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# Catch the Spirit



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, February 11, 2019

Office Hours 8:30 am—12:30 pm

## “Lord, I Need You”

**Matt Maher**

Born and raised in Newfoundland, Canada, Matt Maher always had an interest in music. As a child he took piano lessons and he immersed himself in a broad variety of music such as jazz ensembles, singing in a choir, and playing in a garage rock band. Maher started his post-secondary studies at Memorial University in Newfoundland and soon received a scholarship from the Jazz Department at Arizona State University in Phoenix. There he studied jazz piano and earned a music degree. He paid for the first three years of college by playing piano in a hotel.

Maher has an enthusiastic and reverent style of writing praise and worship songs. He gives a voice to the appreciation and adoration of God in every chapter of life. Maher’s prayer filled sentiments are filled with his personal adoration of God.

“Lord, I Need You” was written in collaboration with four other songwriters. Halfway through the song, they were reminded of the hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour”. Their song was a response to the revelation that our worth and our value are established in the facts that we are made in the image of God, and we are redeemed by Jesus. Maher states, “When God looks at us, He sees His Son. That’s a powerful Truth.” The Bible verses the group used to write this song are: Psalm 150:2, Psalm 33:3, and Psalm 40:17.

Maher feels that writing songs is an act of worship. In writing “Lord, I Need You”, he felt the honest need of the Father by a son and believes that God wants us to lean into Him. It is his hope that people of all ages would not just go to God in times of need, but also that their need for God would be so great that they would go to Him with their joy. Maher stated that many Christians think the world is in a dark place, but there’s always a reason to have joy. Joy isn’t just a happy emotion. It is also a deep peace and understanding of knowing that we are loved without a shadow of a doubt.

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.  
Without You I fall apart, You’re the One that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

## **Mission/Faith Promise Sunday Is Coming!!**

Come join us on February 24th to hear first hand how God is at work in our turbulent world. Andrew & Lauren Knake will bring us our message. Both graduates of Texas Tech, they have one daughter, Emry, who was born four months ago in Thailand. For the last two years, they have been ministering in South East Asia, most recently in China. They have shared the gospel in the cities and out in remote villages to groups who have no way to hear the good news. They are currently on home leave and hope to return overseas this summer. We hope you can come to hear their story. It’s sure to be an interesting time!

## *Prayer Needs*

|                               |   |  |                       |
|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Graden & Cameron Long         | Shirley Hayes   | Carson Kellison                                | Margaret Schacht      |
| Flu Victims                   | Eugene Tannahill  | Gary Hummel                                    |                       |
| Stomach bug at Walk to Emmaus |   | Linda Amador                                   |                       |
| Barbara Baldwin               | Roxanne Becker  | Bobbie Bennett                                 | Billy Briscoe         |
| Claude Brown                  | Gail Cole   | Helen Cole                                     | Violet Cooper         |
| Patty Crowder                 | Harlan & Sherri Curry   | Dub Dippery                                    | Marie Doucette        |
| Jim & Denise Doucette         | Embre & Lou Ann Douglas   | Kreyton Ellison                                | Trip Fortenberry      |
| Ray & Linda Gant              | Dub Hallmark  | Gene Hanley                                    | Nita Henderson        |
| Linley Herring                | G L Hight   | Roy B & Dolores Hodges                         | Charles Huffman       |
| Glenda Jones                  | Naomi Jones   | Bill Lamb                                      | Vance Lemons          |
| Tracy Long                    | Alexis Marshall   | Dan & Janie McAnally                           | Sherry McDonald       |
| Matt McPherson                | Warren Mitchell   | Karen Noel                                     | Jeff & Kelly Pachiano |
| Hazel Reeves                  | Mattee Rehkopf  | Michael Rose                                   | Sammie Setliff        |
| Royce Simms                   | Roger Stapp & family  | Michael Tibbets                                | Gay Tibbetts          |
| Grace Tooley                  | Jessica Wiley   | Bethany Wilson (Hight)                         | Unspoken Requests     |
| Steve & Lequita Wilterding    | Travelers   | Schools, Hospital, City & Community Businesses |                       |
| General Conference & the UMC  | Our country, its leaders, military and families, first responders |  |                       |

### **Attendance & Offering**

Worship Attendance—72

Offering—\$4546.00

### **Memorials**

In memory of Marie Strickland by Darrell & Marva Rasco

## *Joys of Our Hearts*

D & J Gin celebrated their 35th ginning anniversary!; Joy of a wonderful Sweetheart Banquet with great food and entertainment. And a praise for the Methodist Men who hosted, cooked, served, and cleaned up.



"Praise Him for His might works; praise His unequalled greatness!  
 Psalm 150:2  
 Sing a new song of praise to Him; play skillfully on the strings and  
 sing with joy." Psalm 33:3

**THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

**Discipleship Committee**

The Discipleship Committee's responsibility is to provide learning experiences for people of all ages so that they may grow in understanding the gospel and become better equipped for daily living as faithful Christian disciples. This is primarily done through the Sunday School Ministry. The Committee is to oversee and resource any Bible Study material or curriculum for use by church groups. The chair of this committee orders the Sunday School Literature and supplies being mindful of Budget items. The committee is to maintain a Sunday School supply cabinet and oversee Sunday School teachers and the recruitment of such. They are to inform and participate in any educational events for the congregation. Also, this committee is to oversee and be a resource for Vacation Bible School through the Children's Ministry. This committee is vital to the growth of our church.

Members of the Discipleship Committee are: Kathy Young (chair), Eddie Teeter, Shawnda Foster, Amy Kellison, Kristi Carstensen, Alyssa McCarter, and Brittany Duniven. The Children's Coordinators who serve under this committee are: Amy Kellison (chair), Senee Cole, Brittany Duniven, SyAnn Young, Alyssa McCarter and Cancy Cabler

***Our Church Sweethearts***

*Embre & LouAnn Douglas      GL Hight      Ann Gay      Sylvia Hill*  
*Bobby & Ann McCormick      Ron & Edwina Davenport      Meredith McCulloch*  
*James & Nelda Morris      Lucy Dean Record      Paul & Zora Reecer*  
*Eugene Tannahill      Maxine Strickland*

**Ushers for Feb 17:**

D. Rasco  
 M. Lass  
 R. Kellison



**February Memory Scripture**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8

**Upcoming Opportunities for  
 Worship & Service**

Feb 13-Handbell practice @ 6 pm  
 Feb 17-Ad Council meeting @ 7 pm  
 Feb 18-Mobile Food Pantry @ 10 am  
 Feb 20-Handbell practice @ 6 pm  
 Feb 24-Mission Sunday  
 Feb 27-Handbell practice @ 6 pm

**Happy Birthday**

Keith Phillips, 18

**Donuts—Living New Life**

Feb 17-



**Youth Meal Feb 17-McCarters**



**Monty Teeter**



### **Festival of Table News!**

Hi Ladies! I know this is early, but just wanted to let you all know some Festival of Tables information. The date will be June 22. The theme is "Precious Memories". Tables are open for you to sign up, so start your plans to take a table. Think about the theme of your table and the name of your table, your favors, and who you want to sit at your table. Also, if you want to do your own door prize or if we need to ask others for a door prize at your table. If you do not want to do a table and just ant to give a door prize, that's great and thank you. Please let Kathy Kellison know about door prizes. And please let me know if you want me to reserve you a table.

Thanks, Cheryl

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Psalm 33:12a

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Butman Camp Women's Retreat**

Is coming! February 15-17, 2019

Topic: Regret-Free Living

Registration fee is \$100.00 (can pay upon arrival)  
This covers two nights and five meals

To register, go to <http://www.butmancamp.org>

\*\*Children under the age of 2 are allowed to accompany their mothers.

Contact Sarah Carstensen @ 806-494-2233 for questions and/or to confirm

"As for me, since I am poor & needy, let the Lord keep me in His thoughts. You are my helper and my Savior. O my God, do not delay." Psalm 40:17