



Newbegun United Methodist Church
Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People
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The Love of Jesus

A lot has happened in our community in the last year. We have gone through not only a rather divisive presidential election, but also a pandemic that has essentially brought everything to a halt. Now our town is in the spotlight regarding the shooting of Andrew Brown on April 21st by the police. One thing that generally happens in moments like this is to be tempted to run to the extremes and take a position that is so absolute that we sacrifice love and grace simply to hold that positions. This sadly is part of human nature; humanity throughout history has taken sides many times less for the sake of seeking truth or finding healing, but rather to support a narrative that is prefer, or people are simply being swept away by the loudest voices. It is a sad reality that we are prone to division and hatred. It does not matter what your political affiliation or philosophy is, during times of division it is easy for us think that is good or justified.

However, I want you all to consider the examples of Jesus. We all know about the story of the woman caught in adultery that was going to be stoned by the scribes and priests (John 8:1-11). For them, judging such a woman was an easy task: she has committed adultery, defiling herself, and breaking a sacred law. Death is the natural conclusion for such sins. For Jesus, he did not deny the sins that she committed, for him that was not the issue at hand. Rather, it was whether the scribes and priest had the right to judge her so harshly. Jesus saved the woman's life by showing those that were so ready to judge and condemn her that they too were guilty in the eyes of God, for all of them have sinned. In another story (Luke 7:1-10), Jesus is in Capernaum, and is approached by a centurion pleading that Jesus heal his servant. For the local Jews, they supported this centurion as he essentially watched over them and protected them. In most cases, the idea that a man like Jesus would help a centurion would almost seem like a betrayal. A centurion was a servant of the Roman Empire, loyal to the Emperor and his interests. In most cases, a centurion was simply a reminder of the fact that they are once again subjects to a foreign power. In this case, however, this centurion shows himself to be humble and faithful and a man that cares for the community that he was meant to watch over. Jesus is so impressed by him that he not only heals the servant, but Jesus also praises the centurion's humility and faith.

It is easy for us to view the world in simple terms, to give into hate and painting people with a broad brush. Jesus saw past such human instincts and saw the value of the individual and saw that we are indeed all deserving of judgment for our sins, but are also deeply loved. I implore you to think as Jesus, do not give into hate, and do not automatically hate a member of our community because voices say you should. Just as Jesus loved the woman caught in adultery and the centurion, Jesus shows love to all, no matter what people thought of them.



May Birthdays ...

1 Clinton Saunders	11 Cora Lee Barefield	22 Deb Willadson
11 Jennifer Parks	16 Jessica Ward	28 Bill Trueblood

And Anniversaries...

May 24th – Bob & Janice Clement
 May 28th – Wendy & Elvin Small



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update – 2021

2021 Budget	\$114,113	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,194	1.9%
4/25/21 needed (17 Weeks)	\$37,298	33%
4/25/21 Collected	\$25,061	22%
Behind Budget	\$12,237	11%

Serving Sundays in May:

Acolytes

May 2 TBS
 May 9 TBS
 May 16 TBS
 May 23 TBS
 May 30 TBS

Greeters and Ushers

May 2
 May 9
 May 16
 May 23
 May 30

Readers

May 2
 May 9
 May 16
 May 23
 May 30

Flowers

May 2 – Cornwell
 May 9 – Garrenton
 May 16 – Louise M. Smith
 May 23 –
 May 30

Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood

Trustee for May: Bill Trueblood

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Fannie Cowell
Mary Evelyn Markham

Family and friends at home:

Cheyenne Darling
John Spencer
Marian Powell
Family of Bill Felton

Members and friends in nursing homes:

Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City
Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina
Faye Moore – Elizabeth City Rehab



- Newbegun church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship



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As of November 20, 2020 we have an online account with RADA Cutlery for ordering. Did you know that RADA sells more than cutlery? They also have gift sets, recipe books, baking pans and other assorted kitchen items. Just click on the website above to see the full line of products and to order.

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AND THE SIGN SAID:

As Long as I am not a burden on anyone,
I have enough money. (Orville Wright)

YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

Three verses a day keeps the blues away.

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DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31
2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalms 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalms 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalms 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalms 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalms 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalms 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalms 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalms 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalms 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalms 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalms 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalms 53
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalms 54
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalms 55
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalms 56
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalms 57
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalms 58
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalms 59
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalms 60

THE COLLECTION BOX in the foyer will be for TOILETRIES for the food pantry clients. We will collect soaps, shampoos, conditioners, paper products and any other related products. The Mission Committee thanks you.

MAY CALENDAR

May 2 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 4 – 6:30 pm – Trustees Committee Meeting

May 4 – 7:00 pm – Finance committee meeting

May 7 – Chicken BBQ

May 9 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 11 – 7:00 pm – Admin Board Meeting

May 16 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 20 – 9:45 am – Food Bank Ministry

May 23 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

May 30 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

“Put Some Spring in Your Step”

Many of us remember hearing that statement in our youth usually when we were moving too slow. It may have come from a parent, grandparent, coach, or scout leader. Their words were simply asking us to pick up the tempo, and looking back they were probably right.

Today, many are putting more spring in their steps, look at the number of people who walk, run, bicycle, or exercise on a regular basis. The world is much more focused on diet and personal health than it was a generation ago. Benefits include everything from feeling better, less doctor visits, to living longer. This month, we can finally enjoy a different spring in our step, the warmer temperatures of the spring season. The next four days will deliver mid 80s that will simply feel good. We have waited through a wet winter and cool March and April to see the May flowers. The renewal of the growth cycle is uplifting in many ways. We are able to comfortably enjoy being outside as we clean, mow, plant, and grow; enjoy the smells of plowed soil, cut grass, and favorite flowers. It is the perfect time to smell the roses and the roses of life.

Let this prelude to summer invigorate you mentally, physically, and spiritually. Let it be reflected to your family, your friends, your neighbors, the next person you encounter, and to your Lord and Savior. Like the shining sun today and the full moon last night, may you be the light of the spring season. And remember, if you already have it, no one will have to tell you to put some spring in your step!

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,
Roy Daniels

COVID-19 UPDATE

There are currently 32 million cases in the United States. 575,000 have now died from the virus, however, the rate of increase in these statistics has continued to decline. Over 228 million vaccines have been administered and 29% of our country is fully vaccinated. We are greatly improving in these areas. Continue to be safe wearing masks around groups when indoors. This summer should prove to be much better than last year.

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