

Ann's Back Page- **SHINE – SERVING HIM IN NEVER-ENDING EAGERNESS**

Apathy – The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines apathy as: “1. Lack of feeling or emotion; 2. Lack of interest or concern.” The Google Dictionary defines it as: “lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.” Based on these two definitions, have you noticed that there seems to be some of this in The Church? Or even – in our charge? Do we come to church expecting to see God move? Or do we come to church out of a feeling of obligation or because it was just something we’ve always done?

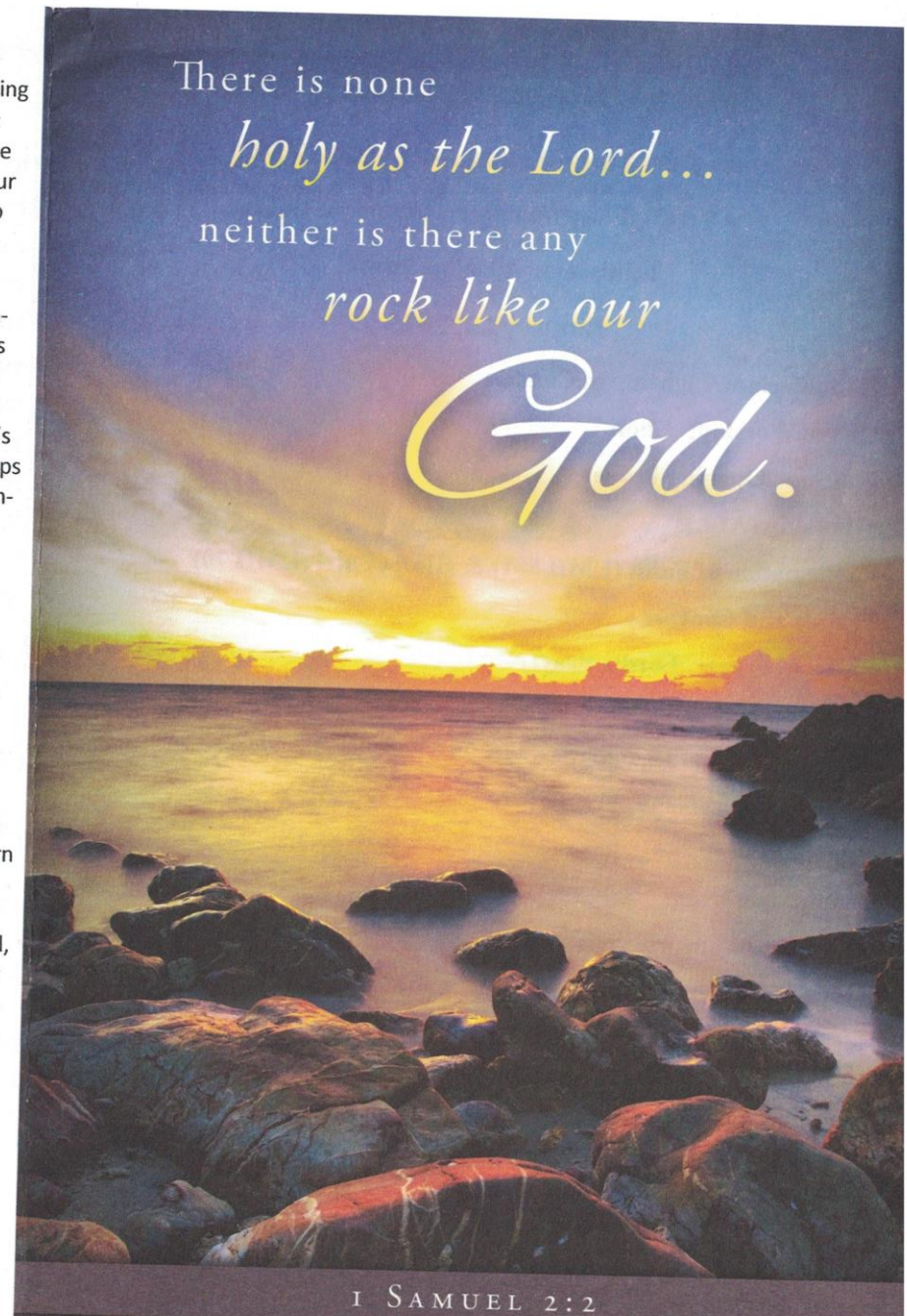
Carmen is a Christian performer that I had the privilege of seeing in concert in 1988. He had a powerful message. You may remember one of the songs he did, “The Champion”. One of the things he said during the concert was that when we were in school and the teacher asked a question and we had the right answer, we’d raise our hands. Well – we have the answer to most of the world’s problems and that answer is Jesus Christ. So, when we worship the Lord, perhaps we might want to think about raising our hands to show that we do know the answer. Perhaps this might be one way we can show – mainly to ourselves – that we are not apathetic to the Word of God when we are in church.

Another thing to help us change from apathetic to excited is to come to church ready to see what the Lord is going to do, excited to see what the Lord is going to do, expecting to see what the Lord is going to do. We need to walk through the doors of the church expecting something from the Lord to touch us. It’s not about whether the Lord is speaking to that individual who may have offended you, but about whether the Lord is speaking to you.

What does it mean to “take my yoke and learn of me?” To follow the Lord means we accept His very words to His disciples: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:28-30. If we do this, perhaps, we wouldn’t enter the House of God with such a heavy burden and, instead, enter it with a sense of expectation, wondering what God will do or how He will move on this particular day. That actually takes our focus off of ourselves and places it on Him who set us free, Him who loves us so much that He gave His only begotten son that if we believe in Him, we will not perish, but we will have eternal life with Him.” (paraphrased John 3:16) We tend to forget the next verse which says, “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

So, I implore us to try very hard to pray that, any apathy we have toward The Church, our church/circuit, a brother or sister in Christ, the hymns, etc., be removed and replaced with joy, excitement, expectation that God **WILL** show up for us. He always has. He is most worthy of our praise and adulation – so let’s **walk like He shall we?**

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Baileyton United Methodist Church

Pastor: Rev. Vince Krauss—276-378-6458 (Cell)

Certified Lay Minister: Wade McAmis

Ministers: All Who Attend

January 13, 2019

Piano Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship: Choir

Welcome/Opening Prayer

*Worship (ALL):

*Affirmation of Faith (UMH 881) & Gloria Patri (UMH 70)

Praises and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*Congregational Doxology UMH 95

Youth Time

*Praise Hymn:

*Scripture:

Message: Wade McAmis

*Hymn of Invitation:

*Benediction

Worship 1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:00, Pastor Vince

Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:00, Wade McAmis

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome, Brothers and Sisters!!!

It is wonderful that you chose to be here with us this morning to worship God and to enjoy the fellowship that we have to offer. We have received a blessing from you because of your presence with us today and hope that you have also received a blessing. God continues to do amazing things here at Baileyton UMC and we look forward to continuing this journey with you also. It is my hope and prayer that you will consider attending worship with us multiple times, perhaps even joining our congregation in membership when God lays it on your heart to do so. If you would like a visit or phone call from me, please let me know. My number is located in the bulletin and also on business cards in the Narthex area (main entrance). I pray God's blessings upon you, your family, friends, and others you come in contact with... PASTOR VINCE

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BAILEYTON PRAYER REQUESTS—1/13

Family of Baby Aiden Brandy Gracie Baxter Family of Jared Compton
Mark & Melissa Crable Lori Davis Donna Dean Joy Edwards
Khymani Hamilton Angie Hartman Phyllis Hawkins Hugh Hopson
Sandra Lane & Family Lucas Chris Martin Stanley McAmis
Henry & Wanda McNulty Myra Moore Matthew Moore Simon Moore
Dusty Neal Tyler Packard Bill Rhymer Frances Saylor
Family of Dorles Sensabaugh Ed Sensabaugh Joel Tagert
Family of William Smeltzer (Donna and Myra) Sandra Weems Jimmy Yokley

If you have an announcement to put in the bulletin, or if you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, contact Ann by noon on Fridays—443-880-8385/tdenver234@gmail.com

BAILEYTON CIRCUIT ACTIVITIES

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WEDNESDAYS AT BUMC 10:30 to Noon—“Women at the Well” is the name of the Women’s Bible Study group. We are studying the Book of Ruth.

THURSDAY, Jan 17 @ 6 pm—Circuit PPR meeting at Sulphur Springs

SUNDAY, Jan. 27 @ 3 pm—Informational Meeting for all churches in the area to discuss establishing an Isaiah 117 House in Greene County—a local non-profit that has a vision to open a house in Greene County to help in the transition of kids entering Foster Care.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL KIDS - They will be returning later in January.

WEDNESDAY evenings—Dinner @ 6:00 followed by LOL and Adult Bible Study begins on Wed. 1/9/19 with Ann Bocock leading the Bible Study.

THURSDAYS at 4:30—BUMC—Choir Practice— Bass and tenors (male voices) STILL needed! If interested, call Donna or Ann 443-880-8385.

SUNDAY, Jan. 6 @ 5 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

SATURDAY, Jan. 19, 7:00 to 10:30—Community AUCE breakfast—Please come to support this vital ministry.

SULPHUR SPRINGS

TUESDAY afternoons @ 3—Sulphur Springs Visitations, Meet at the church

WEDNESDAY evenings @ 6:00 pm - Sulphur Springs Bible Study (Leviticus) followed by prayer for community drug and alcohol problem. ALL WELCOME

MONDAY, Jan 14 @ 10 am—Christmas Clean-up

FRIDAY, Jan 25 @ 6 pm—Potluck Dinner and Family Fun Night with Bingo

ZION

SUNDAY, Jan. 27 @ 12:30—Food for Body and Soul fellowship lunch immediately