

TONIGHT AT ASCEND

We're wrapping up The Temptations, our series on dealing with temptation, this week. To close, we're encouraging students to see that even when they give into temptation, God offers grace to start again. We will be studying Paul's words to the Churches at Roman and Corinth as guiding beacons to help our young people find foundations that they can go back to when dealing with the repercussions from falling short. This has been a truly enlightening journey for our students and our adults and I welcome you to join us tonight. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation will be next Sunday during the 11:15 service. Rev. Ritter and I have enjoyed working with our amazing mentors to guide these young people in making their decision to join the Church. We look forward to celebrating with all of the Confirmands next Sunday- Kyle Boczkowski.

BETHANY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us on Saturday, May 18 for the Bethany Annual Golf Tournament at Summerville Country Club. Registration can be done by scanning the QR code or by contacting Kyle via phone or kboczkowski@bethany-umc.com. The cost is \$70 per player and includes breakfast, BBQ lunch, awards and door prizes.



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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!



LET THE SON SHINE IN!

Allow HIM and YOUR Stephen Minister to help carry your burdens. It will lighten your life and lift your spirits. Please accept this gift with a note or call to Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130. Also reach out with a call or text to Sue D. Malphrus at 843.435.9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457.

Welcome to

Word & Table



Rev. Mark Barnes
Colossians 2: 1-12

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

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KIDS' MOMENT

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 2: 1-12

MESSAGE: "FROM THE SHADOWS TO THE SUBSTANCE"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Colossians 2: 1-12 (*The Message*)

I want you to realize that I continue to work as hard as I know how for you, and also for the Christians over at Laodicea. Not many of you have met me face-to-face, but that doesn't make any difference. Know that I'm on your side, right alongside you. You're not in this alone. I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with every thing there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild-goose chase, after other so-called mysteries, or "the Secret." I'm a long way off, true, and you may never lay eyes on me, but believe me, I'm on your side, right beside you. I am delighted to hear of the careful and orderly ways you conduct your affairs, and impressed with the solid substance of your faith in Christ.

From the Shadows to the Substance

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now *live him*. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving. Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws.

Christian sympathies go out to Pat Lindenmeyer, whose son Jeff Lindenmeyer, joined the church triumphant on May 7, 2024.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

TIME AND TALENT FORM

The 2025 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking every one to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms and around the church. Please turn completed forms into the Business Office at your earliest convenience! Forms can also be completed by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.bethany-umc.com. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!



GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors next week during the 8:45am service in the main Sanctuary. High School and College graduates will be recognized during the service. If you have a student who is graduating, please contact Kyle or Mandy with that information ASAP. You may also register your student by scanning the QR code. There will also be a special dinner honoring our graduating high school seniors that night at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families of graduating seniors are very welcome to attend.

