VOICES OF HARMONY

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HARMONY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

From The Pastor's Desk.....

What are you Preparing for?

You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail
(Proverbs 19:21)

I ask that question because, as I sit, I am making plans to vote, finalize a sermon, go to football game, plan a trip soon, plan for Advent, and those are just the ones I can name off the top of my head. Bigger plans still loom! Plans, plans, plans!

Even though all these preparations are underway, the outcome doesn't always meet my expectations, but I can live at peace knowing that God's purpose prevails, taking what I planned and turning it into a greater part of his plan.

As we head into Advent, we recall that Mary and Joseph's big plan was a wedding.

Engaged, they had done everything the right way. Best-laid plans, but Matthew records, **"before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."**

In a short time, their joyful plans became the center of a scandal in their little community.

Even though Mary knows, Joseph is wrestling with faith and disbelief. As Joseph is weighing his options, an angel comes, comforts Joseph fear, and affirms his faith in Mary: **"do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit."**

You son will be called **"Immanuel, which means 'God is with us."**

Mary and Joseph planned for a simple family life, but God went beyond what they expected and sent his Son to be the Savior of all, God with us in the flesh, given for all to save all.

So, even though plans don't always work out, God always works his plan out.

So, may this season of Advent be a time of new beginnings, new plans, and new expectations of the blessing of hope, peace, joy, and love that come together in Christ, God with us, who was sent from heaven to earth for us over 2000 years ago. May this also be a season when God, living in us, renews our minds, hearts, and souls, with His purpose exceeding our plan and expectations, all over again, as we expect the great expectation of God with us this season and in the year to come.

Prayer: God, we thank you for plans. We thank you for purpose. We thank you for your Son, who brings your plan and purpose together in all lives today and always. Amen

THIS 'N THAT.....

PRAYER LIST

Myra Williams
Brenda Stanley
Bill & Callie Nugent
Jennifer Nugent
John Craft
Gena Howard
Lenny McLaughlin
Loretta McClain
Rev. Ken Eller
Robin Barefoot
Bob & Linda Ellerbe
Peggy Brookshire
Paul Thompson
Bill Williams
Wendy Armstrong
Karen & Norris Griffin
The family
of Walt Liebscher
Trudy Jones
JoeAnn Ogburn
Sandra Miles
Scott Todd
Jason Jones
Larry Tate
Cole Stephens
Our Youth
Our church
Our community
Our Nation & World

HARMONY GROVE FINANCIAL RECAP

Truist Checking **$12,263.55**

Truist Building Fund Checking **$14,997.33**

Truist Designated Savings **$21,119.94**

UMF Building **$30,437.98**

UMF Parsonage **$78,021.70**

Scholarship **$40,558.29**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 2 Hannah Craft Church

Nov. 3 Theresa Harper

Nov. 6 Kathy Taylor

Nov. 7 Suzie Padgett

Nov. 10 Robin Brefoot

Nov. 11 Andy Allen

Nov. 14 Myra Williams

Nov. 15 Bill & Callie Nugent

Nov. 17 Norris Griffin

Nov. 18 Sherry Ogburn

Nov. 19 Ryan Bullard

Nov. 19 Tammy Jones

Nov. 24 Dan Mallary

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 1 2:00pm Charge Conference

Nov. 3 1:00pm Lectionary Study & Prayer time

Nov. 4

Nov. 8 12:00pm Youth meeting

Nov. 10 1:00pm Lectionary Study & Prayer time

Nov. 11 4:30pm Choir practice

5:00pm Cantata practice

6:00pm Thanksgiving meal followed by Bingo

Nov. 14 9:00am – 1:30pm Blood Drive

Nov. 17 1:00pm Lectionary Study & Prayer time

Nov. 18 4:30pm Choir practice

5:00pm Cantata practice

Nov. 24 1:00pm Lectionary Study & Prayer time

Nov. 25 4:30pm Choir practice

5:00pm Cantata practice

Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving

FUN & GAMES.....

Wordsearch G50 - Sermons of Jesus 5

Bible Wordsearch

Sermons of Jesus 5

Wordsearch G50 — Matt 7:13-27

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BEARS
BEAT
BROAD
BUILT
CRASH
DEMONS
DRIVE
ENTER
FALSE
FATHER
HOUSE
LEADS
LORD
WATCH
WINDS
WOLVES
WORDS
AGAINST
CLOTHING
EVERYONE
EVILDOERS
FEROCIOUS
KINGDOM
LIKEWISE
MIRACLES
NARROW
PERFORM
PRACTICE
PROPHESY
STREAMS
THISTLES
FOOLISH
GRAPES
HEAVEN

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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November Outreach Needs

Prison Ministries - Antiperspirant deodorant, stick or solid, Bath size soap

Samaritan Ministries –Men's deodorant, Shaving Cream

Church- School partnership – Underwear (children's sizes), sweat pants (children's sizes)

LCAP– Mayonnaise, Peaches, beef vege soup, white rice

Bethlehem Center—Clorox, Laundry detergent

Blessing Box—Cereal, canned food items

December Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, November 27