

THREE FINAL SERMONS

After twenty-one wonderful “conference” years, I find myself sitting at my desk preparing my final messages at Homer Methodist and wanting to share the title of each with you: Sunday, June 3: **SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS** (Ephesians 5:15-20); June 10: **IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL** (St. John 6:60-69); June 17: **THINGS A CHILD CAN TEACH US** (St. Mark 9:30-37).

The reason I have placed them in this order will become obvious as each is preached. Please pray for me as I prepare and preach all three. This is one of the most emotional times for me in sixty-one years of pastoral ministry as you can imagine.

And, yes, pray for Miss Marilyn, too. She has been a big part of my ministry all these years. Indeed, she herself has been in ministry WITH me – both of us together all the way. I could not have done it without her. God, as always, was good to give her to me at the start – as far back as 1954 when we were married and I continued by seminary studies at Emory and she began her Pht. Degree (“putting hubby through”). **–Bro. Jim**

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP last week:

Offering, 4450 SON, 40 PRF, 10 Second Mile, 600
TOTAL: \$5100

Happy Anniversary:

Bud & Janice Reisel, June 5
Jacob & Kelli Daniel, June 6
Fred & Karen Kitchens, June 8
Chuck & Lisa Enslin, June 9



LAST SUNDAY REGISTERED FRIENDS:

David and Pat McClure, Bill Grimes
George and Betty Turk & Granddaughter

Happy Birthday:

Christy Gibson, June 4
Travis Calloway, June 4
Ted Elliot, June 6
Nancy Sullivan, June 7



PLEASE USE EMAIL:

If you wish to receive the bulletin each week before worship, please use email. You will receive the same as if were mailed to you. Keep up with the news around our church. An informed church is a better one!



The Homer Herald

Homer United Methodist Church

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Rob Mabry, Worship Ldr, Staff-Parish Chair
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Merritta Thompson, Office Manager

June 3, 2018

“A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE”

As I sat at my typewriter the week before Sunday, October 26, 1997 to prepare a bulletin to hand out that day, I included an item titled “A Pastor To His People” for my small but excited congregation of forty-two members. In the article I shared a poem by Grace Noll Crowell seen below. After reading what the beloved poet wrote, I pray you will find that I have been true to the spirit of her work these years the McLendons have been with you:

*“You are my people, given me to love,
To serve, to shepherd throughout the days ahead.
I pray God that I may be worthy of this honor;
I am glad that I was led to come to you,
that through God’s gentle grace,
my lines have fallen in this pleasant place.*

*I would be strong to work where there is need;
I would be true to serve you as I should;
And I would give the Bread of Life to feed
each hungry soul who comes to me for food;
And I would honor with my every work
the blessed Savior – Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*I plead with you for patience.
Should I make an error, I would gladly make amends,
or if some unintentional mistake be mine,
I crave your understanding, friends.
As pastor and as people may we be
builders together for Eternity!”*

“In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love.”

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CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3, 2018:

9:45a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, June 4, 2018:

Tuesday, June 5, 2018: Admin Council 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 6, 2018:

5:45p.m. UMYF (All Youth)

Thursday, June 7, 2018:

4:00p.m. Sisters of the Heart Bible Study

6:30p.m. Rehearsal: Chancel Choir

Friday, June 8, 2018:

Saturday, June 9, 2018:

Sunday, June 10, 2018:
Brother Jim Retirement
Reception 2-4 FLC



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Bell Ringer: Michael Krause **Acolytes:** Hunter & Jimmy Cochran **Cross Bearer:** Annabelle Wilbanks **Communion Assistants:** Hunter & Jimmy Cochran; **Welcome:** Bud Reisel; **Greeters:** Harlee & Jackie Pearce **Music Special:** Chancel Choir **Worship Leaders:** Rob Mabry, Christy Gibson, Darlene Brown **Nursery:** Dixie Merck; **Sound System Engineer:** Fred Wendt, Mike McLendon, Tim Wilbanks.

USHERS: Harlee Pearce, Chairperson

Brandon Adams Offering Steward. Mike Callahan, Dustin Chapman, Carl Gibson, Mike Gordon, Bobby Lewallen. **Offering Counters:** Brandon Adams & Usher.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The "Circle of Prayer" is included in the bulletin each week and updated monthly. Please place on an attendance sheet or email to the church any for whom you would have the whole church pray during the months of May/June in addition to others whose names appear below:

Brother Jim and Marilyn, Brother Mike, Jim Scalf, Andrew

Reiselt, Jay Baumgardner, Rex Thompson, Mark Ledford, Nikki Buffinton, David and Melanie Collins, Gary Wolfenbarger, Santa Fe (Texas) High, Marie Blalock, Karen Sexton, Mandy Allman, Craig Atkinson, Betty Jean Gordon, and Taylor Garner

MARPLE CHILDREN RECEIVE BAPTISM

Betty Brooke and Brady Marple, whose parents were warmly welcomed into the Homer United Methodist family of God recently, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at 9:45a.m. this week, accompanied by their mom and dad at the altar. These are precious children, who like their parents, will be loved by all. They are entered upon the church's official rolls as preparatory members. The family resides on Rock Springs Road.

CHRISTY PORTRAYS NATIVE-AMERICAN

We are thrilled Homer UMC's Christy Gibson, for over a year fighting dreaded cancer, is now strong enough to portray this Sunday the role of a Native American which, indeed, she is and proud to say so. Christy's heritage means everything to her as one might expect, and she shares that pride with us at the 9:45a.m. service

"FAREWELL TO A FALLEN SOLDIER"

The moving "Farewell To A Fallen Soldier," presented by military veteran, Sam Moon, was deeply appreciated by all and caused us to remember once more all those service men and women who have given their all through the history of this great land for both God and country.

Thank you again, Sam.



Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, June 3, 2018 — 9:45A.M.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

NURSERY AVAILABLE

We offer a Nursery across the street in the Family Life Center which parents may want to consider for their youngest from birth through 3 years. They will be happy there, and parents may enjoy the service more.

THE GATHERING

THE RITUAL OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS

(Please sign the Registration Booklets & Stand when Recognized.)

THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

THE PRELUDE WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES

THE CHORAL INTROIT

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*THE PROCESSIONAL No. 380

There's Within My Heart a Melody

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 887

Affirmation from Romans 8

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 71

The Gloria Patri

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*THE PSALTER No. 821

Psalm 100

*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 494

Come By Here

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: O, God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept the offering of your people.

People: Remember in your love those who bring it and those for whom it is given,

ALL: and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD No. 95

The Doxology

THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBUTE

Christy Gibson

THE MUSIC SPECIAL

The Chancel Choir

THE SPOKEN WORD

Rev. McLendon

SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS

(Pew Bible: NT, Ephesians 5: 15-20, pg.194-195)

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 98

To God Be the Glory

(The Invitation to Christian Discipleship)

*THE CHURCH AT PRAYER WITH BLESSING

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*THE TAKING OF LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

*THE POSTLUDE

*Denotes standing if you are able and so desire.

HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYERS

Holy Communion is made available to worshippers each Sunday at 9:45a.m. Worshippers of every Christian denomination are invited to participate and receive the consecrated elements representing the body & blood of our precious Lord. Regular & Gluten-free breads are available.