

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

How to Pray for Your Pastor

Every Christ-follower engaged in a local church has a pastor. These followers of Christ should pray for their pastor.

Pastors may appear as though they are so strong they do not need prayer. But I can assure you, any pastor genuinely called to the ministry knows he needs prayer; earnest, passionate, and effective prayer. "Pray for me" should be the number one personal request from a pastor of the church he serves.

Stand on God's Word When You Pray for Your Pastor

I think the strength of prayer stands on the authority of Holy Scripture. You need to stand on the infallibility and truthfulness of God's Word when you pray for your pastor. I want to challenge you to pray while standing on *Colossians 1:9-12*:

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual Understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

Paul was praying this for the believers in Colossae, and these words can be prayed for your pastor.

5 Specific Ways to Pray for Your Pastor

Pray for your pastor to be:

1. Filled with the knowledge of God's will

Pastors face the same dilemma people faced in the first century, when these words were penned originally. The knowledge of the world pours into the minds of pastors, but pastors need to have the full knowledge of God's will. The will of God does not inflate a pastor's ego, but it enlightens us to do what God wills for us to do.

Father, give my pastor the full knowledge of Your will in all things at all times, personally and for our church.

2. Filled with all spiritual wisdom

Pastors will view life from one of two perspectives: The world or the Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit will always lead a pastor to the Word of God and the will of God. The Spirit of God will lead a pastor to view life and ministry from God's perspective, not his own. His perspective will determine his decision making.

Heavenly Father, fill my pastor with Your wisdom and perspective about all things in his life, in our church, and in this world.

3. Filled with spiritual understanding

Pastors can operate and lead the church apart from information and facts, but not very effectively. *Spiritual understanding is the experience of seeing the facts and hearing the needed information, but being able to put these things together biblically, spiritually, and practically.* A pastor's leadership and decision making will be determined by the level of his spiritual understanding about whatever is before him.

Lord Jesus, fill my pastor with spiritual understanding that will help him put facts and information together biblically, spiritually, and practically.

4. Walk worthy of the Lord

God wants his people, especially God-called pastors, to live in a way that is worthy of Him. Pastors represent the Lord everywhere they go. Pastors cannot say one thing, but live a different way. Walking worthy always leads to pleasing God and bearing fruit in every way in life.

Oh Lord, empower my pastor to walk in a way that would exemplify You to all persons, pleasing You in all ways, and bearing fruit in every way before others.

5. Strengthened with God's power

Pastors should be full of spiritual vitality. Pastors need the spiritual strength to overcome the challenges of each day in ministry. Submission to God daily will lead to God's power. This power is so strong that a pastor is able to endure stress and suffering that ministry brings. It is so powerful that he will refuse to retaliate in any way toward difficult people and circumstances. It is even so strong that he will live life and do ministry with true joy that overflows with thanksgiving to God. Every pastor needs this kind of power.

Oh God, strengthen my pastor with Your power that fills him with spiritual life daily, including the difficult days of life and ministry; and leading him to persevere with joy and thanksgiving.

A Brief Word

The people of God have prayed for me through all these days I have served as a local church pastor. It is rare that I would not say to my church with all sincerity, "Please pray for me." I say it because it is the number one thing people can do for me. It is the number one thing you can do for your pastor. Pray for your pastor daily.

Now is the Time to Lead and to Pray, Ronnie W. Floyd

Senior Pastor, [Cross Church](#)
President, National Day of Prayer
<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

(Note: Pastor Mike had nothing to do with putting this in this week.)

Calendar for October 11, 2017

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, ages 3-4, Circle Room
6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5), Drama Room
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, October 12, 2017

10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library
6:00 PM-----Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Simmons Parlor

Sunday, October 15, 2017

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Service, J. O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM-----Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:30 PM-----Youth Snack Supper & UMYF, J. O. Smith & Youth Basement
5:45 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, October 16, 2017

10:30 AM-----Clark-Morris UMW Circle, Simmons Parlor

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

9:00-10:00 AM-----Food Bank Open
6:00 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Children's Fellowship Room

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Pastor Mike's Upcoming Sermons

Sermon Series: "Give and Grow"

October 15—"Growing as Disciples"—Luke 14:25-33

October 22—"Our Ministry with Youth"—Jeremiah 1:4-10

October 29—"Celebrate!"—Psalm 145:1-7

Welcome New Member!

On Sunday, October 1, Bainbridge FUMC welcomed Ed Kozlowski as a professing member of our congregation. Ed comes to us from another Christian tradition.

If you would like to become a member of BFUMC, please contact Pastor Mike!

For Wednesday, October 11

Because of Fall Break for the schools, we will NOT have our Christian Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, October 11. Also, the following groups will NOT meet:

- Matthew Bible Study
- Youth Cell Groups
- Esther Bible Study

These groups WILL meet:

- Two Year Old Music Group
- Preschool Music and Arts
- Children's Worship Arts (K-5)
- Chancel Choir

Guest Artist in Worship

We are excited to welcome Jamie Gossett, harpist, back with us. Jamie will be playing the Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, and accompanying the Chancel Choir during the 11:00 a.m. service this coming Sunday, October 15. We encourage you to join us for worship this week!

We are grateful that this musical opportunity has been provided by a special friend to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Miller for her abiding friendship and encouragement.

Clark-Morris Circle

The Clark-Morris UMW Circle will meet Monday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m. in Simmons Parlor.

Fall Festival

It's October, and that means Fall Festival time! Once again we will have our church-wide Fall Festival at the Springhill Christmas Tree Farm on October 22 at 5:30 p.m. There will be fun for everyone! A few craft projects, a couple of piñatas, the cake walk (everyone's favorite), and, of course, the Chili Cook-off (with an unimpeachable panel of judges!). Please plan on joining in this wonderful time of fellowship with your church family!

Church Council

The Church Council meeting scheduled for September 25 has been rescheduled for October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Reynolds Chapel. A reminder will be sent closer to the meeting date. Please remember that all Council members are *expected* to attend, but all members of the congregation are *invited* to attend.

Fifth Sunday Unity Service and Lunch

Our Unity Service and Fifth Sunday Covered Dish Lunch will be held on Sunday, October 29. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Fellowship Lunch at noon. The church will again provide the chicken, and members are asked to bring the sides to go with it. The Epworth and Discovery Sunday School classes will assist with the serving and clean-up of the meal. We look forward to seeing everyone

For Parents of Our Nursery Children

Parents, this is a friendly reminder that our Safe Sanctuaries Policy calls for you to sign your children in to the Nursery on Sundays, Wednesdays, or any time you use the Nursery. It's imperative that we have your contact information (i.e., cell phone number) so that the Nursery workers can easily contact you if needed. They won't have time to rifle through files or previous sign-in sheets to find needed information! Please help us in caring for your children by signing them in to the Nursery!

Check Your Financial Faithfulness

As we head into the final quarter of 2017, it's imperative that all of us check to see if we are current in our financial commitment to God's work through Bainbridge FUMC. Our ministries are in continuous need of funding, and the ministry of our United Methodist "Connection" needs our support as well—as of October 9, we have made only five apportionment payments (our "fair share" of the cost of ministry through the Southwest District, the South Georgia Annual Conference, the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and The United Methodist Church), and we don't want to let our stellar record of 100% apportionment payment lapse! Please check your financial commitment; catch up if you're behind; and, if possible, give a little more! You'll be blessed, and you'll be a blessing!

Responding to Hurricane Maria

While we continue to be involved with recovery from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we cannot ignore the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria, particularly in Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican people are looking at a multi-year recovery because of Maria's incredibly destructive impact. You can be a part of the recovery effort by giving to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670 fund. Make a check payable to Bainbridge First UMC and mark it so we know this is a contribution to this relief fund. We will send it through the proper channels as quickly as possible so your money can get to work! And remember--100% of your gift goes to the project; we don't take out any administrative costs!

Thank You - UMM Chicken-Q

A **BIG** "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make the United Methodist Men's Chicken- Q a success!! It is amazing when we come together what we can accomplish. Thank you to Lauren for sending out the need for desserts (our congregation responded with more than enough!), to Steve Reynolds for getting the charcoal and for seasoning the chicken ahead of time (as this is was such a big help because it saved time on Sunday morning), to David Holt, Paxton Poitevint, and Richard Monson for grilling, and to Steven and the youth for selling tickets and helping with serving and carry-outs. There were a host of people who helped in the kitchen to help serve the plates also!! Thanks to all!!

Greg Burch and the United Methodist Men

Kairos Prison Ministry

The Mission of Kairos Prison Ministry International is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

The closest location is Autry State Prison outside Camilla, GA, and two weekend events are held each year. The next weekend will be Thursday, November 2, through Sunday, November 5, 2017.

There is still a need for a few more outside team members, but anyone willing to work inside must attend the mandatory overnight training at Camp Crosspoint on October 20-21.

They are also looking for partners in the community. They especially need lots of prayer for the team, the weekend, and not least of all the residents, who will be surrounded by God's love. If you area able, please help in the following ways:

PRAYER:

- Our local team members, Rev. George Masciarelli (Brinson UMC) and Tomas Capuson (Jakin UMC)
- 72-hour prayer vigil for the weekend

AGAPE:

- Chocolate Chip Cookies (homemade, packaged 6 to a sandwich bag)
- Posters, candy, notes (need 50 each so all participants get 1)
- Purchase a meal ticket for a prisoner (\$10 each)
- Gift to Kairos Prison Ministry for the cost of Autry State Prison Kairos #36

PRESENCE:

You may sign up before November 1 to be in attendance at the Closing Ceremonies, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. in the prison. (This is so the prison can do a background check on you.)

Please contact Ruth Masciarelli during the week at Bainbridge FUMC (229-246-1864) or Rev. George Masciarelli after 5:00 p.m. (478-952-6325) with any questions or if you would like to help in this ministry.

Still Waters Needs Request

Still Waters is a nondenominational, faith-based, temporary residence for women and children. The ministry relies on volunteer help and donations of items. At this time they are in the need of the following: Trash Bags (13 gal.), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex Tissue, Dishwasher detergent, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Vinegar, Bleach, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Soap, Deodorant, Towels (new), and Washrags (new).

These can be one-time donations or brought weekly or monthly. Your help would greatly assist the ministry. Contact Karen Howell at Still Waters (229-416-4061) or the Church Office for more information.

Refinery Soup Can Collection

The Refinery is collecting soup cans for their annual apple pie candle fundraiser in November.



THE REFINERY IS IN NEED OF YOUR EMPTY SOUP CANS (CLEANED PLEASE)

SIZE 10 1/2 OZ (no bigger, no smaller)

If you have any please drop off @Still Waters 223 Russ Street across from Friendship House or in collection bins at the church.



Thank you very much and God Bless!

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

October 8, 2017 Attendance:

Sunday School-----	87
Worship Service: 9:00-----	66
11:00-----	161

Members Who Minister

Ushers for October 2017: Matt Johnson, Butch Yarbrough, Jack Palmer, Brown Moseley

Greeters for October 8, 2017:

9:00 AM	Penny & Johnny Reynolds
11:00 AM	Bobbie & Oscar Dewberry

Contemporary Worship Leader for October 8, 2017: Carla Robinson

Offering Steward: Craig Fletcher

Snack Supper for October 15, 2017: Melody Loeffler

Services of Worship

October 15, 2017

9:00 AM – Contemporary Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Service

PRELUDE-----Jamie Gossett, harp
OFFERTORY-----"Cantique de Jean Racine"-----Chancel Choir/Jamie Gossett, harp
SCRIPTURE-----Luke 14:25-33-----Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----"Give and Grow: Growing as Disciples"-----Rev. Mike Brown
POSTLUDE-----Jamie Gossett, harp

Music Notes

Children's Music and Arts Ministries:

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): meets in the Circle Room from 5:30-5:55 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, instrument playing, and movement.

Preschool Music and Arts: children age 3 (by September 1) – age 4 are invited to join us for a developmentally appropriate music class in the Circle Room at 6:25 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the children are moved to the Arts and Crafts room for Bible stories and crafts.

Children's Worship Arts, Grades K-5: meets from 6:25-7:25 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thanks to all participants for your wonderful job in leading worship this past Sunday! We begin work on our Christmas offerings this Wednesday, October 11. An email with rehearsal and performance dates has been sent.

Chancel Choir: rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, warms up at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, and sings for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We'll begin working on our Christmas offerings this Wednesday, October 11. We invite anyone who would like to join us for our Christmas Concert to rehearse from 7:30-8:15. A nursery is provided. Join us!

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): rehearses on Sundays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We'll be leading the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 22. Remember to let me know if you need to change out your formal attire (if you haven't already). We'll be wearing formal attire on October 22.

Handbell Choir: rehearses on Sundays at 5:45 p.m.

Children's Chat

Thank you, each and every one, for doing such a wonderful job leading service last Sunday!

I hope all of you enjoy your Fall Break this week!!

We will have Children's Fellowship this Sunday. You need to be on time (5:00 p.m.) because we will be walking to Dairy Queen for snack supper promptly at 5:10 p.m. After supper, we will return to the church, make some "meals in a bag" for our outreach project, and play a few games. See you then!

Youth News

The youth are selling t-shirts to help raise money for the Youth Fund. The cost of the t-shirt is \$22.00 each. We have a sample t-shirt hanging in the Church Office. You can pick up your order form from the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Steven. The deadline for t-shirt orders is this Friday, October 13.

Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

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