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In the neighborhood for good!

The Answer is Blowing in the Wind

I am so angry...I am so sad...I am so angry...I am so sad. The death toll climbs – Covid, war, mass killings, violence in our streets. I have been on a pendulum of conversation swinging between “God’s ways are higher than our ways” (meaning we are not supposed to understand what’s going on, but there is a plan) and “I’m kind of mad at God for not doing anything to stop all the violence”. It all seems too much to take in. Children murdered. Children killing. I am reminded of the stories that God has told us about ourselves since the very beginning. We point our fingers at each other. It doesn’t have anything to do with me, we say. It’s her fault. It’s them. Am I my brother’s keeper? (The answer to that is yes.) We disagree. I know we disagree. We spend our time arguing, drawing lines in the sand. We stand firm in our opinion, and we retreat to the safety of our comfort zones, leaving our brothers and sisters in their grief and devastation.

It might lead one to despair. It almost led me there, but then I remembered Pentecost. The celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Some call it the birthday of the church, but it might be better described as the day the church learned to walk, to talk. The disciples were locked up and away in fear when the wind of the Spirit blew the doors and the walls down. People were given the gift of listening and hearing people that spoke different languages. We speak very different languages these days. We hurl angry words about each other at each other. God looks at us, with great sadness, I imagine, and gives us the gift of communication – of speaking in ways others can understand, of listening to voices foreign to us. What a gift of grace and hope for who we might become, for who we are meant to be. This Pentecost, lift up your head from despair. Come out of hiding. Feel the wind of the Spirit pushing you to save the children, to guide the children whatever it takes, that together, we might have a future built on the foundation of the love of God.

Peace,

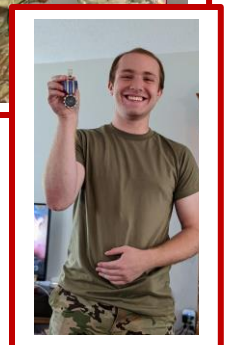
Sally

Congratulations!

to **Deonte Martin**, who graduated from Huffman High School on June 2!



And to **Logan McDonald**, who was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal!



A Note from Leslie

Ever since my first few days here, it has been very apparent that everyone at East Lake UMC is **family**. We love each other and have fun together in a special way. I'm thankful for our tight-knit community. This month and beyond, I will be spending a lot of time working on ways to expand and enrich this family. There are so many people in the Birmingham area (young, old, single, married, divorced, it doesn't matter!) who are looking for a warm, loving, welcoming, fun family. We are hoping to launch new ways of reaching people who aren't currently engaged at East Lake UMC so that our family can continue growing and helping people feel God's love. I will certainly need lots of help from people when these ideas begin shaping up more. You could host a group at your home, spread the word with flyers, be the head of an outreach activity – the possibilities will be endless!

But, in the meantime, what I really need from all of you right now is prayer. Throughout this month, pray that God will guide us and give us what we need in this process. Pray that God will lead people who are looking for a wonderful church family into our doors. Pray that we may all connect with new people in meaningful and enjoyable ways. And, hey, bring a friend or two with you to church activities!

With love,
Leslie

Don't forget!
You can "attend" Wednesday
morning Bible Study
on the phone!
Call (705) 802-5362, key in
5935026#

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Interested in seeing the Cahaba Lilies?



The Berea Sunday School Class (and friends) are planning to drive down to Bibb County to see the beautiful and rare Cahaba lilies on Tuesday, June 7. The group will leave the church at 4 p.m., carpooling and caravanning. Some (all?) of the group will stop for dinner on the way back. The group is inviting anyone who'd like to join them on this field trip!

For those who don't know, the Cahaba lily is an aquatic flowering plant which grows only in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. A type of spiderlily, the Cahaba lily is noted for its three-inch-wide white flowers. The lily requires swift-flowing water over rocks, lots of sun and is restricted to shoal areas. The rule of thumb for lily-lovers everywhere in the Birmingham metro area is that the lilies start appearing from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We only have a couple of weeks left to see them!

If you are interested in joining the group, call or text Melinda Adkins at (256) 599-4441.

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June Birthdays

			1	2	3	4 *Jessica Findley Valentin
5	6	7 *Leatha Norman	8	9	10 *Carole Pierce	11 *Lucinda Lipp
12	13	14	15	16	17 *Ragan Boling	18
19	20 *Audrey Odom	21 *Jay Thornley	22 *Doris Ingram	23	24	25
26	27 *Jack Boggan (his 102 nd !)	28	29 *Susan Gann	30		

“Keep on praying for the saints . . .”

Ephesians 6:18

There are many unspoken prayers in our congregation, in addition to these listed:

Please pray for

- Mattie Lou Harrison**
- Jane Phares**
- Tom Preston**
- Gary Sandridge**
- Bill Self**

And for

The people of Buffalo, NY; Uvalde, TX; and Tulsa, OK

Our world leaders

The people of Ukraine and all affected by the war

*We extend our sympathies to the family of **Betty Ferguson**, who passed away on May 18. Betty was a long-time member of East Lake UMC, along with her late husband Jack, raising their three daughters in the church. She was living at Fair Haven.*

Please keep the family in your prayers.



Hi, Senior friends!

First of all, we need to change the date of our lunch outing to the Three-Eared Rabbit in Leeds (see “From Your Lay Leader” for more details). Instead of the 14th, we’ll go on Tuesday, June 21. Hope you can all go on this date! Also remember that on Tuesday, July 12, we’ll gather for a Bingo extravaganza!

We’ve had rather small groups for our events lately, so we hope these events will bring more people. Can you pick someone up and bring her or him? That would

be great! If you can help someone get to the church for this month’s outing, we’ll provide rides to Leeds. So get on the horn and reach out and touch someone! If you’d like to go but don’t have a ride, call Jane P!
(205) 821-8632



Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

When we left off last month, Barry and company were doing all we could to get the year 2000 organ to be as good as possible. We had gotten its pipes into good shape courtesy of the magic wrought by Dr. Schwandt, along with able assistance from Brant Duddy and Jim Schmidt. Now comes the replacement console. When Sam and I, along with four of our organist buddies were on an "organ crawl" around the Philadelphia area in 2018, hosted by Mr. Duddy, he told us that there was just what we needed for St. Andrews nearby. So two weeks later, Sam and I hopped into cobalt blue van and headed north.



The following spring in the midst of Lent, ninety-year-old Brant, along with a little help from yours truly, started gutting the Austin console, part of which was 50 years old, and the rest 100. Actually, this oldest part was the same age as St. Andrews' old Austin's chest and pipes on which we would soon begin our work. This console was large enough to control the newer organ in the back, and old Austin in the front. We worked quickly in our three-week time frame, and had it up and going by our deadline, the fifth Sunday of Lent. It has all new innards, electrically and mechanically.

Nonetheless, we did everything in our power to make it look like an Austin organ from the 1920s on the outside. Brant even had some parts from some other old ones, which he kindly donated! I am very grateful for Mr. Duddy. He was an invaluable resource to us from the very first month that our organ at East Lake was playing. Brant Duddy's truly irreplaceable.

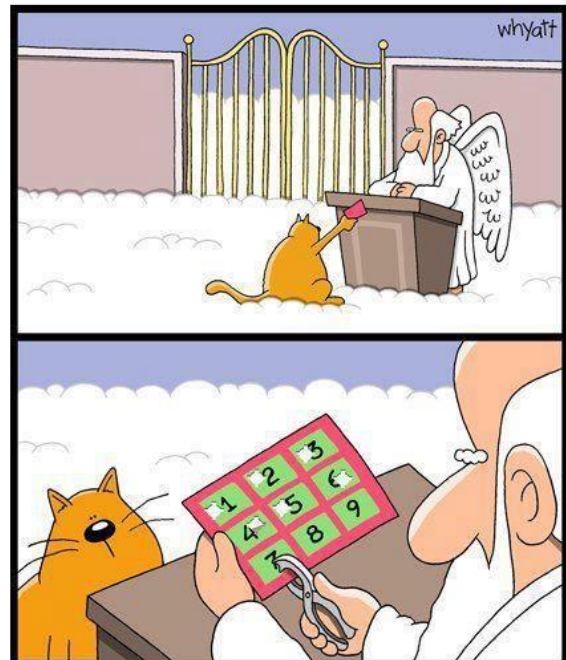
There will be more about him next month!

Love,

Barry

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Kids' Corner

Pentecost is the day when Christians remember the Holy Spirit coming into the world. Start a tradition with your family of flying a kite on or near the day of Pentecost. Imagine the powerful effect if our children thought of the Holy Spirit each time they saw a colorful kite flying in the sky!

As the kite flies, talk about the connection between the Spirit and the wind. Though we cannot see the wind, we see the effect of the wind as it props up the kite and helps it to fly. The same is true with the Spirit: we cannot see it, yet we see evidence of the Spirit's work and movement among us as we help others in need, as others help us, as we pray, and as we worship.

— From *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith

Calling all kids . . . Kids Corner in person!

Come to the Farmers Market on Saturday, June 18, between 10 and noon for fun and games and stories!



Greetings, Boomer friends!

It seems the outing to Logan's in May—the alternate choice after we found out Niki's is no longer open at night—went well. Now it's time for an "at-home" gathering in June.

Let's meet for salads and desserts on Friday, June 17, at 6 p.m. in the Diner. (This is a week earlier than we usually meet, but Annual Conference is the following week and isn't over until the 24th). It no longer matters if it's homemade or not—as long as it's scrumptious!

Jane will send out an email early the week of the 17th. Plan to come and bring a friend, and/or someone who hasn't been with us in awhile. This will be good visiting time!



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More Congratulations!

To **Saquireyah McGee**, who graduated on June 2 from Ramsay High School, and to her sister **Andruyana Sanders**, who graduated from Huffman Middle School. These girls spent a lot of time at the church when they were younger but then moved across town. They are granddaughters of Barbara Boyd.

Lectionary Readings for June

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, June 5 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 12 – First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalms 8

Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, June 19 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7), 8-15a
Psalms 42, 43
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

from your Lay Leader . . .

Dear friends,

First, let me thank all of you who have prayed for me during my most recent surgery. I wasn't quite expecting a total reverse shoulder replacement to be as painful and as limiting as it has been. I've missed three weeks of the 9 o'clock service, and two of the 11 o'clock, mainly because of the difficulty of getting dressed with only one arm! Anyway, I have missed you all and hope to be back soon.

This handicap also keeps me from driving. Thus, we will have Barry and Sally to accompany the seniors for their June outing so they can drive those who need a ride (like me!). I do hope we have enough people to fill their two cars.

AND, being the southpaw that I am, and the surgery having been on my left shoulder, putting *The Chimes* together has been quite fun as well! That's my excuse for this issue being late. (I can't use it for last month, though!)

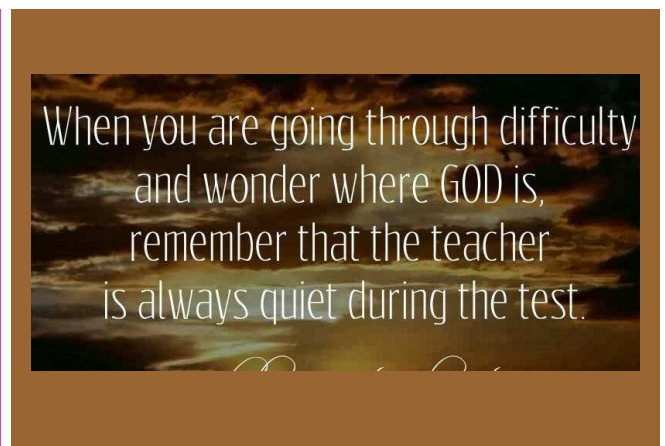
Enough of that! You may not know that our Annual Conference meeting will take place June 22-24 in Huntsville. Sally and I will leave Birmingham in time to be there at least by 4 p.m. The final session will be on Friday at 2 p.m., with closing worship and the fixing of appointments. We'll be home after that. Please be in prayer for the entire conference, and for your pastor and me. I'm cheering for you.

Jane (Phares)



June 2022 Menus

Wednesday, June 1	Macaroni & Cheese, Butter Beans, Cabbage, Cornbread
Thursday, June 2	Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries
Tuesday, June 7	Baked Chicken, Roasted Veggies, Rice Pilaf, Roll
Wednesday, June 8	Macaroni & Cheese, Collard Greens, Pinto Beans, Cornbread
Thursday, June 9	Hamburger w/Bun, Baked Beans, French Fries
Tuesday, June 14	Pork Chops, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll
Wednesday, June 15	Macaroni & Cheese, Cabbage, Pinto Beans, Cornbread
Thursday, June 16	Fried or Baked Fish, Baked Beans, Potato Salad
Tuesday, June 21	Chicken Salad, Sliced Tomatoes, Fruit
Wednesday, June 22	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll
Thursday, June 23	Deli Cold Cut Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Chips
Tuesday, June 28	Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit
Wednesday, June 29	Macaroni & Cheese, Greens, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread
Thursday, June 30	Fried or Baked Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries



June 2022

Wednesday, June 1

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, June 5

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Leadership Team meeting – 2 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday, June 7

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Trip to see Cahaba lilies – Leave church at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, June 12

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Staff-Parish Committee meeting – 2 p.m.
(Office conference room)

Tuesday, June 14

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, June 16

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, June 17

Boomers dinner event – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 8 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, June 19

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, June 21

Senior outing – Leave church at 10:45 a.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Annual Conference meeting (Huntsville)

Thursday, June 23

Annual Conference meeting (Huntsville)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Annual Conference meeting (Huntsville)

Saturday, June 25

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, June 26

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, June 28

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.