

STEPHEN MINISTERS- PAVING THE WAY

We all have times when a kind, non-judgmental listener would be a blessing. Many friends and fellow Bethany members have found encouragement, strength, and support from a Stephen Minister. Please be mindful when someone you know is facing challenges, then help pave the way by sharing about Stephen Ministry and asking permission to refer him or her. For more info contact (for women): Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 or Leah Martin 404.408.5457 and (for men): Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes 843.873.1230.

WI-FI PASSWORD

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.

YOUNG FAMILIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School class has been formed for parents of young children. Anyone is welcome, but this class will be geared to adults who are 25-40 years old. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10am (during the Sunday School hour) in room 239. We invite anyone who might be interested in finding out more to join us to help create a dynamic and interesting class.

SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone! If you would prefer to give the traditional way, giving envelopes can be found in your pew for cash and check donations.



Welcome to

Word & Table

Reflections
of
GRACE

Rev. Mark Barnes
Acts 4:32-37, 11:19-24
1 Timothy 1: 12-14

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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● ORDER OF WORSHIP ●

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE ACTS 4: 32-37, 11: 19-24; 1 TIMOTHY 1: 12-14

MESSAGE "REFLECTION OF GRACE"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Acts 4: 32-37

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet. **Acts 11: 19-24**

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. **1 Timothy 1: 12-14**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life.

It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 10 our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

YOUTH ASCEND RESUMES TONIGHT

Youth Ascend will start back tonight 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will share a meal together before breaking into separate discussion groups with middle and high school students. We hope to see everyone tonight!

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The nursery is looking for people to round out our staff. 5-8 hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. More hours may be available according to the church calendar. \$13 per hour. Please stop by the nursery or call the church office if interested.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Third Graders and their families are invited to join us for a special Bible presentation Sunday, Sept. 10 at the 8:45am service in the Sanctuary. Please contact Emily Vick evick@bethany-umc.com if you would like to participate or have any questions.