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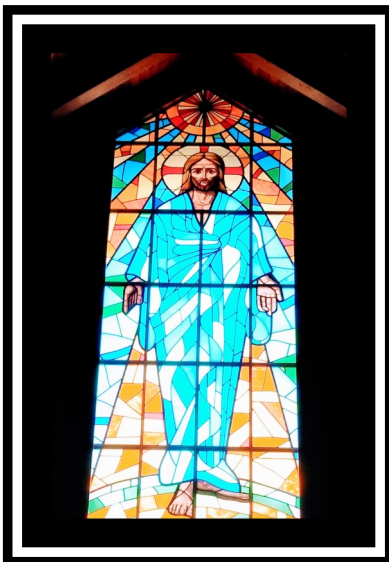
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Pastor's Notes

By Rev. Dave Turner

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COLOSSIANS 1 : 13 – 14 *CEB* Through every generation and time people have shown different characteristics, philosophies, and strengths. Yet, if we follow Paul's logic, we are all the same in our weakness, dependent upon God. Sometimes, I get the cart before the horse, thinking my strength is in God. It seems I should as Paul did, believe God is strength, and I can go to him in my weakness.

13 He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

Sometimes, I look at my reflection in the mirror and begin talking to myself. I only ask my reflection the most important questions. Like, when will my reflection show who I am inside? I think the question I am really asking is when will I truly be the person God wants me to be.

I am not alone in this wondering. Paul often reflects on his image, and determines in his weakness he is strong. In his weakness he is dependent upon God. When the Romans were putting Peter to the cross, he begged to be inverted because he did not find himself worthy to be crucified the same as his Savior Jesus.

When spiritual gifts were all the rage in the congregations at Corinth. Some would brag I can speak in tongues, or others would say I can discern tongues. Paul would teach he had all the spiritual gifts, but he would rather say five words everyone could understand instead of five hundred no one could understand. Does God make some better than others? Or, is the Bible true when it says God is not a respecter of persons, and he

want to match. These were

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gives each the tools necessary to build the church.

I like the hymn "WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS." Verse 1: "We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light. For the darkness shall turn to the dawning, and the dawning to noon day bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light." We all have a story to tell. Jesus told his story. Paul told his story. John told his story. Stephen told his story as well as the story of God rescuing the entire Israelite people from captivity.

What is our story? Paul tells the story of the church at Colossae, (read Colossians 1), and wouldn't you know it, that's our story too. Paul says, "God rescued us from the control of darkness. He sets us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much." The Psalmist says, "The powers of the earth are God's—he soars over all." No Christian has ever saved themselves. Ephesians 2:8-9, "we are saved

by grace through faith, not by anything we have done, but so we could be the workmanship of Jesus Christ."

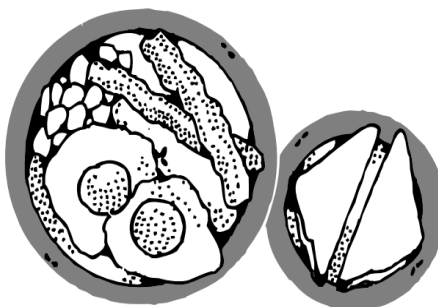
We are born again by the same love once and for all time through the blood given on the cross. GOD RESCUED US, "He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins. When I look at my reflection in the mirror, and talk to myself even if I don't get the correct answer, I do know GOD RESCUED US and sometimes that is all we need to know. That's the beginning of the story.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU TODAY AND ALL THE DAYS AHEAD



Methodist Men's News

The MM group had 21 guys come together for our 1-21-23 breakfast meeting. Great meal as usual, thanks to our cooking team! We also thank Robert for bringing the delicious cinnamon rolls for us to enjoy! We heard that several of our St. John family, and others, are in



need of prayer, so we need to remember them and any others that we may know who are going through trying times. Our next meeting will be Sat. February 18, at 8:30 AM. See you there!

Thank, Jim

Sunday School

Did you know that perhaps the first Sunday School in America began with John Wesley? He helped establish a Sunday School in Savannah, Georgia, in 1736. We have a group of about 10-12 adults who meet regularly here at St. John at 9:00 each Sunday. We have been studying a series called Henri

Nouwen and the Art of Living. This month we will begin the lessons on Love: Experiencing Deep Connection. We have plenty of chairs and hope you will join us!

ST Benedict's News

A group continues to serve an evening meal at Saint Benedict's on the first Monday night of the month at 8 PM. The meal consists of a ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, beans, potato salad, and ice cream. This meal costs about \$125 to feed 50 or more men. Thank you for all of your recent donations, and support to this organization. St John is so appreciated for all it does to help the community and those in need. The



dates we serve are:

February 6

August 7

March 6

September 4

April 3

October 2

May 1

November 6

June 5

December 4

July 3

Not sure about the dates, check out the calendar feature on our website,

stjohnum.org .

_Submitted by, Vicki Hast

RECIPES

Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

Ingredients needed:

- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup confectioners sugar

Directions:In a mixing bowl, combine

sugar, cocoa powder, oil, vanilla, and eggs. Whisk until the mixture is smooth. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add the flour mixture to the cocoa mixture and stir to combine.

Cover the dough with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 3 hours and up to overnight.

Preheat oven to 350F. Scoop dough with a mini ice cream scoop for even sizing into 20 cookies, then roll dough into even balls. Roll each into powdered sugar. Place, evenly spaced, on cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Allow to cool slightly then move to wire rack to cool fully.

White Chicken Chili

Ingredients needed:

- 1 Can (10 oz) green enchilada sauce
- 2 cans Great Northern Beans (or 1 Great Northern and One black bean) drained and rinsed
- 1 lb boneless, skinless breast or thighs
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn
- 2 cans diced fire-roasted green chilies, undrained
- 3/4 tsp dried oregano & paprika
- 1 Tbsp ground chili powder & cumin
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 block cream cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Spray crock pot with non-stick spray or use a liner! Trim fat off thighs or breasts. If using breasts cut into pieces. Put in the bottom of the crockpot. Add enchilada sauce, beans, corn, chilies, oregano, chili powder, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. I add about 1 tsp of salt and 1/2 tsp of pepper. Add chicken stock. Stir everything. Make sure chicken is submerged.

Cover and cook on low for 5-7 hours or high 3-5 hours.

Take out chicken and shred it. Set aside. Soften cream cheese in microwave and add to crockpot. Let stand covered until melted completely. Add chicken and stir together.

Serve with Mexican or taco cheese, Avocado, tortillas, sourcream, cilantro.

February Notes by Sondra Jones



“Thank God for Sunday Mornings” by Cochran & Co. is a song I have grown to love on Divine Sound Radio through Alexa. There are several parts of the song that speak to me but I really like what I guess is the chorus, since it repeats several times in the song...

But I thank God for Sunday morning

Thank God for 316

And the words in red that say you bled

And gave your life for me

Thank you God for a choir singing

And the voice saying, “Come back home”

Saturday night looked like the end of the story

But thank God for Sunday morning

Verse

Now I know that you’re no stranger

To the broken hearts like mine

It’s what you do, yeah somehow you

Bring dead things back to life

And it might look like it’s as over

As a stone over a grave

But I’ve seen you move, I’m living proof

You still roll stones away

The song then goes into the chorus again. It has a beginning verse too but this is the one that really spoke to me along with the chorus. I get the texts for our prayer requests and listen to the prayer requests on Sunday mornings. I go to work and listen to the struggles my students at Grace Christian are having. I had a mom reach out to me for tutoring her college son then call to talk about his struggles. I have never met either of them but she shared with me his problems and her fears as a parent. I prayed for them. So many are “broken” hearted and lost in this world. Not necessarily because they don’t know Jesus but maybe because they feel separated by anxiety, depression, substance abuse, internet interference...trust me, I believe, with our youth, this is a real issue. So many today, are bombarded with outside interference and don’t have strong parental guidance at home to show them the way. Many are un-churched. If only they could hear this song! Jesus does “bring dead things back to life”! I pray each day for guidance and wisdom to be the proof my students and others need to see this truth. I want others to see Jesus in me. I know, many days, I may not show Him as clearly as others but I try.

Family Life News

This year the committee has a few openings to fill. If you would like to join us in this important work in the church, please contact me. We will be planning 2023 activities and events and would love some new input! Already planned is the Chili Supper on Jan 29th at 5 pm. Look for pictures in the next

edition. A meeting is scheduled for Jan 23 at 5 pm to make more plans for the months to come. Hope to see you there.

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Outreach Team

What does Outreach mean to you? Is it important? Necessary? The United Methodist Church is a global leader in mission outreach ministries. These “ministries of the church shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy.” (The Book of Discipline ¶252.2)

At St. John we participate in several local ministries including serving a meal at St. Benedict’s each month and supporting the Help Office and

Mary Kendall Home. We also support national and international ministries through our Apportionments and Advance offerings.

If you have a heart for helping others in our community and beyond, won’t you consider being a part of a team to help plan and promote our Outreach Ministries here at St. John? Please contact Kathy Sherman @ 270-929-9657. Thank you!

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith, also known as United Methodist Women, is one of the largest women’s organization in the world. Our purpose is to know God and to provide ways to help women, children and youth all over the world.

We had a great meeting on Tuesday, January 3, with 7 in attendance. So happy to have 3 new attendees! We decided to continue meeting on the

first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, weather permitting. Kathy will give our program, A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, an annual event in which an offering is taken to support a specific purpose. This year it will focus on racial justice work. Light refreshments will be served. We’d love you to join us, too!

Bruce Culp—Thank you for your Service!

The Man, the Myth, the Legend!

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11, NIV

I have never read a verse that depicts a person’s service to a church better than this one depicts Bruce Culp’s 30 plus year’s work for St. John United Methodist! He has used his many talents and gifts to help keep St. John, well, St. John. I, for one, am eternally grateful. He has no idea I am including this in this issue and there are many in this church deserving of the same kind of thanks but as I have worked this job and read detailed Manuals of what needs to be done to do the tasks Bruce did, I realize just how much he has taken care of over the years. Fred Bradley and Jim Miller did too. We took what they did for granted until they weren’t here to do it. Thankfully Bruce (and Lydie Boone and Vicki Hast) stepped up so others didn’t have to worry.

I know I have shown up to this church on Sundays most of my life, both as a child and an adult, and found the

lights on, heat or air running, yard looking nice, clean bathroom and facilities, etc. Until I worked here,

I am not sure I thought much about what went into getting all that done. I just want you to know...it is quite a lot.

There were many times money may have been so tight the lights or heat may have been in question and Mr. Bruce with his gifts and the trust of many in our church found the money and way to keep us St. John.

I remember a guest preacher that was asked to speak by Pastor Amy. His sermon was about sitting on the train station bench with your ticket punched waiting on Jesus to return **OR** using your gifts for the Kingdom while you wait. Mr. Bruce has **NOT** spent his last 30 plus years sitting on the train station bench with his ticket punched. He has served God and St. John well and faithfully. I am not by any means saying his days are done, but I know according to Matthew 25:21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’”

I pray that he will be here to mentor those of us who try to fill his metaphorically VERY large shoes!! He is a wealth of knowledge and I love his wry humor.

But...he and Ila deserve some rest and relaxation time...Maybe a trip somewhere warm and sunny!

Biblical Words

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 Joy
 Healing
 Friendship
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 Christ
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Peace
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 Guidance
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 Encouragement
 Confidence
 Children
 Redemption
 God
 Wisdom

Parents
 Identity
 Goodness
 Forgiveness
 Discipleship
 Compassion
 Charity
 salvation
 Hope

Patience
 Holiness
 Goals
 Finances
 Discernment
 Comfort
 Blessings
 Humility
 Mercy

Maturity
 Help
 Giving
 Faithfulness
 Decisions
 Jesus
 Belief
 Rightousness
 Truth

Love
 Heaven
 Future
 Life
 Courage
 Church
 Assurance
 Obedience
 Grace

Food & Fellowship

Supper Club meets once a month for dinner at a local restaurant. Food and fellowship is had by those who attend! Here is the new schedule of places to eat. You will also find the restaurant choices in our Satellite issues, bulletins and on the calendar on our website stjohnnum.org.

Have a Happy New Year and see you soon!!

Here are the new dates:

Feb 28 Briar Patch

March 28 Old Hickory

April 25 Cracker Barrel

May 23 Olive Garden

June 27 Colby's

July 25 New China

August 22 Briar Patch

Sept 26 Old Hickory

Oct 24 Cracker Barrel

Nov 28 Moonlight

Dec No supper Club



Do you have a **HEART** for children?? Nursery workers are still needed!!

Sign-up sheet is outside of the church office. If there are more volunteers, each would only need to work once a month. Please be in prayer



about your chance to help in this wonderful Outreach Program!! You can now do the Safe Sanctuary training online. See Beverly Plain for more information.

Help Office Ministry

The Help office continues to be extremely busy in the food bank. We are serving close to 80 people by giving out 23 or more food orders on a daily basis. The Help Office recently got a grant for personal hygiene items so the need now continues to be food. Needed items at this time are canned beans, crackers, peanut butter, canned fruit, hearty soups, and cereal. The help of-

office is also collecting clothing and shoes. There is a shelf in the cloak room for any items you would like to donate. The cold weather, high cost of heat and gas has many families in need. Please consider buying some of these items to donate. Our Thanksgiving bags helped so many and had an immediate impact on our community!

CHOIR (CONT.)

Ricky, my fiancé, laughs when I tell him stories about my day and how someone at a store just opened up to me about her/his life. It doesn't surprise him anymore. He says I am constantly smiling at people. I make eye-contact, he says. Not sure what that means, but I guess I do. I don't mind though. I usually pray with them if they let me, hear their story if that is what they need, or listen to the suggestion about the product and go on my way. I hope it helps in some small way and it certainly didn't hurt me at all.

Come join choir if you think you like to sing, at all. I love the music on Sunday mornings! It blesses my soul along with Rev. Dave's message. The two combine for a powerful start to my week. You would be surprised at

the thought that goes into the music selection to compliment the message. Sometime as you are singing, think about the words and the Scripture. You will find the message to be very much in sync.

Blessings for a beautiful February! Won't be long and we will be thinking seriously about the Spring!

Hugs,
Sondra



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

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*Feb 6 Serving at St. Benedict
@ 7:45 pm*

Feb 7 UWF Meeting @ 4 pm

*Feb 8 District UWF Mission
Team Meeting 1-2 pm*

*Feb 13 Admin Council Mtg
@ 5 pm*

*Feb 18 Methodist Men's
Breakfast @8:30 am*

*Feb 28 Supper Club at Bri-
arpatch @ 5pm*



The hunger for love is much
more difficult to remove than
the hunger for bread.

Mother Teresa

Share the
love of Christ
on Valentine's Day.