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Pastor's Corner

Maybe you have thought... why me?... or why not me?... or even why someone else or some situation? As I said in our recent sermon series on Habakkuk, multiple factors and decisions played out in our broken world lead each of us to varying outcomes. Long story short... life is not fair, nor is life in this brokenness forever. But here is the real truth! The game has been rigged. Life is not against you, no matter how you might think about it. You have been chosen. Through Jesus, you are forgiven and made one with the Triune God in eternity.

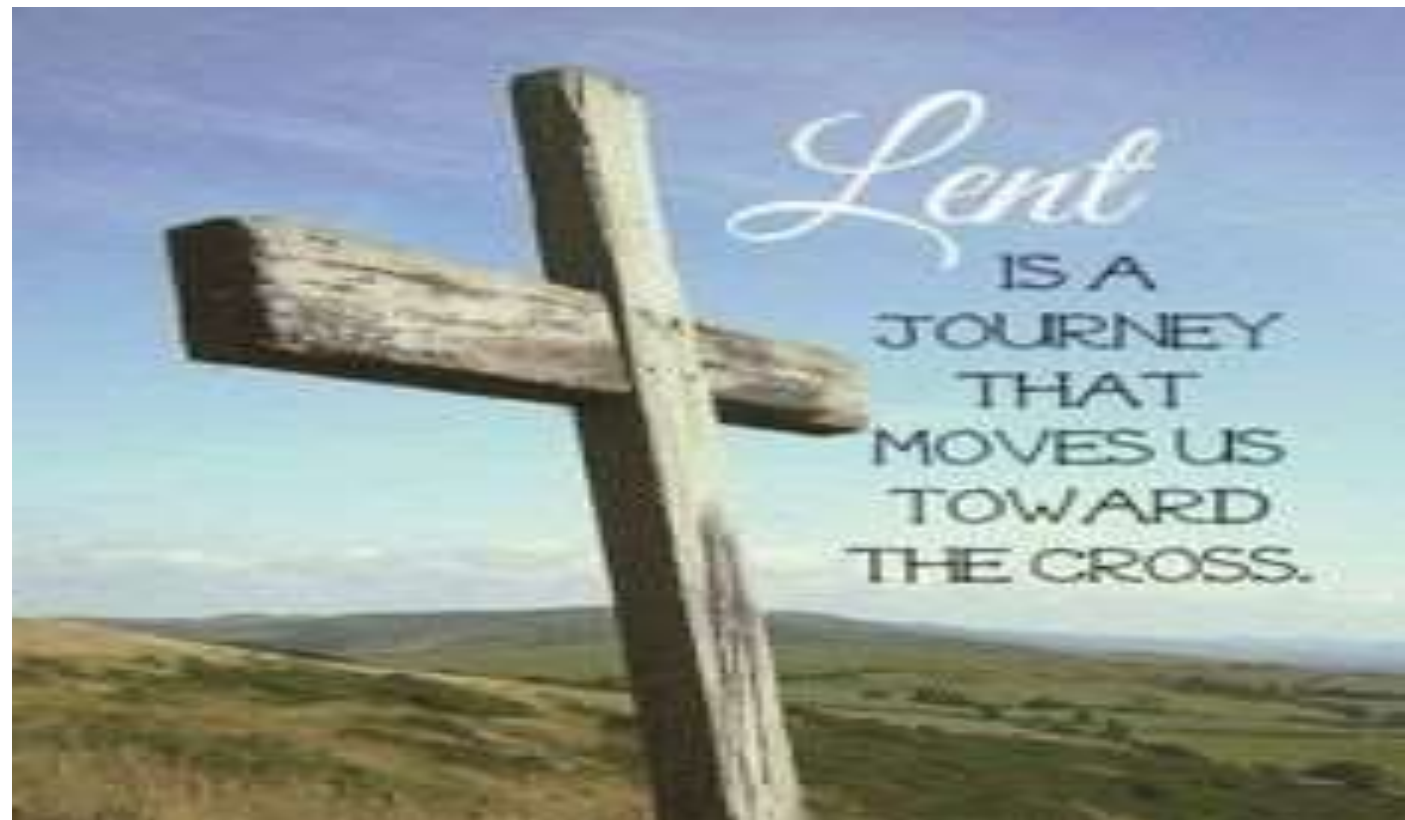
Big words for a huge idea! That is what apostle Paul was trying to tell us in his writings. You have a future beyond this broken world where you will be whole, complete, and healed. I love the way writer Dallas Willard said it in his book, *The Divine Conspiracy*. Willard said, "A place in God's creative order has been reserved for each one of us from before the beginnings of cosmic existence. His plan is for us to develop, as apprentices to Jesus, to the point where we can take our place in the ongoing creativity of the universe." So the question for each of us is... "am I living an apprentice life?" Are you?

My prayer for you is simple. I pray that you will give your life to God and desire to study the life of Christ and seek to be his apprentice. I think at times some people foolishly believe to be a Christian means some sort of unattainable low-to-no sin life that often is boring and unappealing to be honest. While Jesus is sin free, we are not. What Jesus expects from His apprentices, as Dallas Willard rightly suggests, are honest, earnest, imperfect, humble, people who just want to love God and neighbor. He wants you on His team!

Finally, I had a member stick his head in the office and say, "One vaccination down, one to go... and I will be back!" I look forward to seeing more folks as the vaccinations are completed. God bless!

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. William C. Faulk



Church EVENTS

In March



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

March 2nd	
Searching Sisters Sister by Faith Friendship Circle	10:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm
March 3rd	
Sonshine Kids Youth Small Group	6:00pm 6:00pm
March 8th	
Council Meeting	6:30pm
March 9th	
Searching Sisters Sister by Faith	10:00am 6:30pm
March 10th	
Sonshine Kids Youth Small Group	6:00pm 6:00pm
March 11th	
Mission Meeting	6:30pm

March 16th	
Searching Sisters Sister by Faith	10:00am 6:30pm
March 17th	
Sonshine Kids Youth Small Group	6:00pm 6:00pm
March 22nd	
UMM	6:30pm
March 23rd	
Searching Sisters Sister by Faith	10:00am 6:30pm
March 24th	
Sonshine Kids Youth Small Group	6:00pm 6:00pm

**SONSHINE KIDS & YOUTH SMALL GROUP,
ARE NOW IN-PERSON.**



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials to the General Fund

In Memory of: **Carolyn Lorick**
By: **Mother's Sunday School Class**

In Memory of: **Carolyn Lorick**
By: **C.M. & Josephine Miller**

In Memory of: **Larry Jumper**
By: **C.M. & Josephine Miller**

In Memory of: **Sara Wilson**
By: **C.M. & Josephine Miller**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **C.M. & Josephine Miller**

Memorials to the Sonny's Helping Hands Fund

In Memory of: **Lorre Liljegren**
By: **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kinzie**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Mike & June Kinzie**

Memorials to the Land Fund

In Memory of: **Essie People**
(Gerald Moore's sister)
By: **Grady and Faye Shull**

Memorials designated to the Youth/Children Fund:

In Memory of: **Russell Ethridge**
By: **Pearle Y. Ethridge**

Memorials to the Missions Fund:

In Memory of: **Eula Blakely**
By: **Mike & June Kinzie**

IN HONOR OF

**Honorariums Designated:
Evangelism and General Fund**

In Honor of: **Rob & Clara Bedenbaugh**
By: **David Paul Johnson**

Memorials Designated to the Building Improvement Fund:

In Memory of: **Russell Ethridge**
By: **Pearle Y. Ethridge**

In Memory of: **Carolyn Lorick**
By: **Patsy H. Fetner**

In Memory of: **Elua Blakely**
By: **Patsy H. Fetner**

In Memory of: **Eric Kyzer**
By: **Lenon & Erline Kyzer**

In Memory of: **Carolyn Lorick**
By: **Lenon & Erline Kyzer**

In Memory of: **Larry Jumper**
By: **Lenon & Erline Kyzer**

In Memory of: **Sara Wilson**
By: **Lenon & Erline Kyzer**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Kerry & Cheryl Fraylick**

In Memory of: **Richard Taylor**
By: **Gloria Clingan**

In Memory of: **All Saints that passed away this past year**
By: **Gloria Clingan**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Gloria Clingan**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Betty Jo and Ray Mills**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Grady and Faye Shull**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **John and Margaret Mintz**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Donna and Joel Smith**

In Memory of: **Lavinia Lorick**
By: **Donna and Joel Smith**

In Memory of: **Sid Hawkins**
By: **Patsy Fetner**



Now enrolling! 6 weeks - 4 years old Red Bank
Open registration will begin on March 9th.

Church Members registration will be March 2nd.

UMC Preschool and Loving Beginnings:

Parents Morning Out

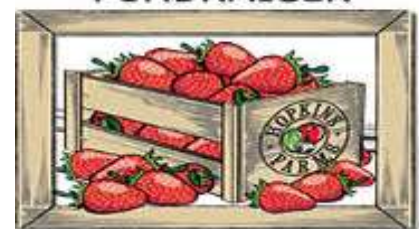
Mission statement: Our goal as a Christian preschool is to introduce and nurture the Christian faith in young children, to assist families in providing the best opportunities for emotional, physiological, and spiritual growth in their children, and to prepare little minds for kindergarten and beyond.

Preschool: days of operation are Monday through Friday. beginning at 8:30 a.m. (drop-off begins at 8:15) and ending at 12:00 p.m. Daily.

Loving beginnings: days of operation are Monday through Friday beginning at 8:45 a.m. (drop-off begins at 8:30) and ending at 11:45 p.m. Daily

Contact: **Betsy Stone/ Phone: 359-0329 / preschool@rbumc.com.**
or rbumc.com/rbumc.com/get-involved/preschool/

STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER



RBUMC Preschool Strawberry Fundraiser

The preschool will be selling strawberries for the next three week. **Price is \$16.00 a flat. Must order by Friday of each week.** To be delivered on Wednesday. Please check with RBUMC preschool for updates! Or come to the church office for order forms. Any questions please contact Maressa Bhimull. 803-404-1044
Please make checks payable to RBUMC PRESCHOOL



Red Bank UMC after-school program

After-school program for children grades PM 4k-5th grade. We offer snacks, play time, fun activities. We pick up from Carolina Springs Elementary, Saxe Gotha Elementary, Deerfield Elementary. We are able to keep children till 6pm during the school year. The cost is \$60/week and is broken down into weekly payments of \$60. Space is limited, enroll soon!

Red Bank UMC After School also offers AM 4k pick up from Saxe Gotha Elementary and Carolina Springs Elementary. The cost is \$60/week till 2pm or \$120/week till 6pm. Children would need to bring their lunch, snacks are provided. Children would have devotions, schoolwork time, play time and fun activities.

Red Bank UMC After school is now offering E-Learning days as well for parents who need somewhere for their children to go on virtual days. The cost is \$25 per day unless they are already enrolled in After School then the price is \$12 per day for children grades 4k-5th grade. Drop off starts at 7:15 am and runs till 6pm if needed. Two snacks will be provided, and you would need to send lunch with your child. We will have dedicated times for virtual learning as well as devotion, play time, and fun activities. If you have any questions or would like to sign your child up please email Ariel Weaver at afterschool@rbumc.com.

Please make sure you like the children's Ministry Facebook page and youth group Facebook pages to make sure you stay up to date on things.

<https://www.facebook.com/rbumcchildrensministry/>



Youth Small Groups
Wednesday, 6-7:45

Sunday, 3-4:30 at the Hut

<https://www.facebook.com/RBUMC-Youth-Group-110439074172219/>

See Ashley Reynolds if you have any questions the Children's or Youth Programs at children@rbumc.com.



The Friendship Circle - Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm. Contact: **Amanda Smith at 203-429-4131**

The Margaret Jett Circle - Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Contact: **Marlene Tanner at 803-359-2395**
(canceled until further notice)

Searching Sisters Bible Study class each Tuesday morning at 10 am. The Book of Judges what we will be studying, facilitated by Mrs. Nancy Mattes. Please bring your Bible. For more information, contact **Robin Smith at 803-260-1555.**

The Other Ladies Group is seeking more members to join them. See Suzy Bolick or Allison Thompson for more information.

Sisters By Faith - Meets Tuesdays in the parlor from 6 to 8 . See **Christian McConnaughay at (803) 603-0317**

The United Methodist Women - meets quarterly. Open to all women in the church. Encourages and supports all women. Contact

Lauren Corley at: 803-521-6297 or Megan Whittle at 803-394-5282

The United Methodist Men meet at 6:30pm on the 4th Monday of each month.



Golden Aged 55+
Is canceled until further notice

Searching Sisters Bible Study

We will be going to the Old Testament in the book of Genesis, Please come join us on



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

Will be available on the bench right outside the church office door and inside the church. Any questions please call or email the church office at, [\(803-359-4031 or office@rbumc.com\)](tel:803-359-4031)

The Prayer Stitchers

The Red Bank United Methodist Prayer Stitchers want you to know prayer quilts are available.

Does not matter if you attend in person or online. Quilt request forms may be obtained from the office. After request form is received June Kinzie will be contacted and the quilt prepared. Quilts are for your prayer needs. Quilts are for members and for attendees too. **June Kinzie 803 678-7152 cell.**



CHURCH SAFETY TEAM

Our **Safety Team** currently has 14 active members and is in need of additional men and women members to meet the needs of the Church. We monitor the door entrances and parking lot during Sunday services and provide additional assistance during any church events.

If we had 28 members on the team you would have one Sunday approximately every 10 weeks.

POC **Bob Brittain**
rbrittain@sc.rr.com or call (803) 608-5872



The committee met on January 28th and started planning for the coming year. We have added new members, Lori and Tim White, Alex McLean, Greg Bolick, and Ron Liljegren. They will be a great addition to our committee.

The committee will meet every other month until Sept. Our next meeting is March 11th.

The generous donations of this congregation have led the committee to request the congregation to consider directing future Mission's donations to the general church funds. We see a greater need for our church at this time. The committee will come before the congregation when a need arises.

Again, the committee wishes to thank this very generous congregation for their support.

God bless each of you and God bless our church.

God bless,
Paul McKeever

Chair, Missions Committee



Our Goal was 28 units of blood.

We got 37 units.

Thank you, for everyone who came out to give blood.



Tithes & Offerings:

Rec. YTD as of 01/31/2021	\$	34,173
Spent YTD - 01/31/2021	\$	32,323
Net received	\$	1,849

General Funds

Needed Each Week	\$	8,518
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Building & Land Account: 12/31/2020

,Building Loan Balance	\$	487,735
Building & Improvements	\$	37,633
Land Purchase Fund	\$	12,395

Church Vision Plan - God calls us to go forth and make disciples for Christ.

As part of that we need room to grow. If you would like to specifically donate to this above and beyond your regular tithing, please mark your contribution as:

Land Purchase.

Thank you for believing in our future!

*For your convenience Online Giving is

offered at: www.acionlinegiving.com/4223



SCOUT NEWS March 2021

Please continue to pray for Christian Burkhart as he battles leukemia. Christian is one of our Arrow of Light scouts that has been with us since the first grade. Christian and his mother, Lori, have been very blessed by the prayers that have been offered by our church family.

Scout Sunday was a wonderful day in the life of every Scout that attended and participated in the church service. All were nervous about speaking in front of the congregation, but the Scouting program teaches leadership and "a Scout is brave". A special thank you to Bailey Monastra and Nate Beiling for being willing to share their thoughts on the merits of scouting and how it has strengthened their belief in God.

Every year the Pray Publication program is offered to our scouting ministry. Duty to God is a cornerstone of the Scouting program. The Scout Oath begins with duty to God; the Scout Law ends with reverence. This year we are facilitating God and Me, God and Family and the high school program, God, and Life. In God and Me, a scout is given the opportunity to explore their faith with their family, realize that God is active in their lives, that Jesus is their best friend, and they memorize the Lord's prayer. The God and Family program offers a look at ordinary people that God called to do extraordinary things. They learn six ways of strengthening families through faith, to grow in God's love and to memorize the Ten Commandments. The God and Life program is a look at the life of Paul, strengthening their relationship with Christ, daily Bible reading, serving others and writing a statement of commitment. Each year, the Scouting Ministry at Red Bank UMC has earned the Bishop's Award of Excellence in Scouting because of this program. This year we were blessed to open this program to other scouting units in the area and welcomed four young scouts from another Troop. All the Scout Leaders that facilitate this program will sincerely say they learn as much as the scouts they are teaching. The Scout groups at Red Bank UMC are thankful for the support of the congregation, a safe place to hold meetings and a place to serve.

Girl Scout Troop 2323- "Thank you to RBUMC for supporting our troop during cookie season. During this time, the girls also completed their financial literacy badges. 4-5 grade Miney Manager, 6-7 grade Budgeting and Comparison Shopping, 11-12 grade "On My Own" learning about loans renting an apt or buying a house. We also had a great speaker Ives Chapman who's share his experience selling cars and car loans. Girls will next be working on robotics detective and photography badges. contact Joanne Shaw at jshawgs2323@gmail.com.

BSA Troop 518 held their annual leadership school with 15 scouts attending. They participated in Scout Sunday and camped at Croft State Park in February. In March they will camp at Mission Lake in Gaston and welcome eight Arrow of Light scouts into the troop. This active Scout troop meets on Monday nights at 6:30pm at the hut. For more information contact Billy Williams at cdwillijr@gmail.com.

BSA Pack 518 is getting ready to camp in March with Troop 518 at Mission Lake. During this campout, the Pack will cross over eight Arrow of Light Scouts. They will be welcoming Christian, Patrick, Tanner, Fitz, Julian, Shawn and Connor into the Troop. It has been a fun and active year for these fifth graders as they began to prepare for Boy Scouts. For information on Cub Scouts, contact Robin Smith at 803-260-1555.

BSA Troop 9518 has been busy building campfires, waging marshmallow roasting competitions, and practicing first aid scenarios. The Troop camped at Croft State Park in Spartanburg where they honed their hiking skills. They also welcomed two new scouts last month, Emily and Bella. Come join us in learning scout skills and leadership! Contact Lori Norris at loritnorris@gmail.com.



Worship Committee is currently taking orders for Easter Lilies.

Due to the florist's early deadline to place our order, **March 8th** will be the deadline to order a lily. Complete order form included in March 7th bulletin and either place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office by **Monday, March 8th**. If you are currently not attending church services and want to order a Easter Lily, please call church office by March 8th and speak with Tracy. Cost of Easter Lilies are \$15 each.

Thank you,
Worship Committee

March LENT

31-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 1 - The Last Supper

Day 1: Matthew 26:17-19
Day 2: Matthew 26:20-23
Day 3: Matthew 26:24-25
Day 4: Matthew 26:26-28
Day 5: Matthew 26:29-30
Day 6: Matthew 26:31-33
Day 7: Matthew 26:34-35

WEEK 2 - In Gethsemane

Day 8: Mark 14:32-34
Day 9: Mark 14:35-36
Day 10: Mark 14:37-40
Day 11: Mark 14:41-42
Day 12: Mark 14:43-46
Day 13: Mark 14:47-49
Day 14: Mark 14:50-51

WEEK 3 - Jesus' trial

Day 15: John 18:28-32
Day 16: John 18:33-40
Day 17: John 19:1-3
Day 18: John 19:4-6
Day 19: John 19:7-10
Day 20: John 19:11-13
Day 21: John 19:14-16

WEEK 4 - Jesus' death

Day 22: Luke 23:26
Day 23: Luke 23:27-31
Day 24: Luke 23:32-35
Day 25: Luke 23:36-38
Day 26: Luke 23:39-43
Day 27: Luke 23:44-46
Day 28: Luke 23:47
Day 30: Luke 23:48
Day 31: Luke 23:49

THE EMMAUS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

An intentional Christian community that seeks to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Sid Hawkins Emmaus Scholarship Fund

As everyone knows Emmaus was a huge part of Sid's life. He strived each day to build that community and was such a big part in so many members of RBUMC attending. All Sid truly wanted was for people to find the love of Jesus. He worked diligently to share the word of our Lord and the grace of Jesus. In an effort to insure his work continues there has been a scholarship fund established in his name. We encourage anyone who has been a part of the Emmaus community to share your experience and continue to encourage others to attend. This fund will be available for those who would like to attend but may not be able to afford it. Donations should be designated to the **Sid Hawkins Emmaus Scholarship Fund**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 GSA Troop 2323	2 *Searching Sisters 10 am *Sisters By Faith 6pm *Friendship Circle 6:30pm C S Pack 518	3 Sonshine Kids 6pm Youth Small Group 6pm	4 Troop 9518	5	6
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28 Services 8:50 & 11am AMPLIFIED CHURCH 10am Palm Sunday 	29 GSA Troop 2323	30 *Searching Sisters 10 am *Sisters By Faith 6pm Cub Scouts Pack 518	31	 <p>Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason for the Easter season! Amongst all the busyness that goes on reflect on Jesus & His resurrection.</p>		