefs are essential?” There are essential beliefs for the Church universal, and there are essential beliefs for United Methodists. The bible itself reveals what is important and essential to our faith. These essentials include the inspiration of Scripture, the incarnation and deity of Christ, salvation by God’s grace through Jesus Christ alone, justification by faith, sacramentalism, the physical resurrection of Christ and His return, the Holy Trinity. These are the “essentials” we should understand and believe as followers of Jesus Christ. In this new series we will unpack these essential beliefs and discover how we can live into them in a practical way as United Methodists.



- April 7 What We Believe About Plain Truth for Plain People
- April 14 What We Believe About the Problem of Sin
- April 21 What We Believe About the Beliefs and Behavior
- April 28 What We Believe About Transforming Grace
- May 5 What We Believe About Communion
- May 12 What We Believe About Baptism
- May 19 What We Believe About Christian Perfection
- May 26 What We Believe About the Church (Combined Service)

Please Join Us for Worship
In-Person or On-Line
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“What We Believe About the Beliefs and Behavior” | Mark 2:28-34; James 2:14-26

What we believe about God and how He interacts in our lives should directly affect our behavior. In John Wesley’s time there were two main theological methods that sought to explain how God works in our lives, specifically in the process of salvation: Calvinism & Arminianism. While these theological methods differ in their understanding of God’s saving work in our lives, they both seek to define what we should believe about God and how we should behave in response to our beliefs. John Wesley believed Arminianism was more scripturally based and this theological line of thought shaped his beliefs and his behaviors. Maintaining a proper balance between beliefs and behavior, doctrine and discipline, faith and works has been a long-standing issue in the church. Most churches tend to emphasize one over the other (belief over behavior; or behavior over belief). John Wesley struggled with this tension all his life. United Methodist strive for balance between the two: maintaining sound doctrine and practicing holy living. We believe that what we believe about God should directly impact our behavior. Wesley pursued God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. And he sought to live a holy life, loving others as he loved himself. Maintaining a balance between belief and behavior is our tradition and common goal.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 21		
9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Svc.	WC
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Svc.	Sanct
12:30 pm	Mini Me Handbell Choir	114
3:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
4:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
	The Chosen	128
5:00 pm	Kidz Club	Chapel
	Rooted Youth Open Gym	130
6:00 pm	Dinner & Cake Auction	FH
MONDAY, APRIL 22		
6:30 pm	Grow 1 Mtg.	123
	MAD (Making a Difference)	124
TUESDAY, APRIL 23		
3:30 pm	Prayer Group	121
6:00 pm	Disciple 1	127
6:30 pm	Called Charge Conference	WC
6:30 pm	Handbell Practice	114
7:00 pm	Young Adults	130
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24		
9:00 am	Crochet	128
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	119
6:30 pm	Crochet	128
THURSDAY, APRIL 25		
1:00 pm	The Journey	127
6:30 pm	The Chosen	WC
FRIDAY, APRIL 26		
6:00 pm	Kidz Family Fun Night	FH
SATURDAY, APRIL 27		
10:00 am	Disc Golf - Lenora Park, Snellville	
11:00 am	Youth Car Wash Fundraiser	

SUPPORT OUR KENYA MISSION TEAM CAKE AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

You are invited to a Cake Auction & Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds support our Mission Team going to Kenya in June. You can also use your special talents as a cake baker.



If you have a special cake you want to bake, please let our Cake Boss Hazel Plourde know, 404-434-2748, paperhazel@bellsouth.net.

For more information and ticket purchase: Phyllis Landers 404-274-9381, npmom61@gmail.com.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 23, 2023 | 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz, District Superintendent will Moderate. The Topic: Possible Land Swap (Empower Church Officers to Begin Negotiations).



BFUMC Disc Golf



Saturday, April 27
10:00 a.m.
Lenora Park
4515 Lenora Church Rd., Snellville
amber.wigley@bethlehemfirstumc.com



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ROOTED YOUTH

Sign ups are open now! A \$100 dollar deposit can be received online (email Matt that you paid) or cash or check can be given to Matt! It will go to the \$285 total! Sign up ASAP to receive your spot! The deadline and deposit is due by April 21st! Final payment is due May 1st.

Sign up on our website at the retreats spot under the youth tab or go to <https://bethlehemfirstumc.org/retreats/>.

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May 31 – June 3 Laguna Beach Christian Retreat



The North Georgia Conference
of The United Methodist Church



Rooted Youth's
CAR WASH
FUNDRAISER

APRIL 27TH | 11AM-4PM
BETHLEHEM FIRST UMC
\$10-\$15 PER CAR

The money raised will go to sending youth to our Beach Retreat on May 31st.

WE WILL BE OUTSIDE READY TO WASH YOUR CAR!

APRIL COLLECTION

Our United Methodist Women support Come Alive Ministries (CAM). CAM is a pregnancy care center that offers help and hope to women facing an unplanned pregnancy in the Barrow County area. All of their services are free and confidential.

We are asking for your help during this month of April on donating any of the following items:

- Baby Lotion
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Washcloths
- Baby WIPES!!!
- New sleepers & onesies, for baby boys and girls sizes 0-3 mo. & 3-6 mo.
- Diapers Sizes 5 & 6
- Diaper Bags
- Copy Paper



Donations may be placed on the green table in the Stars Café. Thank You.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP 9am - 2:30 pm

\$100 per child/per camp
(until April 21st)!

Sign up:

linktr.ee/bfumc

RISING K-6TH GRADERS

Find your place!
BFUMC SPORTS MINISTRY
2024 Summer Sports Camp

June 24th –28th
&/or July 8th—12th



SPRING FITNESS CHALLENGE

Win a free month for attending the most classes in April!

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Spring Class Challenge! Whoever attends the most fitness classes in April wins a FREE 1-Month Individual Membership (\$35 value). You do not have to be a member to participate, you must stay for the full class, and you must sign-in to the class (\$3.00/class).

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Donations Now Being Accepted

- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED MEATS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- TUNA HELPER

CANNED MEATS
(pop-tops only, please)



Designated Donation Bins Located in the Stars Café at the Blue Missions Wall

GRADUATE SUNDAY IS MAY 19TH!

If you are graduating from high school or college in 2024, we would love to celebrate with you! We need the following information to help celebrate the great accomplishments of our graduates. Send full name, baby picture, current picture, where you are graduating from, and what your plans are for the immediate future. Please input the information here:

<https://bethlehemfirstumc.org/rootedyouth/2024-bfumc-high-school-and-college-graduates/>

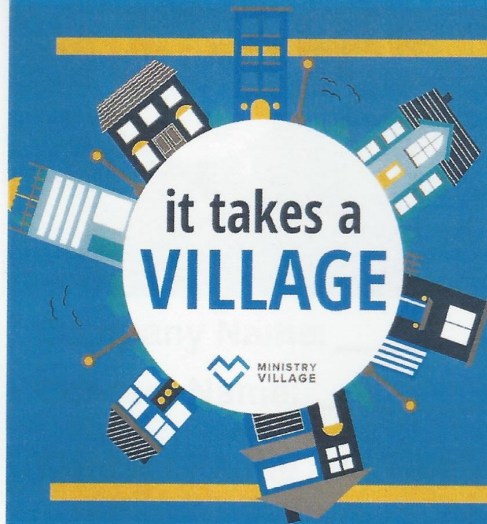
or email Matt Brown **no later than May 15th.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Matt at matt.brown@bethlehemfirstumc.com, 770-867-3727 x 103.



THE MINISTRY VILLAGE PRESENTS



IT TAKES A VILLAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

30 APRIL 2024

Registration at 8:00 AM
Shotgun at 9:00 AM

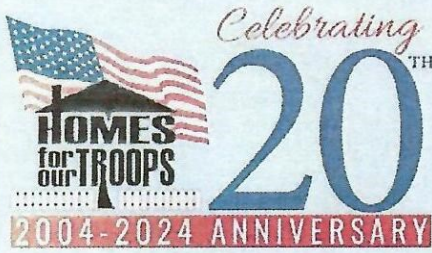
Providence Golf Club
656 Providence Club Dr,
Monroe, GA 30656



\$400 per team/\$100 per player

Light breakfast provided
Lunch courtesy of Chick-Fil-A Winder/Bethlehem
Great raffle prizes, and prizes for the top 3 teams!

Register at barrowministryvillage.org



Homes For Our Troops Invites You to Join Us!

OUR MISSION: To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

Army SSG Daniel Lister

On August 5, 2023, BFUMC held a Community Kick-Off and Welcomed the Lister family and announced the house in Winder that would be adapted for his injuries.

VOLUNTEER DAY

Join us as we landscape SSG Lister's future home:

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

(Rain or Shine, dress accordingly)

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

LANDSCAPING FROM 10: AM - 12:00 PM

Grab your garden gloves and roll up your sleeves as we beautify his future home. You will receive a HFOT T-shirt and lunch. RSVP below by Tuesday, April 30th.

KEY CEREMONY

Join us as we present the keys to SSG Lister's new home:

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

(Rain or Shine, dress accordingly)

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

CEREMONY FROM 10: AM - 12:00 PM

Ceremony will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to tour the home!



To RSVP for one or both of these events, please contact
Karen.Whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com | 770-867-3737 ext 102

PRAYER CONCERNS

To receive prayer updates and notices
for e-prayers, contact

Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,
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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Note: Names in **Bold** added this week

Alcorn, Tommy – *hospitalized at NEGA*

Anderson, Susan – *chemo treatments*

Bagwell Family – *Uncle Blake Bagwell in hospice care for leukemia*

Banks, Theodosia – *prayers for daughter to find her way back to the church*

Berger, Bruce – *Praise for new granddaughter Sarah D. Myles*

Brown, Daly – *seizures (Nancy Turpin)*

Brown, Ken – *(Pete Black)*

Brown, Family of Regina – *(Jill Cash's Great Aunt)*

Brown, Family of Traci – *lost battle with breast cancer*

Dickinson, Beth – *complications from prior surgeries; more tests and evaluation needed*

Dickinson, Bob – *Hospitalized at NEGA Gainesville (Keith Dickinson's father)*

Dunagan, Linda – *back problems*

Edwards, Mandy – *desperate and urgent need for a living kidney donor.*

Ellenberg, Christine – *3 years old having minor surgery with anesthesia on 3/11*

Ellington, Linda – *moving mercies*

Flahn, Alma – *travel & ministry at Village of Hope in Liberia*

Furlow, William – *recently deployed overseas with military (Kim Furlow's son)*

Glover, Steve – *overall health (Linda Smith)*

Gomez, Elias – *consult with GI surgeon on 4/25 re: feeding tube (son of Cris and Megan Gomez)*

Gomez, Megan – *Praise! Additional gum surgery not needed*

Grant, Stu – *his son Bryan passed on 4/4 from traumatic burn injuries; he leaves a wife and three young sons, 9, 5, and 2; Stu has several upcoming medical tests*

Harris, Linda – *diagnosed with cancer (Kara Deardorff's mother)*

Hayden, Ruth – *member of our fitness center (Andrea Tyler)*

Hitchcock, Shannon – *(Nick Jacobs)*

Howard, Rachel – *finding a student teaching placement*

Jackie – *Praise! Custody issues over 3 year-old son (V) resolved (Janice Palmer)*

Johnson Family – *(Nick Jacobs)*

Jones, Lainie – *continue chemo and adjust to medications (Tess Schultz)*

Josephine – *9-year-old with cancer being treated at CHOA; Praise that prognosis has improved! (Marian Monk)*

Kenley Family – *(Nick Jacobs)*

Loomis, Diane – *at home physical therapy*

Mayfield, Melissa – *overall health (Linda Smith)*

McCauslan, Harriet – *Praise! Out of hospital and back at assisted living*

Mirkes, Monica – *prayers for Quentin and Connor*

Moon, Joan Pruett – *health issues*

Moon, Terry – *leg/hip pain (Linda Smith)*

Myles, Vinny – *head concussion*

Partee, Brenda and Larry - COVID

Pugh, Ruth – *iron deficiency*

Rachel – *Praise: cyst on pineal gland was benign; More tests needed for symptoms (Tami Carless)*

Reynolds, Jess – *severely diabetic; recent foot surgery (Amber Wigley's sister-in-law)*

Ridgeway, Wayne – *recovery from knee replacement surgery*

Smith, Lynn – *home recovering from knee replacement surgery*

Still, Preston & Reba – *(Wanda Doster)*

Stringer, Carolyn – *dialysis (Grace Hughes)*

Suzy – *(Ruth Berger)*

Watson, Nancy – *shoulder replacement surgery April 10th (Diana Gregerson's sister)*

Wilcox, Ben & Family – *Praise! New appointment to Lavonia UMC*

Williams, Shawn – *heart attack (Amber Wigley)*

Wingate, Brenda – *recovering from heart attack/less stress (Linda Smith)*

Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *cancer*

Allen, Tyler

Bell, Charles – *eye issues*

Bernat, Betty - *memory issues*

Boyd, Evelyn & JP – *at home with health issues*

Brown, Mildred – *(Lynn Smith's mother)*

Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*

Dillard, Tonya

Fleeman, Brenda & Johnny – *Brenda back at Winder Health Care; complications with kidney stones*

Helmets, Lois – *severe back pain*

Massey Family – *health issues*

Odum, Jimmy

Partee, Mary Nell – *receiving iron infusions help strengthen legs*

Praises

Our current pastors all reappointed to BFUMC

Healthy pregnancies & babies!

Special Requests

Peace Not War!

Our HomeBound

Please feel free to send them a card or note and let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

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Bethlehem, GA 30620

Alcorn, Shirley Spouse: Tom..... 678-227-2914

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Bethlehem, GA 30620

Boyd, Evelyn & JP..... 770-867-9551

16 Joseph St.
Bethlehem, GA 30620

Chaffin, Patty 912-754-2402

133 Brookstone Way
Rincon, GA 31326

Dillard, Tonya 678-622-2396

44 Livingston Ct.
Winder, GA 30680

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Great Oaks Senior Living
920 GA-138 NW
Monroe, GA 30655

Fleeman, Brenda & Johnny..... 678-863-1765

Winder Healthcare
263 E. May Street
Winder, GA 30680

Haralson, Evelyn..... 770-466-0550

Riverside Healthcare
5100 W. Street
Covington, GA 30014

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Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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BFUMC HAPPENINGS & EVENTS
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