

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Epworth connects and equips  
 all kinds of people to  
 seek, serve, and share Christ.

**Ash Wednesday on Sunday Morning**

...”The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”  
 Mark 1:15 (NRSV)

Last Wednesday, people throughout the body of Christ observed an important day in the church calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the official beginning of the season of Lent. This most certainly usually includes us and much of the Methodist family. However, our founder, John Wesley, didn’t see much use for Lent. Many have questioned why he felt that way, but one of the most common theories makes a lot of sense.

It is possible that John Wesley thought the ideas of Lent—fasting, self-denial, abstinence, etc.—were things that should be a part of the Christian’s life all year. He certainly found much of the liturgical calendar very meaningful. But it seems that maybe he felt like the practices of Lent belonged among the Methodist people all year round instead of in a “holy” season.

For this reason (and the Valentine’s Day conflict), I decided to offer us the opportunity to put a little more focus on Ash Wednesday this year by actually observing this solemn service during the Sunday morning hour. From the dust we were created and to the dust we shall return. These words seem so stark, yet the good news of Jesus Christ offers us the hope of eternal life. In remembering our mortality, we remember the fulness of the gift of eternal life in Christ. Today’s service is truly about death and life.

It is also my joy to welcome my friend, Bishop James King, Jr., as our guest preacher today. Bishop King, a native of Ashland, Alabama, is a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center (M.Div.). King served churches in Roanoke, Alabama, and Richmond, California. He served over a year as director of the Wesley Foundation at Tennessee State University before being named associate director and then director of the Tennessee Conference Council on Ministries. In 1984, he served as an evangelist on a mission team to Grenada, West Indies, and he served for ten years as pastor of Clark Memorial UMC in Nashville (1985-95). In 1996, he was appointed superintendent of the Murfreesboro District, and in 1999 he was named pastor of the 4,500 member Brentwood church. He is a five-time delegate to General Conference.

James R. King was elected to the episcopacy by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference on July 12, 2000, at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and assigned to the Louisville Area where he served until 2008, when he was assigned to South Georgia. He retired after eight years as our bishop and now lives here in Columbus serving as bishop-in-residence at St. Luke UMC.

King is married to Margaret Rosetta “Rose” Hayden. The couple has two sons and a daughter. Join me in welcoming him to our pulpit today.

In Christ,  


The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and  
 in memory of Tommy Britton by Becky Britton.

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Children’s Ministry Director .....Lindsey Fossa  
 Choir Director.....Lyn Pharris  
 Church Administrator ..... Susan Snider  
 Contemporary Music Director..... Kayla Moss  
 Custodians .....Martha Conklin & Barbie Webb  
 Interim Youth Minister.....Kristii Daniel  
 Media & Communications .....Dawn Wilson  
 Music Director .....Bob Lee  
 Nursery Worker..... Martha Conklin  
 Pastor..... Tony G. Crosby

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**THIS COMING WEEK & BEYOND**

<b>Sunday, February 18</b> Recognizing Ash Wednesday	<b>Thursday, February 22</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
<b>Monday, February 19</b> 6:30 p.m. Growing Christians UMW Meeting	12:00 noon Prayer Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b> 6:30 p.m. Roundtable Finance Meeting	<b>Saturday, February 17</b> 5:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting
6:30 p.m. AA Group Meeting	<b>Sunday, February 25</b> 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Meeting	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Supper	4:00p.m. Lenten Study - <i>He Chose the Nails</i>
6:30 p.m. Lenten Study - <i>He Chose the Nails</i>	<b>Saturday, March, 3, 2018</b> Open Door Classic Walk/Run
7:00 p.m. Epworth Choir Rehearsal	7:30 a.m. Run; 8:30 a.m. Walk

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

### **The Children's Classes**

Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Margaret Gosden

### **The Youth Class**

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: David Hay

### **The Friendship Class**

Study: Faithful Disciples

Teacher: Rev. Tim Paulk

### **The Genesis Class**

Study: Have You Ever Seen a Hearse...

Teacher: Leslie Morris

### **The Joy Class**

Study: I Love Growing Older, but...

Teacher: Class

### **The Nathan Patterson/Wesley Class**

Study: Genesis 7

Teacher: Bobby Smith

### **The New Connections Class**

Study: Being Patient with Each Other

Teacher: Rev. Chuck Salter

### **The Pathfinders Class**

Study: Wired Word

Teacher: Suzy Revell

### **The Questors Class**

Study: Grace in a Tree Stump

Teacher: Glenn Griffin

### **The Seekers Class**

Study: Wired Word

Teacher: Lillian Wooldridge

## PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our church partners with the Pastoral Institute to offer counseling for individuals and families at deep discounts. Call the church for more information or give our church name when scheduling an appointment at 706-649-6500. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Pastoral Institute is located at 2022 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Columbus.

## MEMORIAM

To the Children's Ministry in memory of Annelle Parker by Susan & Buddy Dunn.

## THOSE WHO SERVE FEBRUARY 18, 2018

### **9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: Anne Wilson

Usher:

Acolyte: Usher

Children's Church: Becky Britton

### **11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Greeter: Maxine Willis

Ushers: David Hay, Fraser Wooldridge

Acolyte: Ema Cherai, C. S. DiSimone

Children's Church: *Needed*

Nursery Volunteer: Lillian Wooldridge

Financial Secretary: Lillian Wooldridge

Turn Key: James Johnson

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

February 11, 2018

Tithes & Offerings: \$3,223.00

Received To Date: \$30,867.55

Needed To Date:

Building Fund: \$0

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday School 77

Worship: 9 a.m. 45

Worship: 11 a.m. 59

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Youth Meeting** - Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. Join us and bring a friend!

### **Youth & Children Sunday School Classes**

For a great lesson, wonderful fellowship in a Safe Sanctuaries approved environment, classes are by age/grade beginning at 10 a.m.

### **Volunteers Needed in the Children's Ministry**

Children's Sunday School - 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Children's Church 9 a.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Children's Church 11 a.m. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Nursery 11 a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## MISSIONS

### **Mission Focus for February - *Open Door***

**Classic**, Saturday, March 3. Registration; 7:30 a.m. for the run and 8:30 a.m. for the walk. Donations will go to support ODCH programs of ministry, including community, homeless, and poverty. If you would like to join the Epworth team, sign up at [opendoorcommunityhouse.org](http://opendoorcommunityhouse.org) or see Becky Britton or the church office. To donate, mark your offering envelope with "Open Door."

**Bench Project from Recycled Plastic** - Collect clean and free-of-metal caps and lids to obtain a bench for the playground. We are now collecting caps to make a second park bench. Place them in the container on the Mission Cart or in the kitchen. Thanks to all who participated. For more information, contact Susan.

**Can Recycling** - Leave aluminum cans outside the back kitchen door. They will be picked up and recycled by the HIS Group.

**Volunteers Needed for Magnolia Manor** - Rev. Vickie Scott, the chaplain at Magnolia Manor campus in Columbus, is seeking to increase the presence of United Methodist churches in our senior adult ministries. Contact Theresa Mullican, if you are interested.

**Wynnton Neighborhood Network January 2018 Report** - We served 1,279 bags of food to 475 families which included 594 children. We helped 45 families with utilities and spent \$3,118.25. Thanks so much for all of your generosity in gifts of food, time and money.

**A Taste of Epworth Cookbooks** - Pick up your copy(s) from the welcome center for \$5 each. The cookbooks make great gifts; money collected goes toward missions.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Fellowship Hall Reserved** - Tuesday, February 20, and Saturday, February 24.

**Growing Christians UMW Meeting** - Monday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., at the church.

**Roundtable/Finance Meeting** - Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m., in the Pathfinders classroom.

**Wednesday Night Supper** - February 21, at 6 p.m. Sign up to make supper reservations on the information board. Menu: chicken tetrazzini, roasted veggies, rolls, salad bar and dessert.

**Sunday & Wednesday Lenten Study** - *He Chose the Nails*, by Max Lucado, begins on February 21. We will offer this study twice weekly; the pastor will lead a study on Sundays at 4 p.m., and on Wednesdays, the lesson video will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and then Debra Johnson and Doug Franks will share in leading at 7:00 p.m. in the Questors classroom. Study materials will be available in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Next study time is Sunday, February 25.

**Upper Room Devotionals** - March/April issue is available in the welcome center. Price noted.

**UMW to Feed Golden Agers** - Monday, February 19. See Sandra Burns to coordinate items to bring to the church or to Open Door.

**Epworth Goes to Epworth** - In August, our pastor will host a trip to England for the Wesley Heritage Tour. The trip cost is \$3,876 per person. Visit [wesleytour2018.info](http://wesleytour2018.info) for details or pick up a flyer from the welcome center.1

## EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

### Church Family

Fred & Emilie Carswell	Blount King	Gladys Plant	Trudy Harris
Vanessa Desoto	Ron & Betty Sawyer	Thrower Family	Kitty Crockett
Sibyl Wells	Keri McElvey	Shackelford Family	Kernodle Family
Judy Scanling	Barbara Watson	Joe Flynn	Lillian Wooldridge
Elsie & Jim Spanogians	Andrea Carbaugh	Glenn Griffin	Daniel Family
Anne Wilson	Jane Grandon	Jimmy Bridges	

### Extended Church Family

Steve & Carol Guilbeault	Michael Taff	David Olson	Doyle Adams
Dotty Baker	Ricky Clark	Robbins Family	Andrew Wade
Miranda "Randy" Jones	Laurie Osteen	Preston Silvernail	Dora Spires
Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska	Billy Hill
Kim Jordan	Kristy Stier	Dorothy Ogg	Bruce Chapman
Amanda Hay	Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester	Beth Goodwin
Luby Family	Henry Dunn	Adams Family	Ginger Jarvis
Ralph & Sandy McGough	Diane Wiggins	Stephanie Bryan	Robin Grantham
McDaniel Family	Katherine Naegele	Al Fohan	Ellen Pilgreen

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes/Homebound

Calvary Community - Lou Williams	River Towne Center - Jerry Williams
Magnolia Manor - Doris Halouska, Cammie Van Over	Savannah Grand - Linda Coleman
Phenix City Health Care - Anne Whitehurst	The Lodge - Lorene Carlisle
River Place - Betty Cummings, Elizabeth Harbert	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller

***(Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a visit!)***

*If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email the church office  
or leave a note with updates. Help us minister effectively by  
calling the church office about yourself or a family member. Thank you for your help.*



## Saturday, March 3, 2018

Beginning at Woodruff Park along the Riverwalk

### Time:

Runner registration: 7:30 a.m.

Run starts: 9:00 a.m.

Walker Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Walk starts: 9:30 a.m.

### Route:

Along Riverwalk and through Uptown Columbus

### Activities:

Walk, 5k Run, Live Music, Prizes

### Music performed by:

**Jonathan and Lisa Moore**

Register online at:

[www.odch.org](http://www.odch.org)  
and

Join the Epworth Team

For more information call 706-323-5518.

All proceeds benefit the ministries of Open Door Community House