



The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...
to instruct Heads to know God's Word
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love
to offer Hands to show God's Grace
in our community and church family.*

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PRAYER IN AMERICA

(“National Day of Prayer” – May 5, 2011)

Prayer is an important part of America's history, reflecting the faith of our founding fathers. Civic prayers and national days of prayer have long been cornerstones of our constitutional republic (and are a vital aspect of our future, as well!). In fact, America's first national call to prayer predates the *United States Constitution*.

In 1776 the Continental Congress called for a day of prayer. The members believed that “by sincere repentance and amendment of life” they might “appease God's righteous displeasure, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, obtain His pardon and forgiveness.” Their expression of humility and dependence on God provided a bedrock of faith on which the United States was founded and still operates today. And needed now more so than ever!

In his proclamation for a day of “humiliation, fasting and prayer” in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote the following:

“It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord . . .”

Lincoln's personal prayer life had a profound influence on this period of our nation's history. The year 1863 was crucial: the Civil War had already raged for two years, and the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring an end to slavery in the nation, had gone into effect in January. In early July, the Battle of Gettysburg began. The stakes were high, and both sides knew that

the outcome of the battle could well determine the outcome of the war. This event and others like it pointed future American leaders to the Lord – not as a last resort, but as a first response.

That lesson was not wasted on President George W. Bush. After the deadly terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001, the president responded by calling the nation to its knees. Thousands were dead and missing following the worst attack on American soil in our nation's history. But in the midst of the tragedy, the commander in chief pointed Americans toward Divine solace when he said, “Prayer has comforted us in sorrow, and will help strengthen us for the journey ahead.”

Just three days after the terrorist attacks, Bush led the country in a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. During a brief speech inside the National Cathedral, he noted, “As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, can separate us from God's love. May He bless the souls of the departed. May He comfort our own. And, may He always guide our country.”

The Lord calls us to intercessory prayer on behalf of our nation and its leaders, and we are privileged to have the first Thursday of every May set aside for that very purpose. Our church sanctuary will be open during regular business hours, if you would like to come and pray. Resources will also be available for you to use during your prayer time. As we endeavor to be “salt and light” in our communities, let us seize the opportunity afforded us by our government and join together in prayer as “*One nation under God.*”

“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING” ... Lamar Albritton



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY	2 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	3 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	4 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	5 <u>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</u> 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00 pm Pre School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Volleyball	6 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting	7 1:00 pm Dick Field's Memorial
8 MOTHER'S DAY	9 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	10 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	11 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 10:30 am Ruth Circle of love 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	12 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	13	14 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 10:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
15 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	16 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	17 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	18 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	19 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Pre School Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Volleyball	20 Confirmation Class Retreat at Smoak's Lodge	21 Confirmation Class Retreat at Smoak's Lodge
22 4:00 Pre School Graduation Confirmation Class Retreat at Smoak's Lodge	23 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	24 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	25 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	26 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	27 6:00 Parents Meeting Pre school	28 9:00 am UMM Bar-B-Que
29 YOUTH SUNDAY GRADUATION SUNDAY	30 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>MEMORIAL DAY</u> 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer	31 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 8:00 am Chapel Worship 8:45 am Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4	<u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 5:30 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir		

Celebration of Christ 's - Suffering - Death - and Resurrection

A very much deserved round of appreciation goes out to our Adult choir, Liturgical Dancers, our Youth, and to all who participated in making our Easter Sunday Celebration a Glorious Remembrance of the sacrifice Christ Jesus made so that we might have eternal life .

This Mother's Day do Something



WiLD

(Women in Livestock Development)

What is a WiLD Woman?

Heifer International's Women in Livestock Development (WiLD) initiative began 22 years ago to address gender equity issues, and to enable women to care for themselves and by extension their families and the Earth.

To celebrate all our moms, Lake Gibson will start a seed fund of \$50 to WiLD.

***If you would like to honor the mom's in your life,
a basket for your gift will be in the narthex.***

A WiLD Woman Gift is a testament to the character of the woman to whom you are presenting the gift.

She is strong, independent, fearless, and she's got moxie.

In honor of our Mothers this Mother's Day, Lake Gibson UMC is going **WiLD!**

**A WiLD woman
dares to dream.**

**A WiLD woman
stands up for her beliefs.**

**A WiLD woman
fights for her family.**

**A WiLD woman
overcomes any obstacle.**

And a **WiLD** woman does it all
with grace and strength.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Spring Rummage Sale was very successful. Thanks to all that donated their “treasures” and other items. A BIG THANK YOU to all the helpers: youth, men & women. With our sales of \$2400.00 dollars we can donate to the missions in the area and our church.

Now we can start saving more “treasures” for the Fall Rummage Sale scheduled for October 14 & 15

God Bless you,
Jo Ann Mickle, UMW President



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Rooted News

It's May, and do you know what that means?? School is almost out—and here comes SUMMER!

Some of our Youth are looking forward to graduation also. We will celebrate their accomplishments on Graduation Sunday, May 29.

We also have 9 or 10 youth going to Warren Willis camp this year on August 1st —5 first-timers! If you would like to help these young people earn their way to camp, we will be doing odd jobs to help fund them.

We help you and you help us! Got weeds? Need dusting? How about yard work? Car or windows need washing?

Odd jobs for odd people—that's us! Call the office, 858-5431, or Lee, 944-5010 to line up workers. Thanks for your support.

We are also looking forward to our fabulous Stone Soup at Wednesday, June 1st potluck. All potluckers will bring in ingredients by Wednesday, May 25, and we will have a fabulous concoction on the 1st.

Our last Wednesday night dinner for the summer will be on June 8. We will have a church wide spaghetti dinner and watch comic John Gray's DVD “Black and White”.

The Youth saw him at Acquire the Fire and he was hilarious. Come join us for a ‘Welcome Summer’ night of good food, laughter, and fellowship.

Have you seen us in our wild tie-dyed shirts? We made them ourselves, right down to the screen printing on the front! We can hardly wait to make camp shirts, and Night of Joy shirts—what fun!

The Youth

A Living Sermon

I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day
I would rather one should walk with me than merely show the way
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give
But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

Just In Case

If I knew that tomorrow would be no dawn on earth for me
That I should have gone in the dark of night into eternity ----
I should do so many things for those I love
But, oh, I should be happy, too, with those above!
So, just in case I might be viewing
Morning in celestial skies,
Lord, bring me those who need my love today,
For otherwise the night may close a door on words I meant to say
And morning find my empty house
With me away

I found these poems hidden away in my Bible and I thought you might enjoy them.

Abba's Girl

5/4 Roy and Sue Bodemer
 5/5 Nancy and Howard Coggin
 5/6 Todd and Yvonne Bower



5/14 Gerry and Sandy Stanfield
 5/18 Paul and Shirley Lux
 5/28 Randy and Kaye Fields



Birthdays

5/1 Dale Gower
 5/2 Vera Ridley
 5/7 Steve Schertzer
 5/8 Barbara Cornell

5/9 Steven Schertzer
 5/13 Jean Gower
 5/13 Sandy Armentrout
 5/14 Dorothy Burns
 5/14 Adam Yagecic
 5/18 Kim Watson
 5/19 Irene Herzog

5/19 Karen Moore
 5/19 Sharon Gunderson
 5/23 Brian Stafford
 5/25 Jerry Bishop
 5/29 Keith Patterson
 5/29 R.J. Moore
 5/30 Bill Aust

H.O.N.O.R.

HELPING OUR NEEDY ONES RESPECTFULLY, INC.

“Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:1-2

Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc., a faith based ministry dedicated to providing free minor home maintenance and repairs for elders age 60 and above, is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations.

Bookmarkers with 6 different designs may be found in the Narthex. Won't you please choose one or more of these markers and make a donation to HONOR? Your dollar will be spent on “bread” so that we can labor to assist an elder.

If you need assistance from HONOR or would like to sign up as a team member, go to our website www.honorinc.org or call 816-2779

GET YOUR DEPARTMENT or MINISTRY INFORMATION OUT THROUGH THIS
 NEWS LETTER EACH MONTH TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION !

E-mail to: dheishman@verizon.net by the 20th each month.



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