

August 2015 Newsletter

Waterloo
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Pastor' Article

I would like to share one of my favorite articles with you this month.

“Taking Time Alone to Pray” by Dr. Henry Blackaby

In these days, which are full of incredible “hassles”, everyone needs a regular time alone from others to go to a quiet place and pray. Scripture records many instances of Jesus taking time alone with His Father to refresh Himself and know God’s will for His life:

“. . . He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. . .” (Matthew 14:23).

Luke, describing this habit of Jesus, records: “He went out to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed . . . and He knelt down and prayed. . .” (Luke 22:39-41).

Jesus would often send the multitudes away: “. . . and He departed to the mountain to pray. . .” (Mark 6:46).

There was a Divine necessity in the life of Jesus to get alone in a solitary place and pray. The press of the multitudes and even the demands on Him to teach and instruct the disciples daily put a strain on Jesus. Therefore, for several reasons He would send both the people and the disciples away while He went up on a mountain to pray (see Mark 6:44-46).

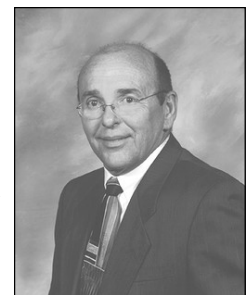
First, He needed to be alone and undistracted while spending time with His Heavenly Father. The will of God was too important to Jesus for Him to be turned aside from it for any reason.

Second, He needed quiet, rest and solitude for His own renewal and focus. People are often very demanding with their needs. One must “take in” to effectively and constantly “give out”.

Third, to take time away from the demands of the people would enable Him to keep His larger perspective and purpose clear. This is clearly seen early in His ministry. After a full, tiring and successful day full of teaching, preaching and healing, the Scripture usually records that early the next morning “. . . He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. . .” (Mark 1:35). The disciples then found Him and said, “Everyone is looking for you!” This was to be expected from transformed lives! But Jesus by now had been renewed and refocused from His time with the Father. He replied, “let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth!”

Every believer **MUST** take regular moments away from all others in a solitary place and pray. We must pray for the same reasons that Jesus had to. This is especially crucial as we face many hassles in our workplace. There are directions being given, people sharing their needs and giving suggestions, pressures of decisions and deadlines – all demanding our attention. Each of us **MUST** get alone and away from people to pray.

Are you taking time alone with the Lord in prayer? If not, you need to make a crucial adjustment in your life.



Pastor Mike Halferty



It's that time of year again! School bells are ringing!

Yellow school buses are on the road!

Our children are heading back to school!

Lord, we pray that you will be with each child, protect them as they wait at the bus stop, ride the bus, travel by car or walk. Keep them safe from dangers unseen.

Be with the teachers this year, help them to be compassionate and understanding, that they may teach in a way that each child will understand and advance in their learning and individual skills.

Help each student to stand against peer pressure. Empower them to make good decisions. Surround them with good friends with positive influences. Protect them from those who may bully others, and those who try to introduce them to alcohol and drugs.

Help us as parents, grandparents and friends to be supportive and encouraging as our children study, participate in school activities and broaden their horizons. Let our hearts be open and ready to listen as our children share their day at school. Fill us with wisdom that we will lead them in faith and determination to be the best they can be. Amen

CHURCH GROWTH REQUIRES:

LOVE - a genuine care for other people

COMMITMENT - a deep sense of direction and purpose

OPENNESS - to new people and new ideas

UNITY - respect for, and harmony with the team

FLEXIBILITY - willingness to make changes when needed.

VISION - an attitude and expectancy for growth.



To my church family,
Thank you for the thoughtful cards
and prayers sent to me in
remembrance of Dora.



May God Bless,
Dean McBride

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the delicious breakfast you prepared for me and my family on graduation morning. And, thanks for the personalized Bible.

I am looking forward to starting my college career at Rockford University in Illinois very soon.

Thanks for all your love and support,
Collin Bice



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 02 - Gary Hart
- 02 - Chris Rowe
- 03 - Kelsey Matys
- 03 - Paula McGrath
- 05 - Amy Hart
- 06 - Cheryl Till
- 08 - Meredith Turner
- 09 - Eric Rowe
- 10 - Allison Charleswood
- 14 - Deanna Robinson
- 14 - Steve Slentz
- 14 - John E. Turner

- 15 - Kirby Hobbs
- 16 - Natalie Davis
- 16 - Tricia Halferty
- 17 - Ava Michele Ellert
- 18 - George DeLong
- 18 - Beth Moughler
- 19 - Lisa R. Clifford
- 19 - Eric Benjamin Barr
- 21 - Tom Till
- 21 - Elaine Bice
- 22 - Brooke Wall
- 22 - Nancy Rowe

- 28 - Pam Allred
- 29 - Judy Crowl
- 30 - Chris Gibson
- 30 - Vickie Elliot

Anniversaries

- 01 - M/M David Pineiro
- 08 - M/M Ben Rice
- 15 - M/M Glen Hartman
- 26 - M/M David Feller
- 27 - M/M Randy Bice
- 30 - M/M Christopher Barr

Methodist Mountain Mission

With the help of our supporters, The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been able to provide gently used clothing and household items at reasonable prices to families needing assistance since 1943. We have 8 opportunity stores in Kentucky. Our trucks travel to churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and throughout Kentucky to pick up donated items.

Please have your donations at the Waterloo United Methodist Church for pick-up before August 17th.

Winter snow and spring flooding has caused a lot of problems this year at the Mission. Roof leaks, plumbing problems, heating and air system issues. Monetary donations for the repair and replacement costs would be appreciated.

Monetary donations may be mailed to :
 Methodist Mountain Mission
 P.O. Box 888
 Jackson, KY 41339



Sing For the Lord!

Lift Your Voice to Praise Him!

Each Sunday morning we are led into worship by our Praise Team, ushering in the presence of God.

Our Chancel Choir leads us with traditional hymns filling our heart with His songs, and the desire to hear His words from the pulpit.

Music is a vital part of the church, it opens our hearts and gives us the opportunity to worship and think about Jesus.

Beginning on Wednesday, August 26 choir practices are at 6:30 p.m. Carol Barr, our music director, invites you to come to fellowship and praise God.

Lift your voice and glorify God!

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH

Cup of Cold Water

August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Carlana Magley	Terri Turner	Carlana Magley	Terri Turner
Jann Buttermore	Susan Whittington	Josh Wall	Nancy Rowe
Josh Wall	Darryl Whittington	Brook Wall	Ellen Meyer
Brooke Wall	Sallie Pease	Janet Sutton	Sallie Pease
Donna Magley	Donna Magley	Donna Magley	Donna Magley

East Greeters

02 - M/M Jim Hobbs
 09 - Karen Camp
 16 - M/M Jack Roudabush
 23 - M/M Mike Rowe
 30 - M/M John Turner

West Greeters

02 - Janet Ordway
 09 - M/M Jerry Robinson
 16 - M/M Eric Rowe
 23 - M/M Jim Sutton
 30 - M/M Darryl Whittington

Acolyte

02 - John Turner
 09 - Zack Wall
 16 - Aidan Friedel
 23 - Bayley Stuckey
 30 - Tyler Lowman

Ushers

02 - David Turner
 09 - Bill Hubartt
 16 - Mike Starkey (2)
 23 - Glen Hartman
 30 - Mike Starkey (1)

Nursery

02 - Judy Hart & Susan Whittington
 09 - Janet Sutton & Terri Turner
 16 - Nancy Rowe & Aimee Wentworth
 23 - Jen Stuckey & Judy Hart
 30 - Susan Whittington & Janet Sutton



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August Calendar of Events

- 04 - Lion's Club 6:15 p.m.
- 05 - Pastor/Teen Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
 - Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 - Cup of Cold Water 6:00 p.m.
- 06 - CARE Ministry 6:30 p.m.
- 09 - Youth at Buttermore's 11:00 a.m.
- 10 - Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 - Cup of Cold Water 6:00 p.m.
- 15 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- 17 - Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 - Lion's Club 6:15 p.m.
- 19 - Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 - Cup of Cold Water 6:00 p.m.
- 20 - UM Women 7:00 p.m.
 - Newsletter Deadline
- 23 - Youth Service Project 11:00 a.m.
- 26 - Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 - Cup of Cold Water 6:00 p.m.
 - Choir Practice 6:30 p. m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We ask that you keep the following individuals in your prayers:

- Mason Brumbaugh
- Dawson Furnish
- Lois Benjamin
- Raymond Moughler
- Margaret Thiel
- Blanche Hilsmier
- Roger Terry
- Vereda Albright



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision
of the Waterloo
United Methodist Church
is of an inclusive, open fellowship:

1. that affirms faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
2. that builds up and nurtures all
3. which leads us out in witness and service