



November 15, 2020



Do A Quick Count With Me

Here is a Bible challenge for all you who know some of the personalities we meet in the scriptures.

The Bible introduces us to an abundance of persons who upon receiving a holy assignment from God immediately think those tasks are impossible to accomplish. They refuse the assignment or even go in a different direction.

How many such persons come to your mind? Even more, who are these folks, what are their stories, and what lesson did they learn about God?

Beginning to answer those questions feels much like having a deck of cards fanned out before us with the dealer saying, "Pick a card, any card." There are so many examples throughout scripture.

Rarely do we meet a person who immediately affirms their assignment by jumping right into their task. About the only example that comes to my mind is the little boy who offered his fish and loaves so Jesus could feed the multitudes. The boy offered what he had and he never doubted. He was all-in!

But, think about the others in that same story. The Disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away because they could see the human need for food drawing close. Rather than ending his teaching and dismissing the crowd, Jesus tells the disciples to feed the crowd. That was their assignment in that moment.

But, their response is one of doubt. They saw a huge need coupled with a scarcity of food. Their grumbling, plus unbelief, soured the moment.

I can still remember Jesus saying to them, "Go see what you have." In other words, go see what you can round up. The disciples return with a few items plus the boy's fish and loaves and still think, "We will never feed all these people."

You know the rest of the story. Jesus add his Divine participation to the task. He feeds the multitudes and he has more leftovers than when he started.

This encounter, and others like it, should have taught Jesus' followers, "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). But, we know they were slow to learn this eternal truth. And it is as if we have a mirror placed before us--we, too, are slow to learn.

Today's scripture lesson (Matthew 25: 14-30) comes at the same truth, but through a different door. Join us as we consider the lessons about trust, faith, obedience, and risk-taking that are part of God's expectation on all who follow Him.

Brad

Service of Worship and Praise to God

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

Liturgical Color: White
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Gathering and Announcements

Dr. Brad Brady

A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Gene Salyer, clarinet

arr. Timothy Johnson

Invocation

Dr. Brady

*The Hymn of Praise *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1. *All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*
2. *Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.*
3. *Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all .*
4. *Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*
5. *Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.*
6. *O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Tommy Perkins

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

Thomas Bo Whiddon
Son of Heath and Kaki Whiddon



The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Jane Kimbrel's 60th birthday on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 by her family.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 16

12 p.m. - Moms Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

11 a.m. - JOY Choir in the Fellowship Hall

1:15 p.m. - Galatians Bible Study

5:45 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 18

Bring your desserts to the Fellowship Hall

4 p.m. - Tree House Trades

6:30 p.m. - Youth Games and Fellowship

Friday, November 20

6 p.m. - Ignite Missions Weekend Kickoff in the Youth Center (all youth are invited)

Saturday, November 21

9 a.m. - Ignite Missions Weekend (registration for Saturday is required)



Methodist Children's Home Thanksgiving Luncheon

THIS WEEK!

PUMC is providing desserts for the Methodist Home Thanksgiving Luncheon. There will be around 100 people at this Thanksgiving event.

We are asking the great cooks in our congregation to prepare their favorite dessert and deliver to the Fellowship Hall this **Wednesday, November 18** so that they can be delivered to the Children's Home in Macon. Don't want to cook? That is ok! Grab a dessert from the store and drop it by!

If you have any questions or would like to support this event, please contact Bob Messer at 478-542-4295 or Leelee Lewis at 478-987-5167.

We still have advent wreaths available in the church office for purchase. The advent season starts on November 29. Call Emilee in the church office at 478-987-1852 for details.

2021 Commitment Cards

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Estimate of Giving for 2021

In response to all God's blessings and as a concrete expression of my/our commitment to support Christ's work through Perry United Methodist Church, I make this commitment for the coming year:

I'm In. I will support the church through my:
 Prayers Gifts
 Presence Service
 Witness

My Financial Commitment:
 - My/our commitment is \$ _____ per week.
 - My/our commitment is \$ _____ per month.
 - My/our commitment is to give an annual amount of \$ _____ during the year.
 - This represents an increase over this year's commitment.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Date: _____

Thanks to everyone who has returned your Estimate of Giving for 2021's mission and ministry budget here at PUMC.

As of November 12, we have received commitments from **87** giving units (individuals or families). The total committed is **\$509,844**.

This is a great start! We still have a ways to go to reach our normal level of response. We typically have commitments from about 175 giving units and our normal annual pledged giving amount is a little above \$900,000.

We would love to hear from everyone who is a member of our church or who considers PUMC to be your church home. Commitment cards are available in the office, in the sanctuary narthex, or on our church website.