



April 21st, 2017

In Luke 11, after Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray, He begins telling them another story about the provision of God and God's willingness to help those in need. He starts out using an example based on two friends, one of whom comes to the other late at night seeking out three loaves of bread to give to another friend of his who had just arrived on a journey.

As many of you know we get calls to the church on occasion from people looking for assistance with a variety of things ranging from food to clothes to rent to utility bills. And, as a result of your generosity, Blackman UMC has had the means to assist with meeting most of these needs for many years. Occasionally we get a unique story that is worth sharing and I wanted to pass along one such story today.

A couple of weeks ago one of our church members contacted me inquiring about some help on rent for one of their friends who is going through a difficult time right now. The friend is dealing with some significant health and relationship issues and needed some help. Our friend came to us looking for some "bread" for their friend who needed something for their journey, and we gladly were able to pay a portion of the rent.

However, the story doesn't end with us just paying rent, but rather continues on as Chandra and Mary Rose worked to meet this family's long-term needs. They worked with some of our ministry partners to get the balance of the rent taken care of, some rent for next month paid in advance, but most importantly they also worked to acquire other types of assistance for this family to remain in a stable environment.

I share this special story with you as a testimony to the work of God's people making a difference in the world. Also, I want you all to read about an example of your generosity impacting someone's life. God used Mary Rose, Chandra and this church to

bring a new hope to this family and I am so grateful to be a part of a church that shares God's provision with others and is willing to help those in need around them.

If you are interested in contributing to our Benevolence/Mission fund you can make a direct donation any Sunday by marking your check/envelope or you can place an offering on the kneeling rail on the 1st Sunday of the month during Holy Communion.

Hope you all have a wonderful rest of the day and to see you on Sunday. God bless!!

Bro. David

Prayer Requests

- **Kathilu Mote**, knee replacement surgery
- **Carrie Borchers**, friend of Tamara Harris, health concerns
- **Peggy Rash**, sister of Kay Slocum, health concerns
- **Family of Robert Wilson**, Teresa Brockwell's father, who passed away this week
- **Susan Hoppie**, recovering from surgery, now at home
- **Julie Bennison**, friend of Morgen Janke, breast cancer
- **Joellyn Rzepiennik**, friend of Elaine and John Forrest, lung cancer
- **Cal Porter**, first cousin of James Moore, stage 3 cancer
- **Mesha Hamilton**, friend of Peter Sadler, co-workers daughter, 11 yrs old with brain cancer
- **Paul Tidwell** - Lung cancer

Announcements

In case of inclement weather, stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and email for updates on church services and activities.

- **Pancake Breakfast:** The Men's Group and Pancake Crew will be hosting a pancake breakfast on **Saturday, April 22nd**, from 7-10am with proceeds going to support Vacation Bible School. Gluten free meals will be available too.
- **This Sunday is the last day to order Church T-Shirts. If you would still like one, please pick up an order form in the lobby or outside Chandra's door.**
- Thank you to all of the people that brought food donations for our Easter Grocery Bags. We were able to give away 20 Easter meals to families in need.
- **Outreach Team:** Would you like to be a part of an Outreach Team? Come and join the next meeting at the church, April 25th at 6:30 pm.
- Youth Announcement:
Join us Sunday April 30th for a concert. Tyrus Morgan, is the opening act for the "We are Messengers" concert and preconcert party with other youth groups from surrounding UMC churches. A sign-up sheet is on the youth office door. Cost is only \$10 per person and **we will meet here at 4pm**. See Chandra for more details.
- The Women's group will meet again, **Saturday, May 6** at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass/share. Please come join us; all are welcome.
- If you are interested in helping to lead or in forming a new Adult Sunday School class, please make plans to meet between worship services on May 7th, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **May 21st, Save the date** – we will have our church wide picnic at Barfield Park at 1 pm. Church members will provide sides and desserts and the church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers.
- **Wednesday Evening** programming info: The meal is at 5:30 p.m. and the cost will be: Ages 4 and under – Free, Ages 5-12 - \$3/per person, Ages 13 and up - \$5/per person; Family Max - \$20
(Help us plan well by calling the church office and letting us know if you will be attending - [615-893-0347](tel:615-893-0347)) Our last Wednesday night will be May 10th, except for those attending the Financial Peace Class.
- **Children's Church is always looking for adults to lead & assist.** Contact the church office if you are interested; office@blackmanumc.com or [615-893-0347](tel:615-893-0347).

- If you would like to be added to our weekly e-newsletter, please email office@blackmanumc.com

Special Thanks: Blackman United Methodist Church would like to thank Maggie Lovell for sharing her musical talents with us. She has been a gift and we will miss her. We wish her and Adam many blessings in their new home state of Georgia.

Youth News

April 22nd Youth volunteers help serve at the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Men's Group. (Our way to give back to a group that does so much for us.)

April 23rd Regular youth with dinner provided 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

April 26th Cook and Serve for Wonderful Wednesday. Youth fellowship afterwards.

April 30th Instead of meeting at our regular time we will meet at the church at 4:00pm and we will be going to a concert and preconcert party at Fellowship United Methodist Church. Concert tickets are \$10.00.

As always if you or someone you know needs a scholarship for any of our events please let Mrs. Chandra know. We don't ever want a youth to not attend because of money.

May Youth Events

The month of May will be our biggest fund raising campaign of the year. We ask that all students participate in fundraising efforts. Our fundraising will go toward things such as our mission trip and local missions in Murfreesboro including summer activities and service opportunities.

May 3rd Wonderful Wednesday. Youth help prepare and serve the meal.

May 7th Mission Trip information meeting with students and parents 4:00

May 7th Regular Youth meeting from 5:00-7:00pm. Dinner provided

May 10th Last Wonderful Wednesday for this spring. Youth Will prepare and serve the meal. (Thank you to all of you who have faithfully been serving the meal and helping in the nursery)

May 14th No youth it is Mother's Day so we will not have. Instead I encourage you to spend time with your mother, guardian or a special female in your life. Don't forget to thank God for them.

May 21st \$25.00 Deposit Due for Mission Trip along with mission trip letter and assignment. (the youth will be given an assignment that they will have to turn in and present to the youth group as part of their preparation for the youth mission trip)

May 21st Church wide picnic at the park. We will be in charge of setting up and cleaning up because we are hosting this event. The work will be minimum and the fun will be extravagant. Bring any outside games, ENO's that you like. We will not have youth at youth time.

May 25th We will meet at the church for dinner and a special youth meeting for Ascension Day

May 28th We will not have youth because of Memorial Day Weekend. Enjoy time with your family.

"To Our Church Family",

A month ago, I would've told you that I would play piano for BUMC until you all got sick of me! I'm sad that not only is our time here over, but that it's over so soon. In such a short time, Adam and I have found such a loving and welcoming church family, thank you so much for making us feel so at home! Thank you also for allowing me to play piano for you the past few months. This is something that I've wanted to do for many years and I feel so blessed to have been given the opportunity. I'm not one for public speaking, so this position has given me the chance at music ministry that I've wanted for a long time. I hope you'll forgive me for going a little all-out on my solos here on my final Sunday at Blackman!

I believe that everything happens for a reason and I know God brought us to Blackman for a purpose and He is taking us to Georgia for a purpose as well. Adam and I will miss you all very much, but we plan to visit as often as possible! Thank you for all of your support and we hope to see you soon!"

-Maggie Lovell

A Word about Worship for 04/23/2017

John 20:26-31

1 Peter 1:3-9

Leaders in Worship for April 23, 2017

Rev. David Stockton

Mike Rose, Music Director

Maggie Lovell, *piano*

8:30 am:

Stacy Soules, Worship Leader

Charlotte & Henry Nance, Acolytes

Anne Hawkins, Lay Reader

Mark Spears, Sound Tech

Mike Rose, Multimedia Tech

10:45 am:

Brandon Whitt, Worship Leader

Camden Williams & Megan Parker, Acolytes

Karen Sloan, Lay Reader

Mike Rose, Sound Tech

Elaine Forrest, Multimedia Tech

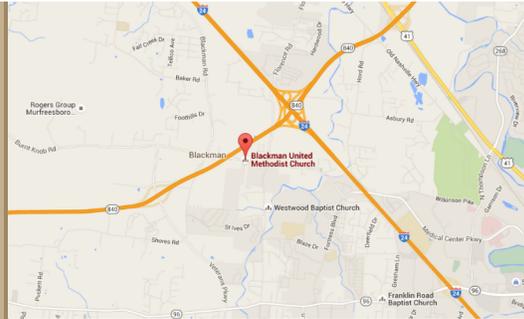
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Blackman UMC

March 2016

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