



From the desk of Pastor Ann

This weekend, we honored our moms. One of the greatest gifts from the women in my life was their faith. They taught me by example what it is to love Christ, and love others. I can think of no greater gift to our families than this.

One of the great gifts to us from our heavenly Father is the Beatitudes, or what I love to call the Beautiful Attitudes. Attitudes that help us move from serving ourselves to serving others. Attitudes that help us move from being self-centered to being Christ centered.

Over the course of time, I have entered into conversations with people who don't believe in Christ. A popular question is this, "Isn't Christianity just a crutch for people who can't make it on their own?" My answer is always, "Yes." Because a crutch is not a bad thing.

Always in life, we need someone to lean on. Christ says, lean on me. And that is at the heart of Matthew 5:3. Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

I think we often fall into the trap of believing that we can do things on our own. That we only need Christ in the valley. The truth is, we need Christ in all walks of life. Romans 3:23 reminds us, we are all sinners. So, we all need Jesus.

The law can't save us, the law just shows us how sinful we are. We are saved by grace through faith in the risen Christ. Blessed are the poor in Spirit reminds us that we can do nothing without Christ. But with Christ, we can do all things.

In Exodus 3, when God appears to Moses in a burning bush and calls Moses to lead the people out of bondage in Egypt Moses brings up excuse after excuse about why he can't do what God is asking. And over and over God says, I will be with you.

In Exodus 4:14, when God gets angry at Moses, he doesn't get angry because Moses underestimates himself. God gets angry because Moses underestimates God. Do we underestimate what God can do? Or worse, do we think that anything we do is done by our own ability or power?

To be poor in Spirit means to acknowledge all things come from Christ. This week, we looked at both verse 3 and 4 of Matthew 5. They really go together. Blessed are those who mourn is related to the blessing of those who are poor in spirit.

When we acknowledge our sin, our inadequacies, our guilt and our failures before God, we mourn the way we fall short. We don't try to hide anything, we are open and honest and vulnerable. We don't try to kid ourselves or others and say we are self-sufficient. Instead, we fall to our knees before God and we lean on Jesus.

We go to Jesus to be comforted. And over and over in scripture we see people who do just that. In every case, God says fear not, for I will be with you. Jesus says I will never leave you nor forsake you. We know God is faithful to keep his promises.

The beautiful attitudes Christ describes remind us that we are not alone. The beautiful attitudes help us move from serving ourselves to serving others. The beautiful attitudes help us move from being self-centered to being Christ centered.

God says, the poor in spirit, and those who mourn will receive God's blessing. By God's amazing grace, we will inherit the kingdom of God. May it be so in our lives today. I look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday, either in person or online. Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- Administrative News - Office Hours next week.

05/16 Office Open

05/17, 05/18 & 05/19
Office Closed

- Weekly Attendance
- Thankful Tuesday
- Weekly Calendar
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- Giving

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Prayer Request: Shelby (Becky Pentecost's granddaughter), David Head, Max & Ashley Gaubert, Willie & Kim Carter, a friend of Jake's injured in a plane crash, Gloria Chandler (Carol Johnson's mom).

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Email your prayer request directly to: ann.mann@ngumc.net. Please submit your request by noon on Saturday.

Administrative News

Office Hours the week of May 16th

The office will be open Monday May 16th, and will be closed Tuesday-Thursday May 17-19th.

We will not have a newsletter this week, and we will be printing bulletins for Sunday, May 22nd early on May 16th.

Any new prayer concerns will be added from the pulpit.

Pastor Ann is having surgery on May 16th, and will be out of the office all week.

Susan is going on vacation starting Tuesday May 17th.

We will resume normal office hours, and the newsletter, Tuesday May 24th.

Thank you for your understanding!



Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
05/08/2022	68	42	No count
05/01/2022	79	82	25
04/24/2022	74	51	21
04/17/2022	127	54	15

Thankful Tuesday

We are thankful for Anne Marie Camp. This past Sunday, she shared the song that she sang every day when her mother was sick with COVID. She also shared her testimony of how that song, and its message of God's unfailing love sustained her during some difficult days.

We are thankful for you Anne Marie, and we are thankful for God's love. God never fails!

Thank you to all the women who came out for the United Methodist Women's Fellowship night.
We had a great time painting flowers.

Thanks to Patty Wright for providing the sandwiches, and to Vickie Sargent and Deloris Barton for providing dessert.



May 8, 2022 - May 25, 2022

Weekly Happenings

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 15, 2022 Change for Children

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Noon Admin Council Meeting w/lunch-Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 16, 2022 Office Open 9 AM—2PM

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Office Closed

6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ the Elsmore's

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Office Closed

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 19, 2022 Office Closed

Sunday, May 22, 2022

9:15 AM Breakfast

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Noon Youth After Church

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)



May Celebrations

- 5th Brenda Hester
- 6th **Tony & Ginger Rutchi**
- 9th Cory Blackmon
Denny Malcom
- 11th McKenzie Culpepper
Tony Rutchi
- 12th Mary Daniel
- 13th Carson Peters
- 14th Irene Queen
- 15th David Peters
- 17th Beth Raby
- 19th **Caleb & Lana Browning**
Maeleigh Gibson
- 20th Hudson McGaughey
- 21st Jacob Olson
Nancy Snell
- 22nd Blake Peters
- 23rd Cody Wright

***Anniversaries in red.**

**Tithes and Offerings can be given either online from our website or mail a check to
Union Chapel UMC Finance
P.O. Box 622, Monroe, GA 30655**

*****Administrative Information*****
Church Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 AM - 2 PM
See Page 2 for Admin News for office hours next week.
 Please note, messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call:
 Pastor Ann, 770-256-4556
 or James Johnson, 678-767-2712 .

******Newsletter Submissions******

Please submit any information , prayer requests or articles that you might have for the newsletter to the church office by Tuesday at noon, as the newsletter will be published on Tuesday. Also, as a reminder, please have prayer requests submitted by noon on Thursday for the Sunday bulletin. The church office email is: unionchapel@windstream.net