



### From the desk of Pastor Ann

We are reading through Revelation over the next several weeks. I invite you to read along with us. And I encourage you to purchase Darrell Johnson's book Discipleship on the Edge. He does a beautiful job helping us understand this complex book.

Revelation is three things. It is a letter (the longest in the Bible), a prophecy (which is not the same as a prediction, a prophecy requires an immediate response), and it is apocalyptic literature.

In Greek the word for Revelation is apocalypse, and it means "to reveal." Think about nature as the revelation of God. Think about the revelation of God to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Think about Jesus as the revelation of God to the world.

Something interesting to note, almost everything in Revelation is found elsewhere in Scripture. In fact, John often quotes from the Old Testament.

What is different about the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John is the use of imagery. Humans are often portrayed as animals. Colors and numbers take on new meaning and significance. For instance, seven signifies perfection. Revelation seeks to engage all our senses. It seeks to open our eyes to the unseen realities all around us.

Revelation is our wake-up call.

Do you remember the building collapse in south Florida earlier this year? It seemed like there was no warning. But in truth, there was. There were reports of serious structural damage years before the building collapsed. But the building management did nothing about it. And 94 of the people who lived in that building paid the ultimate price.

Revelation is a reminder that a battle is raging all around us. We experience the casualties every day as we battle with the power of sin and death. And sometimes, like on September 11th 20 years ago, or during this pandemic, or the division in the church, it can feel like we are losing.

But if you read through scripture, all the way to the end of Revelation, you see Jesus has already won the war! Jesus has defeated sin and death. Jesus is on the throne. And he invites us to join him as we battle an unseen enemy. As described in Ephesians 6:12, we are caught in the battle between "the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Revelation is a call to stay true to our first love, to put on the armor of God (see Ephesians 6.) Stay true to Jesus who is the Alpha and Omega. The first and the last. The beginning and the end. Let the one who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

The question for us today is this, is Jesus our first love? Are we being faithful disciples of Christ with our words and our actions? If we take this book seriously, it will seriously change the way we live.

May it be so in our lives today. Amen.

Pastor Ann

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**Prayer Requests this week:** Praying for Al Peters, Jim Bridges, Nancy Snell, Mary Peters, and Jeff Boyd. Praying for all those suffering from COVID. Praying for those impacted by the events on September 11, 2001. Please pray for the families of Tom Hamilton and Angela Malcom.

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

Friends, we want to be in prayer for each other, without ceasing. Since we are not all meeting in person, please email your prayer request directly to: [ann.mann@ngumc.net](mailto:ann.mann@ngumc.net). Please submit your request by noon on Saturday.

**Announcements**

**THANKFUL TUESDAY**

We are so thankful for Glenn Barton. Chances are you will see his smiling face when you come to church on Sunday morning as he welcomes our members and visitors at the 11 am service, handing out bulletins. He is a faithful servant of God, always willing to do what is needed. In addition to serving as a one man welcoming committee, he serves as President of our Administrative Council, and treasurer of our United Methodist Men’s group.

If there is someone you would like to thank, please send a picture and a write up to Pastor Ann.



**\*\*Homecoming Update\*\***

We will have in-person worship each Sunday, including on September 19<sup>th</sup>, however the worship committee has decided it is safest to cancel the covered dish meal following the 11am service on Homecoming. We look forward to celebrating our heritage another Sunday.

**\*\*Schedule Updates - Sunday Morning Breakfast\*\***

We are temporarily suspending breakfast on Sunday mornings. Due to the surge in COVID cases in our community, we have decided to suspend breakfast for the next several weeks. Please stay tuned for information on when we will resume breakfast.

**Save the Date**

**Barbeque & Brunswick Stew**

Saturday, October 10th  
 Pick up at 1 PM \$10 per quart  
 Place your order so that you do not miss out.



Michele Buckles Thrasher spoke with United Methodist Women on Monday, September 13th sharing more about her project with jewelry from some of the women of Union Chapel UMC.

Thank you Michele!

**Revelation Bible Study**

Each week we will discuss the sermon, and questions on the week’s reading.

**Week 2 (Revelation 4-10)**

Tuesday 9/21

10 am-11 am in Fellowship Hall

**Week 3 (Revelation 11-14)**

Tuesday 9/28

10 am-11 am in Fellowship Hall

**Week 4 (Revelation 15-18)**

Tuesday 10/5

10 am-11 am in Fellowship Hall

**Week 5 (Revelation 19-22)**

Sunday 10/10 from 2-3pm

(Note different day/time) in Fellowship Hall

If there is interest, I am also willing to offer this study on Sunday afternoons.

Please call Pastor Ann (770-256-4556) if Sunday is a better time for you.

**“The Revelation to John” Reading Plan**

Recommended reading: Discipleship on the Edge  
by Darrell W. Johnson

Week 2	Revelation 4	Ezekiel 1
	Revelation 5	Exodus 12:3-14; John 1:29-34; Eph 1:20-22
	Revelation 6	Zechariah 1:8-15; Acts 14:22; Romans 8
	Revelation 7	Matt 18:21-22; Romans 2:25-29
	Revelation 8	Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21; Eph 4:30
	Revelation 9	Luke 12:49, Luke 19:10; Isa 14:12
	Revelation 10	Ezekiel 3:1-3. 40-41, 47:1-12
Week 3	Revelation 11	Ex 4:11; Zec 2; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Pet 2:5
	Revelation 12	Psalm 2; Matt 2:16-18; John 18:37; Heb 2:15
	Revelation 13	Isa 40:18,25; Dan 4:17; John 19:10-11; Eph 6:17
	Revelation 14	John 3:16; John 12:23-31; Rom 5:8; 1 Tim 1:15;

September 14, 2021 - September 30 , 2021

**Weekly Happenings**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

10AM-11AM The Revelation to John Bible Study (FH)  
 7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)  
 10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)  
 11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) **Homecoming**  
 2 PM SPR Meeting  
 3 PM SPR Training

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

10AM-11AM The Revelation to John Bible Study (FH)  
 7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)  
 10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)  
 11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
 Noon Nominations Committee - lunch provided (FH)  
 5 PM Long Range Planning (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

10AM-11AM The Revelation to John Bible Study (FH)  
 7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)



**Celebrations**

**September**

16th Nicholas Peters

19th **Todd & Jennifer Keese**

Maddie Camp

20th Penny George-Oakley

21st Janet McGaughey

Ashley Middlebrooks

22nd Addisyn Grace Hamby

Sheri Rollins

23rd Kenneth Ferguson

26th Sally Malcom

27th Bruce Ford

28th Randy Miller

29th Betty Wilson

30th **Greg & Kay Adcock**

*\*Anniversaries are in red\**

**Tithes and Offerings can be given either online from our website or mail a check to our P.O. Box:**

**Union Chapel UMC Finance  
 P.O. Box 622, Monroe, GA 30655**

**\*\*\*Administrative Information\*\*\***

**Church Office Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 9AM to 2PM**

**\*Please note, messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call:**

**Pastor Ann on her cell, 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.**