

A Word From The Pastor

John Wesley was a great man of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was convinced that the church stood in need of renewal and he would urge all believers to seek for renewal. His thoughts on the subject would be greatly beneficial to those of us who seek renewal today.

“First, he would urge all people to personally experience Christ. It had not been without intense struggle that Wesley came to see the centrality of a personal faith in Christ. His heart-warming experience at Aldersgate became the motivating purpose of his life.” Wesley preached the necessity of a personal faith in Christ upon every conceivable occasion. Do you have a personal faith in Jesus Christ? Are you walking with Him daily?

“Second, Wesley would urge Christians to greater degrees of discipline.” The word “discipline” is perhaps a dirty word in our culture today. We prefer the word freedom. But discipline for Wesley lead the believer to transformation, holiness, and consecration. If a person were to experience renewal the path led through the discipline that brought one to person transformation and a deeper walk with the Lord.

“A third Wesleyan principle for renewal would be the getting together of believers in groups.” The small group was a source of maturation in the faith as far as Wesley was concerned. Other believers helped temper our faith into mature growth. Are you a part of a small group of believers that meet regularly to help one another in the Way?

“Fourth, Wesley would call us to a renewed appreciation for the sacraments. As previously shown, he saw them as divinely instituted means for conveying grace to people.”

“A fifth principle for renewal is Wesley’s emphasis that Christ be offered to everyone.” Wesley certainly practiced this. He gave himself tirelessly to the task of sharing the good news of Christ every opportunity he had. What about us? When was the last time you shared the good news of Christ with someone else?

To these, I would add the principle of service. Many believers are content to sit in their pews without ever ministering to anyone else. Serving others adds dimensions to our faith that greatly enhance our walk with Christ. What are you doing to serve Christ and others?

As we prepare for the New Year 2018, let us begin it with a service of renewal and recommitment to Christ on January 7. Prepare to dedicate yourself once again to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to practice the principles that will lead you to renewal.

Dr. James L. Fleming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST TUESDAY PRAYER TIME

On the first Tuesday of each month, the Women’s Ministry invites everyone to come and be in prayer for our church, its leaders, and those in need. For more information, see Olive Clemmings. Join the group on Tuesday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m.

ABRAHAM PRAYER MINISTRY

The Abraham Prayer Ministry will meet Sunday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 9, at 6 p.m. You are welcome to observe and give input.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The Women’s Ministry will meet Saturday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. All women are encouraged to attend.

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 28, is this month’s collection day for our Interfaith Community Food Drive. Your donations of nonperishable food items can be placed in the narthex. Thank you for giving.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Clay Parton
Music Director
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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays
1:00 p.m. - Small Group
4:30 p.m. - Worship Practice
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study
Thursdays
6:30 p.m. - Youth Group

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday - January 2
Prayer Group at 10 a.m.
Last Sunday - January 28
Food Drive Collection

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00/4:00 p.m.



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TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

Everyone is invited to a weekly Bible study on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Clemmings' home. Pastor Fleming leads us as we review the previous Sunday's sermon. The small group meeting will be canceled on January 2.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jim's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. They have started a series on the book of Galatians. You are welcome to join the class any time. For those who do not have books, lesson can be picked up ahead of time in the narthex. The Bible study will be canceled on January 3.

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12)

The youth group meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you are willing to provide a meal for the youth on a Thursday night, please see Clay Parton.

DONATIONS FOR KIMBERLY'S CENTER

The Women's Ministry is continuing their mission to help Kimberly's Center by collecting items such as diapers, panties, art supplies, notebooks, pens, toys, etc. There is a box in the foyer to collect these items. See Irene Rogers for more info.

DONATIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY

The Women's Ministry is collecting plastic grocery bags for the homeless mats they are crocheting to give to the Salvation Army. They also need men's and women's toiletries. There is a box in the foyer for these items. See Irene Rogers for more info.

CHILDREN'S VALENTINE PARTY

The children's Valentine Party will be held on Sunday, February 4, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon for children 5th grade and under. See Vanessa Small for more info.

CHILDREN'S WINTER OLYMPICS

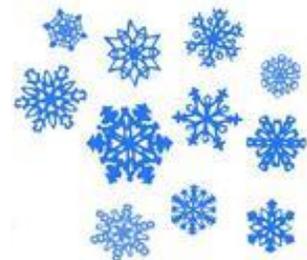
The College Park Winter Olympics will be held on Sunday, February 18, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon for children 5th grade and under. Please see Vanessa Small for more information.

Happy Birthday!

- 01 - Dana Labounty
- 02 - Bob Long
- 15 - Basil Clemmings
- 16 - Charlie Small
- 17 - Marilyn Reynolds
- 30 - Jerry Dinda
- 31 - Rose Gardner

Happy Anniversary!

- 06 - Fred & Denise Skinner
- 24 - Harvey & Connie Radford



If you would like your birthday or anniversary added to this list, please contact the church office.