

FLOWERTOWN FESTIVAL PARKING FUNDRAISER

For the first time in many years, we are adjusting the parking fee for the Flowertown Festival, held from April 5- 7. The new parking fee will be \$20. 100% of the proceeds from the parking fees will be channeled into our cherished missions - supporting global and local outreach initiatives and bolstering our Student Ministries. To offer added convenience to our Church members, we will be selling prepaid parking passes. Each Wednesday during BNOW and Sunday at the Welcome desk down stairs until March 31, you can purchase these passes:

Single-Day Pass: Available for \$10, this pass allows entry into the parking lot on one of the festival days (subject to availability).

Weekend Pass: Priced at \$20, this pass allows access to the parking lot throughout the festival weekend, exclusively for Church members.

Please note that the purchase of a pass does not guarantee a parking spot at a specific time, and we encourage early arrival to secure your space.

FLOWERTOWN FESTIVAL “TASK FORCE”

This year, we are introducing a “Task Force,” composed of dedicated church members volunteering in various ministry areas throughout the festival weekend. This is more than just volunteering; it’s a chance to engage, connect, and make a difference in a tangible way. Please see the sign up boards down stairs to sign up for an area!

SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

A Special Called Charge Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 6 pm in Spell Chapel. The sole purpose of this Charge Conference is to consider and vote to approve the Ministerial Support Form for our newly appointed Associate Pastor, scheduled to start in June. The Book of Discipline requires that a Charge Conference must approve all ministerial support forms.

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!



Welcome to

Word & Table

WHO ARE YOU

Seeking?



Rev. Mark Barnes
John 20: 1-18

WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

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KIDS' MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20: 1-18

MESSAGE: "WHO ARE YOU SEEKING?"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

John 20: 1-18 (NIV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BNOW

Bethany NOW will resume on Wednesday, April 3 with a full schedule. Classes will run through May 1. Starting on the 3rd will be a new 5-week class, *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups Reading Scripture with New Eyes*, led by Joan Naugle in room 238.

In *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes* pastor Josh Scott will look at familiar Bible stories and reveal new details and interpretations for an adult audience. This study will consider stories many read as children including Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus, and more. Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment. Continuing classes will be Disciple I and Faith & Finance. All adult classes start at 6:15.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Church Directories are in and can be picked up and signed for on the following dates/locations:

- Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm and on Friday 9am-11am in the Business Office
- Wednesday nights during Bethany NOW
- Sunday mornings April 7 & 14 outside the Fellowship Hall

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Children's Ministry is looking for a preschool Sunday school teacher. We currently have a team, but we are looking for one more to add to the rotation. This is not a weekly commitment- you will work with the team to make your schedules. All lessons, activities and supplies are provided. If you would like more information - please email Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com or call/text at 843.343.8494. Thank you for any consideration!

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Local Missions. Parking is NOT included in the ticket price this year.