



**Burkhead
United Methodist Church
5250 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

**Rev. Julie O'Neal
Pastor**



Worship Service is at 10:00 am each Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please wear your mask. Bring your Bible and water. Virtual worship is available through our website and Facebook page.



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Burkhead News

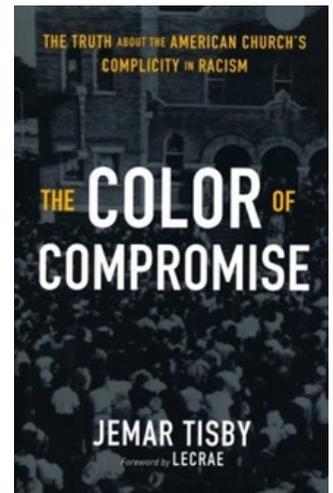


Greetings,

I began my ministry in the Yadkin Valley District speaking about the pandemics we were facing. We continue to face Covid-19 and systemic racism. We have the opportunity to enrich our knowledge about racism and to view it more than a social issue. I believe that it is an issue that is at the very core of our discipleship of following Jesus. Jesus calls us “to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.”

I am pleased to offer the clergy and the laity the opportunity to journey with me as we examine the issue of systemic racism. I have invited the Reverend Jim Melson, a retired elder of the Virginia Annual Conference, to lead us in sessions dealing with systemic racism. He will lead us for ten weeks via virtual gathering. Jemar Tisby’s book, *The Color of Compromise* will be our text.

The sessions will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and will end on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. They will be from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. These sessions are open to laity and clergy. The cost of the book is the only expense one will need to pay. One may purchase the book from Cokesbury, Amazon, or other suppliers. You may register at <https://www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org/post/the-color-of-compromise-15162927>.



Please contact Joy Allen at jallen@wnccumc.org or 336-725-4502 if you have questions. Pastors, please share this information and invite your laity to participate in this district offering.

Thanks,
Sam

Psalm 118:1-2

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 118 is one of a collection (Psalms 113-118). It connects to Psalm 136 and all these psalms together are prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Why would we be talking about praise and thanksgiving right now in the middle of a pandemic? For this time and space, Psalm 118 seems strangely fitting even in the middle of a pandemic that for all of us, and our children, and our children's children, is/will be a defining moment in history in every corner of the globe.

It is fitting because it shares and reminds us that God loves all of creation with a steadfast love. These Psalms stand in defiance of hardship and grief reminding us that God's love is steadfast and endures forever. It's one thing to talk about the span of historical events or the universal aspects of human experience, but it is so very tangibly real to be living in the middle of this moment; a time when every person is sharing in the collective grief, uncertainty, change, loss, and pause that the pandemic has inescapably brought into daily life.

Who needs to hear the words of Psalm 118? Every woman who is in the middle of feeling like there is not enough time, not enough brain space, not enough help, not enough of her. Every child who is saying enough of virtual learning, not enough outdoor time, not enough smiles with people my size, not enough childhood exuberance, not enough love. Every worker who has lost a means to provide for daily needs. Every family who has missed birthdays, weddings, dinners and simple occasions to be together. Every person who has lost someone without even the rituals that we typically use to say goodbye. It doesn't seem like there is enough.

I think Psalm 118 reminds us that there IS enough space for our grief and our loss and our despair because God's steadfast love endures in the smiles behind the masks, in the sunshine of our days, in the kind words that we share with each other, in the medical professionals who video call family so they could say goodbye to their loved ones, in the neighbors who are taking care of each other, in the socially distanced rituals of spiritual practices, and in the God who was and is and is to come. So while it is sometimes harder to hope right now, there is enough love to hold it all.

-Adapted from NC Council of Churches Guide for Lectionary Year B



April Lectionary Readings

These scriptures are used during our Sunday Worship Service. They are offered so everyone may read and study them throughout the week.

(*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

- 4th *Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18
- 11th *Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
- 18th *Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
- 25th Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
*1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Thursday, April 1, All day: Alternate Maundy Thursday Online Worship Service
<https://newhopemethodist.com/2021/03/08/coming-events/>

Friday, April 2, noon: Good Friday meditation on Facebook Live and church website

Sunday, April 4, 7:02 am: Easter Sunrise Service on Facebook Live and church website

Sunday, April 4, 10:00 am: Easter Worship Service in Fellowship Hall, on Facebook Live and church website

From the Financial Secretary's Desk:

Financial Report:

	February	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$ 8,325	\$ 40,931
Total Spent	\$ 17,567	\$ 32,631

A Memorial was received for Eddie Brummitte from Betty Gay, Anne & Lori.

A Memorial was received for William Ashby from Betty Bewley.

Easter Memorials were received for Fred Washington Butner, Fred Raymond Butner, David Eugene Butner and William B. Covington from Dr. David Hinkle & Family.

We have received \$100.00 for UMCOR and \$30.00 for Human Relations Day. Thank you for your generosity in these days that we find ourselves in.

We have received \$95.00 for Easter Baskets.

We have made payments on our loan for the roof. Our current balance owed on the loan is \$282,390.78. Thank you for all your generosity with paying down this loan. The loan originally was \$292,430.14.

A Note of Appreciation was received from:

- Crisis Control Ministry for our Souper Bowl donations of \$220.00 *"Thank you for sharing the proceeds of your Souper Bowl Fundraiser. We are grateful!"*

Outreach Easter Project

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter project for the children at the Salvation Army Center of Hope. Thanks to your generous contributions, we filled 23 Easter baskets for the children as well as being able to supply candy filled eggs for the children to have an Easter egg hunt! The staff at the Salvation Army were so appreciative of our donation and thanked us for thinking of the children.

Due to an extra donation, we were also able to provide treat bags and candy filled eggs for the children who are participating in the remote learning center at Open Arms Community. It was a much appreciated gift and fun time for the children to get to have an Easter egg hunt.

What a joy it is to show little children God's love as His church! Thank you again, Burkhead!

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Office Hours: Closed Monday

Tuesday through Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

Prayer Concerns and Praises

March 7th - Melissa Butner, Lynn Blumenthal, Chad Edwards, Gore/White family, Gerald Alley

March 14th - Carol Evans; Paul, Amy & Jack Haerich; Nicholas Delgado; Concepcion Cabrera

Praises: Sam

March 21st - Paul and Betty Powers, Brenda Barlow, the immigration crisis at the US/Mexican border, Asian Americans in our country being attacked and killed due to prejudice

Praises: Betty Friddle, Lib Jones

March 28th - Barbara Harward, Connie Hall Mende & Concepcion Cabrera, Lauren Hall, Elijah, Melissa Butner

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month.



Easter Remembrances

In Memory of Dr. Robert Boyles & Nancy Boyles by Beth Campbell

In Memory of Fred Washington Butner, Fred Raymond Butner, David Eugene Butner and William B. Covington by David R. Hinkle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 8th Aaron & Mary Lib Shough
- 21st Richard & Jane Rogers
- 30th Rod & Kathy Friddle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1st Betty Bewley
- 1st Bruce Grisct, Jr.
- 2nd Dorothy Fulk
- 2nd John Grisct
- 2nd Catherine Patrick
- 3rd Meredith Mende
- 3rd Jo Nicholas
- 6th Betty Powers
- 9th Ilir Llanaj
- 10th Connie Hall Mende
- 11th Rick Mende
- 13th Jack Jordan
- 20th Allison Raker
- 23rd Jo Ann Burton
- 26th Peg Price
- 29th Nancy Hurst

Please notify the church office if your anniversary or birthday has been omitted or is incorrect. We want to include everyone in celebrating these occasions.

Our Sincerest Sympathies are

extended to Johnny Hedrick and his family with the passing of his sister, Barbara Ann Hedrick Harward, March 29, 2021. Visitation will be Friday, April 2nd from 1 to 2 pm at Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home, Silas Creek Parkway. Barbara's funeral will follow visitation. Please keep Johnny, Shirley and the family in your hearts and prayers.



Pine Needle Fundraiser

The Methodist Men send out a grateful **thank you to everyone** who helped us with our pine needle fundraiser. There was lifting, delivering, feeding, checking in and out, and more.

A special shout out to Troop 911!!! We couldn't have done it without them. Lots of Scouts, leaders, parents and trailers.

And also thanks to the Burkhead Softball Team for their additional purchases and help with deliveries.

Some quick stats:

We sold 2 tractor trailers full of pine needles: 3,080 bales. We sold over 1,300 bales to new customers this year.

We had success in every way. Thanks!!!!



SPARK is moving right along. Our monthly **Make Sparks collection drive** is to **support the Hispanic League's Feed & Read/Comer y Leer Pantries**. If you would like to **bring rice and canned items**: beans, fruits and vegetables that would be helpful anytime **by Easter Sunday**. SPARK has had 308 volunteers serve in its first 6 months for various projects from planting elderberry bushes for a center for survivors of domestic violence to tend to, to making dog treats (virtually) with 90 students to support our local animal shelters low on loving volunteers right now! I can't thank you enough for the opportunity you're giving SPARK to grow.

Gratefully, Amber

www.spark-community.org

facebook and instagram: @SPARKcommunityws
540-230-2923



Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,

How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;

He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;

He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His,
is just a rest.

We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.

Thank you Savior;
Thank you Lord.

Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

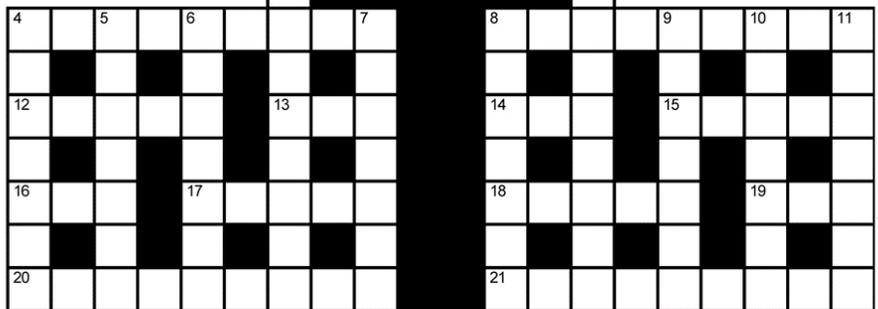
Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)

<http://biblepuzzles.org.uk>

April 2021

Join us Sundays at 10 am for Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday 12:00 pm - Good Friday Meditation	3 Holy Saturday
				4 Easter 7:02 am - Easter Sunrise Service 8:45 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making 10:00 am - Worship Service with Communion 3:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 02822	5 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	6 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911
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18 10:00 am - Worship Service 3:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 02822	19 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	20 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	21 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	22 	23	24
25 8:45 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making 10:00 am - Worship Service 3:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 02822	26 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	27 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	28	29	30	