



## Holiday Hills UMC Newslink

August 2018

Pastor's notes:



Well, it is the beginning of August and so far, we have had hot & cool weather and enough rain to keep the burn ban to a minimum. It is wonderful place to live! When you think of what is going on around the world in other nations—at this very moment---we should be on our knees thanking God for such a wonderful life here in the Greers Ferry area.

Many people today have a hard time believing that God cares about nations and societies. They think God is solely concerned with individuals or with "HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE". But, the Bible is very clear: God wants to redeem nations. His redemptive work on the cross is for nations as well as individuals. That's why HE said to go preach the gospel to all nations and to disciple nations. If you have not seen the movie "Son of God" take the time to view it. I was reminded in the movie that God gave "all authority in heaven and on earth" to the disciples to be used to disciple nations, not just individuals.

Have you ever wondered why God has such great respect for man's government? Why does GOD teach us to obey and respect them and submit to their authority? If God is only concerned with saving individuals, why doesn't HE tell us to simply ignore man's system of rule? The reason is that government is God's idea. He has a government of HIS own, and HE wants men to rule justly on the earth in their own governments. God wants to administer the earth in their own governments. God created governments as a system of justice for Himself. He wants to administer the earth with justice through kingdom-minded leaders.

Even if the government is being administered badly, it is still a God-ordained institution. That's why Paul said in Romans that every government is from God. We are not allowed to ignore governments, because they are established by God and are part of HIS plan for this earth. Our purpose is to make those governments act justly and according to all of the kingdom principles.

Many of our church reformers of the past wanted to bring nations to their knees before God. But, today we want to separate God from our nations and that is not Biblical teaching. The destiny of our lands (local, regional and national) is in the hands of the church and our willingness to declare the position of God in the society.

"The one who comes from above is above all," Jesus said in John 3:31. HE operates from above and so should we! It is time for us to think and act boldly by using our faith in all of our church activities to promote the kingdom of God in every sphere of our nations.

Your servant in Christ!

Pastor Dan

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/24 Pat & Robert Duncan

8/26 Anne & Bill Bryant

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/10 Marlene Williford

8/14 Jennifer Woody

8/14 Roxie Bradley

8/22 Everett Pagett

8/23 Mark Bogard

8/26 Anne Bryant

8/28 Thelma Steele

8/29 Mason Millner



"Pastor Dan gave a presentation about child hunger in Cleburne Co. to The Cleburne County Rotarian club. It is concerning that one out of six children in the county do not know where their next meal is coming from. As a follow up to help the club will be collecting food at each of their meeting and passing on for us to distribute." Just another small way to help "Feed the Hungry." "



**United Methodist Men**-----At our July meeting, we enjoyed another wonderful meal prepared by the Prayer, Share & Quilters group. Our program was Pastor Dan informing us of the latest status of

"UMC Forward" which will be presented to the February 2019 called General Conference. We also agreed to smoke Pork Butts again for the Labor Day week-end. We may even have a few slabs of ribs. We continue to receive nice donations for our "Feed the Hungry" program. We now help our local "Storehouse, The Call Foster families, Kairos Prison Ministry, 200,000 Reasons----feeding kids in Arkansas and local hungry families. Our August meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm. Our guest speaker will be a representative from one our missions we support---Margie's Haven House.



Kevin and Lee Ann reside in New Castle Indiana during the summer months and have enjoyed the Arkansas winters here since 2016 where they also have a home. Kevin is retired from General Motors and also was a DJ and still loves his music. He was active in many sports and enjoyed outdoor activities as well. Now the rocking chair looks good. Lee Ann is a retired medical technologist and loves anything connected to water and the outdoor life. Kayaking especially. They have two sons, three grandchildren and one great who all come here frequently to check on us or so they say. Kevin and Lee Ann found Holiday Hills to be a most welcoming church, so much so that Lee Ann was baptized here in April and Kevin transferred his membership also. We are glad to be a part of the church family and appreciate your warm welcome.



At our July meeting this month, there was some discussion on who is considered to be a member of the United Methodist Church. I will try to explain how we determine our membership list.

Every woman in the congregation is a member of UMW. Whether she chooses to be an active member depends on here. BUT you do not have to be a member of any United Methodist Church to become a member of UMW-ALL are Welcome.

Our local unit determines our membership by those who follow our purpose: To know God (Study), to experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ (Going on to perfection), to develop a creative supportive fellowship (Love one another) and to expand concepts of mission globally (Taking care of our neighbors).

Our membership shall be to any woman who indicates a desire to belong and to participate in global missions of the church. They are involved through prayer, financial giving, attending meetings, study, action and service. Our main focus is on women, children, and youth through spiritual growth, education and Christian social involvement.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am for fellowship and 10:30 for our meeting at Cowan Hall. G.A.L.S. (God's Adoring, Loving Servants) meets the following Monday 6pm at Cowan Hall. Our vision is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of the women, children and youth around the world.

We have about 30 active members in our "unit" but would love to have more! Anyone interested can contact any member or simply show up for the next meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Cowan Hall, 10:30am. The only member who is not female in our unit is our pastor. He is at our meeting and really enjoys our salad luncheons! Some churches that have female pastors don't have a male member.

We hope and pray that all of the women of our church and community knows that they will be greeted with open arms and hearts into our unit. Please consider this as YOUR special invitation to join us.

Ruth Anne Brand, president



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 8 am prayer group 10:30 UMW meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Communion	<b>6</b> 6 pm G.A.L.S meeting	<b>7</b> 2:30 Prayer group 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 8 am prayer group 9-11 food pantry 10 – 4 pm Quilters	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-11 food pantry
<b>12</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Pot Luck	<b>13</b> 4 pm Yacht Club	<b>14</b> 11:30 am book club 2:30 Prayer group 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 8 am prayer group	<b>16</b> 6 pm UMM gathering	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6 pm White Elephant Bingo 
<b>19</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8 am The CALL food prep 2 :30 Prayer group 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 8 am prayer group 10 – 4 pm Quilters	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 am-5pm Growing Disciples Summit
<b>26</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Walk to Emmaus	<b>28</b> 2:30 Prayer group 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>29</b> 8 am prayer group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	