



Weekly Booster

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Psalm 139: Praise to Our God

*You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.*

*You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.*

*Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.*

*You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.*

*Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,*

*“Jesus saves...passes to
Moses...he shoots! He scores!”*

*“Once you carry your own
water, you will learn to value
every drop.”*

Reminders

September 17th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

September 18th

Sunday School begins – all ages

September 19th

Monday Evening Study, 6:30 p.m.
“Who is Jesus” – Fellowship Hall
with Pastor Clark

September 21st

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

September 22nd

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

September 18th

Sunday School begins – all ages
Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

**Worship Assistants are needed
for October

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall

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*even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.*

*How precious to me are your thoughts, a God!
How vast is the sum of them!*

*Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand —
when I awake, I am still with you.*

*If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!*

*They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.*

*Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?*

*I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.*

*Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

*See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

– [Psalm 139](#)

King David recognized that the days of his life were written in God's book before he was even born. He acknowledged that God knows everything, is everywhere and is the Creator and Author of all life.

Each of us exited the womb uniquely equipped. David states it this way:

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**Will no longer be
meeting at this time!**

“What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin’ Catholic!”

Volunteers Needed



First United Methodist Church
Please wear your name tag on Sunday mornings




Sunday School Teacher Blessing this Sunday, September 18th.

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School 10:15**
Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
 CLOSED

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



What did Abraham call the mountain, on which he was going to sacrifice Isaac?

- a) The LORD forgives
- b) The LORD will provide
- c) The LORD will avenge
- d) The LORD wounds, but he binds up

Which musical instrument forced King Saul’s harmful spirit to leave him?

- a) Horn
- b) Harp
- c) Flute
- d) Timbrel

Who found a shekel within a fish’s mouth?

- a) Elisha
- b) Jonah
- c) Elijah
- d) Peter

Check page 4 for answers in next week’s booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 18th – Duane Rexroth, Clete & Sheri Jones, Brandon & Brandy Pease
- 19th – Bennet Blane
- 20th – Dave Tackett
- 21st – Steve Stribling
- 22nd – Knox Pease, Alan & LuAnn Armstrong
- 23rd – Tom Spears

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our Youtube
channel only. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: Send your compassion to us, O God.

People: We are pulled in many different directions.

L: Help us, O God who saves.

P: Help us to be faithful in the small things

L: Through smiles offered on the stressful day.

P: Through kind words in a noisy and angry time.

L: Through generosity in a world of consumption.

P: Help us to be faithful in the small things.

"THEN JESUS SAID WHAT?"

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Songs

How Majestic Is Your Name #2023 (Black Book)
10,000 Reasons (screens)

More Precious Than Silver - #2065 (Black Book)
I Surrender All - #354 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 55

Online Worship – No Live Streaming

Our Mission:

"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."

Our Vision:

"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."

Answers for Sept. 11th are d) more than 120,000 b) drought c) 1 ½ cubit

Quiz Hints – Q1 Genesis Q2 1 Samuel Q3 Matthew

Praise God - Continued from page 5

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" ([Psalm 139:15–16](#)).

David emphasizes the pronoun “you” as if to say “you, God, and you alone.” “Made in . . . secret” suggests a hidden and safe place, concealed from intruders and evil. Just as an artist takes a canvas into a locked studio, so God took you into his hidden chamber where you were “woven together.” Moses used the same word to describe the needlework of the tabernacle’s inner curtains—stitched together by skillful hands for the highest purpose (see [Exodus 26:1](#); [36:8](#); [38:9](#)). The Master Weaver selected your temperament threads, your character texture, the yarn of your personality—all before you were born. God did not drop you into the world utterly defenseless and empty-handed. You arrived fully equipped.

“The days ordained . . .” Day of birth and day of death. Days of difficulty and victory. What motivates you, and what exhausts you? God authored—and authors—it all.

You Are Uniquely Created by God

My hands have never embroidered a stitch, but my mom’s have. In pre-dishwasher days when mothers drafted young sons into kitchen duty to dry dishes, I grew too acquainted with her set of embroidered dishtowels. She had embellished sturdy white cloths with colorful threads: seven towels, each bearing the name of a different day. Her artisan skills rendered common towels uncommonly unique.

God did the same with you!

You are more than statistical chance, more than a marriage of heredity and society, more than a confluence of inherited chromosomes and childhood trauma. More than a walking weathervane whipped about by the cold winds of fate. Thanks to God, you have been “sculpted from nothing into something” (verse 15 MSG).

In the scheme of nature, homo sapiens are not unique. We aren’t the only creatures with flesh and hair and blood and hearts. What makes us special is not our bodies but the signature of God on our lives. We are his works of art. We are created in his image to do good deeds. We are significant, not because of what we do, but because of whose we are.

Praise Him

What is your life story to this point? Consider writing a psalm acknowledging the Creator and Author of your life and how he has shaped and guided you. Thank him for designing you in a unique fashion.

Article from study content by Max Lucado from the [Lucado Encouraging Word Bible, NIV Edition](#).



Elementary, Jr./Sr. High (7-12), and Questers Sunday School will begin this coming Sunday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a friend and learn & grow together.

Choir practice has begun but it is not too late to join. Enjoy singing in the shower, in the car, in the kitchen, or in the garage? Put those voices to good work and join the Chancel Choir. Practice is at 6:46 p.m. on Wednesday and warm-up is at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning before church service. Almost forgot to mention, as a bonus for joining and singing in the choir you will get to wear a stylish robe and receive a music folder filled with great songs that will put a smile on the congregation's faces when the choir sings!

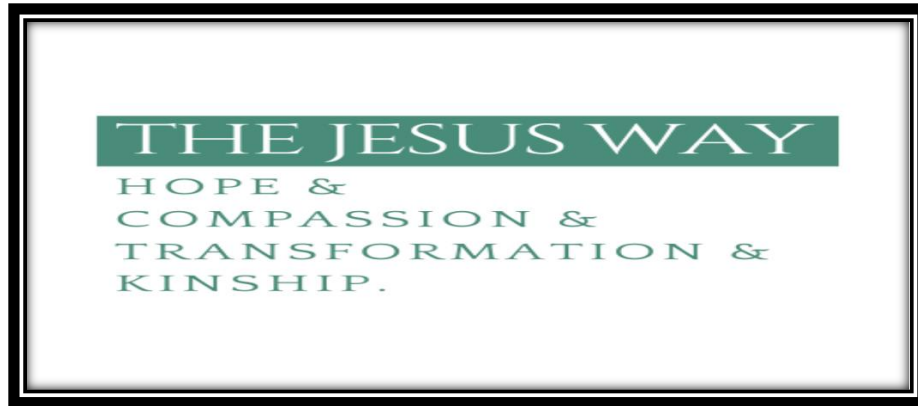


Thanks to one of our members, we will continue to use One Call Now for another year. One Call Now is a software program designed for sending mass messaging to our members. It provides easy access to text messages, emails, and voice messages. Many of you are already enrolled in this program and received messages about special events in the church. If you are not signed up for this service, please contact Jeff and he will help you get started. You have the choice of how you receive your messages, either by text, email, or phone call. This system is designed to help

keep you updated and informed of events in the church (for example a church luncheon, or a prayer request). If you are enrolled you can also be assigned to groups and receive messages specifically for that group (men's and women's group, prayer team, choir member). You may opt-out of this program at any time that you wish.



This Sunday's church service will be available to watch live on the Facebook page if we have someone available to help with the recording.



The Jesus Way is an invitation to a lifelong journey of discovering who Jesus is anew, putting hope into action, developing a compassionate faith, letting a process of spiritual transformation work in and around you, and participating in an emerging community of kinship and belonging.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”, and this question is still asked of us today. In the Fall, we will explore words such as prophet, messiah, rabbi, healer, and more to discover anew who Jesus is.

Content

Week 1: Jesus as Rabbi

Week 2: Jesus as Prophet

Week 3: Jesus as Son of Man

Week 4: Jesus as Son of God

Week 5: Jesus as Lord

Week 6: Jesus as Crucified Messiah

The Jesus Way:: Weekly Gathering

Monday Nights, September 19 - October 24 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

This in-person gathering will include a time for teaching and sharing.

The Jesus Way:: Online Videos

Released each Tuesday, September 20 - October 25

The videos will be posted each week on the church’s Facebook page.

The Jesus Way: Outside

Saturday, October 29 (10:00am - 1:00pm)

Location to be determined

This outdoor retreat will be family-friendly and accessible to all physical abilities. We will explore spiritual practices in the Jesus Way that will help you reconnect with yourself, others, the natural world, and God.

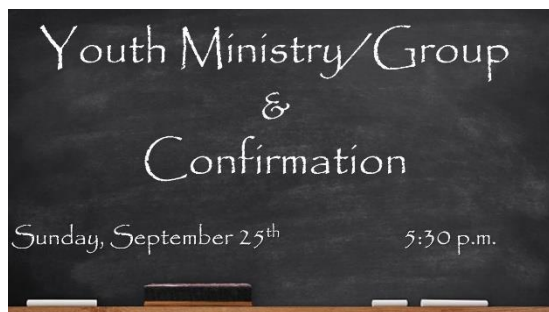
The Jesus Way: Sacred Readings

A reading plan to engage in a rhythm of sacred reading each week as we work through the four Gospels and the book of Acts.

The Jesus Way: Spiritual Practices

Practices that can be integrated into your life at home. These can be done with children, grandchildren, teenagers, or by yourself as an adult.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark
308-258-7749



Next Sunday, September 25th starting at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Clark will be holding the first Youth Ministry/Group and Confirmation meeting. This will be held at Pastor Clark's home/parsonage, 505 5th Ave.

The Methodist Men's monthly breakfast will be held this coming Sunday morning, September 18th starting at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!



Board Meeting

The monthly Ad Board meeting will be held next Tuesday, September 20th starting at 6:30 p.m. If anyone has anything that needs to be added to the agenda please contact Jeff before noon on Tuesday.