



Jeff's Journal

Politeness Is Next to Godliness

There is a book in my personal library that I reference often as a quick read, somewhat of a devotional, although it is not intended for that purpose. The book is, *South: What It Means to Be Here in Head or In Heart*, and it is a collection of essays and images from notable Southerners on their experiences of growing up in the South.

One essay that I read recently really resonated with me. It is titled, *Politeness Is Next to Godliness*, and it was written by Dr. Bill Perry, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church in Statesboro, Georgia. Here is an excerpt from the essay:

When I was growing up in a small rural town in the Deep South I never got the impression that cleanliness was next to godliness; it was politeness that was next to godliness. A child could get disciplined quickest for being impolite. If you answered an adult's question with a simple Yes and your momma was close enough to hear you, she would immediately correct you with a Yes, ma'am or Yes, sir. I believe if the devil were tempting me to do wrong and I responded by using Jesus' words, Get thee behind me Satan, my momma would have said, "Say please, Bill."

A study conducted by a California psychologist determined that the most unselfish, altruistic, polite people in the United States live in small and medium-sized towns in the Southeast. He said the reason we Southerners are so polite is because of our relaxed way of life. That's only partially true. The main reason we're polite down here is because our mommas made us that way.

When a person is discourteous to us we feel insulted. It's a blow to our egos, and we get the impression that we're not being taken seriously. Even when bad things happen to us, if we're treated with courtesy, we can walk away with our heads up.

I can relate to Dr. Perry's momma, as she sounds just like mine. And, I'm quite certain, that whether you were raised in the South or any other part of the country, chances are, you hear your momma's voice echoing in your mind as well. Those teachings of decency and courtesy, as simple as they sound, are foundational for building harmonious communities.

I'm often troubled by the disrespect, quick tempers, anger, and warring that is going on all around us. It seems that it should be much easier than it is to just be polite; to be nice to one another. Perhaps now, more than ever, the world needs for us to be the church; the embodiment of Jesus, doing all we can to bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Read them again, and think about each of these for a moment. I truly believe that intentionally living this way, the Church, the Body of Christ, can be the catalyst for the transformation the world. How about you?

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff



Salem UMC Children





SALEM YOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Year Wrapping Up

The 2021/22 youth school year will be wrapping up soon and that means regular youth will be wrapping up as well. We will be having regular Youth group on **Sunday, May 1** and then end it all with a cookout and “Water Night” on **Sunday, May 15**.

There are other activities being planned for the summer so be on the lookout for those as they come up!!!

Confirmation

Confirmation will also be wrapping up soon. We will meet May 1, 15, 22, 29 and conclude with **Confirmation Sunday on June 5**.

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be **Sunday, May 29**. If your child is graduating this year, please contact the church office and let them know your child’s name (as you would like it printed) as well as where they are graduating from. This also includes any college or graduate school graduates. Please let us know no later than May 16.



Missions

Mission Weekend in Florence SC

The Missions Committee is organizing a trip to Florence, SC to repair houses that are still awaiting repairs from previous storms. The work weekend will be from Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22. You may join and work the whole weekend or work for a day. The Youth will join the work on Saturday, May 21. If you are interested in helping during this weekend, please contact Tommy McLendon at mclendta@aol.com or Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com and please let us know what day(s) you will be working.



Some of the booths set up at the Spring Bazaar.





Flower Calendar

The 2022 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$95 for two arrangements and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special. The arrangements are yours to take following the service. If you would like to donate the flowers, they will be arranged into several different vases to be delivered to shut-ins and the sick. ***Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.***

Position Opening at Salem UMC

As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, our **Director of Children's Ministries**, Ashley Anderson, will be stepping away from this position at the conclusion of Vacation Bible School in June. We ask for your prayers and assistance in helping us secure a new person for this important ministry. If you or anyone you know may be interested in applying, please contact the Chair of SPRC, Bill Sills (wsills@sc.rr.com) or Jeff Childress (jwchildress@umcsc.org).



Assisting with Communion

Communion is a sacred sacrament of the United Methodist Church and the distribution of the elements is one of several discipleship opportunities Salem would like to extend to its members. Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in assisting Pastor Jeff with the sacrament of holy communion, we encourage your participation and ask you to place your name on the **sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center**. Pastor Jeff will contact you prior to your participation to ensure you are adequately prepared.

Self Defense Class

Saturday, May 14

12:15 - 2:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

\$10 each which includes the class and a Chick Fil A boxed lunch.

Call the office to sign up. Up to 40 spots.

Bring a friend!



OASIS Picnic on the Lake

The Oasis group will meet for the last time until the fall on **Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 at Woodmen of the World** (2000 Johnson Marina Rd., Chapin). Feel free to drive or come by boat. We will grill hamburgers and would love for everyone to bring a side dish to go along with our burgers. Call the church office or notify Tina Overton to RSVP so that we may properly prepare. We can't wait to hear from you!

Thanks to ...

Faith Circle

Some of the arrangements delivered in March & April



Join us for 4 nights of fun
Food Truck Party VBS!
 We'll have Bible stories, crafts, songs,
 games and more. Scan the QR code below
 to register!



2022 VBS at Salem United Methodist Church
 Monday, June 13– Thursday, June 16
 5:15-7:30 pm Ages 4 – rising 6th grade

Register Today!

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____

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Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Children's Allergies: _____

Parent(s) Names: _____

Parent(s) email: _____

I, _____, as the legal guardian or authorized agent of the legal guardian of the above listed child(ren), agree that I will hold harmless Salem United Methodist Church, its owners, employees, and volunteers in the event of an emergency or accident. I have provided the necessary emergency contact information, allergies, and any special instructions.

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentation and/or church promotional materials?

yes no

Volunteers Needed too!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____



If you prefer to register online, go to

www.salemumcsc.com

and click on "Register for VBS."





Church on the Lake is Back!

We are so excited to be able to offer this popular worship option after a two year break due to the pandemic. Our Church on the Lake service at **Woodmen of the World, 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., Chapin**, will start on **June 12th** this year and conclude on September 25th. Mark your calendars now to enjoy this 8:30 am service. We look forward to worshipping with you there! *If you would be interested in helping set up and break down each week or want to help in other areas, please contact Phillip Fore at 920-9657.*

Name Change for UMW

Ladies,

In case you have not heard, the UMW has officially changed its name. Since 2016, the UMW Board of Directors has been conducting research, holding focus groups and interviewing over 24,000 women across the denomination to determine what changes need to be made. As of March 3, 2022, the UMW has officially rebranded itself and will now be named the **United Women in Faith**. The new name is part of an overall move to refresh our organization. We hope to be better able to nurture our current members while welcoming into our sisterhood new women who want to put their love into action. Our Salem United Women in Faith support needy women, children and youth in our church, our community and around the world. We are constantly looking for new ways to reach those in need. Our mission is to help change the world through faith, hope and love in action. We hope that more Salem women of all ages will consider joining our group. We will be giving you updates on changes as we receive more information. Please feel free to contact our circle leaders: Martina Thomas, Millie Fore, Miriam Lovett and Mary George Smith or our President, June Salters, with any questions you might have.

Salem United Women in Faith



Ladies Lunch Bunch

If you would like to attend The Gallery Tea Room in Newberry on Tuesday, May 31st, mail a check or pay cash in the amount of \$26.09, to Faith Circle. This includes Fruit, Quiche, side salad, Scone, Devonshire Cream, Jam or Curd & Dessert, Iced or Hot Tea. \$19.95 per person + tax & gratuity = \$26.09. **We have to have a head count no later than May 22nd** so be sure to get your reservation in to be assured you have a spot. If you have questions, contact Millie Fore 803-920-5261.

We will meet at the church to carpool at 10:45, eat around 11:45 - 12 and also have a little time to shop after. If you are willing to carpool. We will need to know that also.

Circle your choice:

Choice #1: Quiche Lorraine or Choice #2: Spinach and Feta Quiche

Name _____ phone # _____

Will or Will not carpool: _____

Assisting in Worship this Month

Trustee: Ryan Cole

Ushers: Randy Hilliard, Lead
Kevin Bykalo, Jim Lewis,
Kevin Meetze, Steven Smith

Acolytes: Burns Swindler (1st)
Claire Tanner (8th)
Rachel Rhodes (15th)
Peyton Baker (22nd)
Faith Magann (29th)

Nursery: Ashley Anderson, Rachel McCrary (1st)
Millie Fore, Maggie Brewton (8th)
Claressa Poppell, Julia Rose Hood (15th)
Martina Thomas, Kendall Smith (22nd)
Sheri Hood, Rachel McCrary (29th)

Children's Church: TBD (8th)
Heather Bowers (15th)
Kelley Royster (22nd)
Delaine Childress (29th)



FAITH CIRCLE FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those men who are special to us...fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.

To list the names of special men you would like to remember in our Father's Day bulletin, please fill out the form found on the back of this page, and put it, along with payment of at least \$1.00 per name, in an envelope marked "Father's Day." Checks should be made payable to "Faith Circle." Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and print clearly! Honor those living on the "in honor" of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the "in memory" of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages -- only the names of those we wish to honor in this special way. We are sure you will want to include all those men who are special to you. Please give to any member of Faith Circle or drop in the offering plate.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Methodist Women as well as mission projects such as Salem's Homeless Outreach Ministry, Salkehatchie, and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, June 12, 2022

In honor of _____
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Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

In loving memory of Ed Brower by

Jim & Marie Lewis
Don & Miriam Lovett

In loving memory of Joan Underwood by

Rex & Vicki Boylston
Joel & Rhonda Collins
Don & Miriam Lovett

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of Ed Brower by

Dan & Carla Jennings
Larry & June Salters

In loving memory of Joan Underwood by

Dan & Carla Jennings
Larry & June Salters

Thank You!

To all our wonderful friends at Salem!

Beautiful flowers are always a real pick me up!
So sorry my therapy guy was here and I didn't even
get to say hello!

We miss you so much and hope we can come to see
you soon!

My stitches come out on Monday!

God be with each of you!
Terry and Bunny

Faith Circle Members,

Thank you so much for the vases of flowers
you gave to Bobby during his illness. Also,
many thanks for your prayers and concern.
He is feeling better each day and is looking
forward to coming to church as soon as
possible.

Love,
Bobby & Margaret

Services for Shut-In's and Homebound

If you have a loved one with physical limitations or
inability to visit a brick-and-mortar hair salon,
contact **Katie Vyskocil at 803-960-7885**. Katie is a
mobile hairstylist licensed Master Haircare Specialist.
She performs haircare services typically offered at a
traditional salon in the convenience and comfort of
the client's own home. All of the hair styling tools
needed and chair will be brought into the client's
residence.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, thoughts,
cards, calls and food during my two recent
surgeries. I will be continuing with doctor's visits
for some time.

God has truly blessed me and I am so thankful.

Love to you all,
Willa McLane



Congratulations!

to Andrew & Georgia Taylor
on the birth of their son
Micah Thomas Taylor
born April 8th. Proud Salem grandparents
are Jeff & Delaine Childress.



May 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 8:00 UMM 4:00 Handbells 5:00 Youth | 2 6:30 Faith Circle | 3 11:30 Cavin, Joy, Love Circle @ Panera Bread | 4 | 5 7:00 LMA | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Mother's Day  No Confirmation | 9 6:00 Girl Scouts | 10 7:00 Church Council Mtg | 11 | 12 | 13 6:30 Foxtrot Dance Lessons | 14 12:15 Self Defense Class |
| 15 2:00 AA District Meeting 5:00 Youth | 16 | 17 11:30 OASIS @ Woodmen of the World | 18 Newsletter Deadline | 19 | 20 Mission Project in Florence | 21 Mission Project in Florence |
| 22 Mission Project in Florence | 23 7:00 Missions | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Graduate Recognition | 30 | 31 11:30 Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Gallery Tea Room Newberry | | | | |

Notes:

Sundays
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
3:30 Confirmation Class

Weekdays
7:00 AM Wednesday
9:00 AM Tuesday
6:00 PM Monday
7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 PM Wednesday
6:00 PM Thursday

AA
Precept Bible Study
Bible Study
AA
Choir Practice
Women's Bible Study



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Church Office Hours

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8:30-12:00 1:00-3:30
803-781-1626
E-mail: smethodist@aol.com
website: salemumcsc.com
CCLI #1562077

Worship Hours

Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Morning
Worship: 10:30 am

Newsletter Information

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, or if you have questions, comments, or articles for the newsletter, please send an e-mail or call the church.

Anyone who would like to submit an article or item for the **June** newsletter should do so by **May 18th**.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Jeff Childress — Pastor
Ashley Anderson — Children's Ministries
Sarah E. High — Director of Music
Stephanie Knott — Pianist
Angie Lain — Business/Finance Manager
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant



E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code below to be taken to Salem's donation page to present you offering.



You can also visit the link:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>