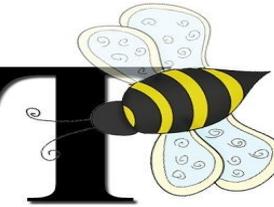


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4 Communion 	5	6 UMM at 6pm 	7 Bible Study at 6pm	8	9	10  Game Night at 6pm
11	12 Education Team Meeting at 12Noon	13 Trustee Meeting at 6pm	14 Bible Study at 6pm	15 UMW at 10am 	16	17
18 SPRC	19 Soup Bowl 11-1pm	20	21 Bible Study at 6pm Book Club at 5pm 	22	23 	24
25 Fellowship Meal (Group 4) 12Noon	26	27	28 Bible Study at 6pm	29	30	31

1. Erskine Smith,
4. Jack Wurst
7. Cloyd Staples
9. John Smythe
11. Dee Gorey
17. Lynn Toland
18. Cheryl Smith
19. Brian Walker
22. Richard &
Judy Smith
24. Sarah
Fitzgerald
Tim Kendrick
29. Dee Rochester

Global Missions

Just a reminder that there will be no Rise Against Hunger packaging event this fall. We decided last year to move it to the spring of 2020 to get out of football season and other fall events. In its place we will hold a much smaller scale event to put together UMCOR personal hygiene kits for disaster relief. Details on this event will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

Here is a summary of what Global Missions has done so far in 2019:

\$500 to Alabama Rural Ministry for Lee County Tornado Relief

Planned a 1 day mission trip to Lee County to help in the donations warehouse for tornado relief (had to be called off due to unforeseen circumstances).

\$2800 to the Haiti Mission to support the women's missions this year. Thanks to the generosity of our church members, the majority of this was money donated and designated for this purpose.

This month we purchased and sent nearly \$300 in school supplies which were hand carried to Haiti to support the schools for the children.

Global Missions is looking forward to continuing our call for mission work in this country and abroad while remaining good stewards of the limited funds we have available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Len Motz and Pam Russell

Global Missions Co-chairs



A Word From The Faith Class

It has been said that God molded us from clay. Christians became vessels to be used in service of God. As pieces of pottery, each of us was formed by the strong but gentle hands of God. As imperfect vessels we must be

purified by the process of sanctification (an ongoing process) and through a heating process that Paul called "trials and tribulations." Were each of us perfect we would not need Sunday School, Church, Prayer, Fellowship, or even God himself. Being perfect, we would be independent, self sustaining and self-serving.

Some still seek that perfect life, a life without the love of Jesus. A perfect secular life would invite sin and separation from God. It would mean a lonely spiritual life with darkened paths. The light of Jesus would be replaced by mankind's artificial light.

Jesus, God's most precious vessel, was sold for 30 pieces of silver. In Zechariah 11:13, Zechariah sarcastically called this a "handsome price." Exodus 31:32 said this was the same price paid to an owner for a slave gored by an Ox.

When we reject dependence upon God, and when we try to "go it alone," it is like selling our Christian birthright for 30 pieces of silver.

As God's

vessels we may be susceptible to chipping, cracking, and leaking, but even in our brokenness God accepts each of us as "His." We must accept the fact that we are imperfect and can only achieve perfection through the love, mercy, and forgiveness of our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Trivia Question:

What O.T. event happened at Moriah, near Jerusalem (Gen. 22)?



I Believe Group

The I Believe Group was started as an experiment by Len Motz and Richard Hodges early this year. The experiment seems to be working and we Len and Richard would like to invite more of the St Mark family to participate in the group. What is this group you ask? Well it is not just another Bible Study or Sunday School format group. It is a true and open discussion group to discuss issue of significance to the church and its member. There is no real leader or teacher for the meetings, but rather members select topics of interest and we discuss them for one or two meetings. There are no right or wrong answers, a lot of opinion is expressed, and worst case, you will leave agreeing to disagree with another member. The experience so far has been that even though opinions and belief may differ a bit, every leaves with some common ground to build.

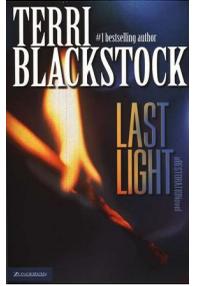
The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 5:00 to 5:45 PM in the fellowship hall. In the future the group will post information on the topic for upcoming meetings in the church bulletin. One does not need to come to every meeting, but may only want to come to topics that are of interest to them. But you are encouraged to come to all meetings as you never know what may spark an interest in you.

The last session in July discussed the topic of: What is Baptism and is water really needed?

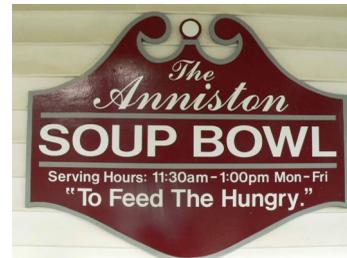
Even after a lively discussion, all seemed to leave with the same consensus belief. The group really looks forward to seeing more participation.



Book Club will meet Wednesday August 21 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the fiction thriller, Last Light by Terri Blackstock. What would you do if there was a global power outage? This novel follows a Georgia family as they survive without power and learn to depend upon their faith. Please join us!



We will have another volunteer opportunity at the Soup Bowl on Monday August 19th from 11am to 1pm. We need at least 5 volunteers for that shift. Just a reminder that it does require standing for the entire time and it gets quite hot standing over the food being served. I will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board .



August will be our Food Drive month!! It will run for the whole month of August so everyone will have plenty of time to fill our cart up. I will park the cart outside the kitchen under the bulletin board. Thank you for all your help!



Trivia Answer:

This was where Abraham would have sacrificed Isaac as a burnt offering,

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Communion is observed the first Sunday of each month.
 Early Service: 9:00 am
 Sunday School: 9:45 am
 Worship Service: 11:00 am

CHOIR: The St. Mark choir is open to all.
 Practice is Sundays at 4:30. Tony Wood-Music Director
*St. Mark has assistive listening devices available during
 worship service for those with special needs.*

Wednesday's Activities
10 a.m.: Morning Bible Study will be on a break
 until the fall.
5p.m.: Book Club on the 21st
6p.m.: Evening Bible Study with Richard Hodges

**Sunday Morning
 Bible Study Classes
 9:45-10:45**



Adult Classes	Teacher	Room
Agape		A
Faith	Richard Smith	201
Wesley		101
Youth Classes	Teacher	Room
Junior High	Len Motz	205
"All in One"		209
Nursery	Wendy Walker	



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Wesley Sunday School Class

Greetings from the Wesley Class. We may be a small class, but we are still excited about this class that Larry and Pam Russell started a few years ago. We are looking for more members and would like to invite any who are not currently in a Sunday School class to consider trying the Wesley Class. The format we use is what can best be described as a block format. Members of the class will decide on a topic or book of the Bible they want to study in detail and then one of our teachers will teach that subject. Lessons have ranged from just a few weeks to as much as 20 weeks before changing topics. We have no set schedule as we encourage all members of the class to share their thoughts and opinions on the topic of study. Sometimes a lesson that that an instructor thought would take just a week takes two because of the extended discussion and sharing.

We just finished a very thorough study of the Book of Job which took about 10 weeks and have started a Study of the Apostle Paul which looks like it may take 12+ weeks. If you are interested in this class or have any questions, please contact one of us or just drop in at 9:45 on a Sunday morning.

John Smythe and Len Motz
 Co-Teachers