



FIRST THINGS FROM FIRST UMC, ALCOA

1st Week of May, 2022

What is Your Favorite Bible Story?

This summer, I would like to focus on “Favorite Bible Stories” for a Summer preaching series. I need your help. Please email me or text me and let me know what is your favorite Bible story so I can preach on your favorite this summer. Many times, these stories are so popular they actually get skipped over and not preached at all. It will be a fun learning experience for us to share these favorite passages and learn again why they are our favorites. The list below is just a sample, so pick from it or share your own. Encourage your children and youth to also share.

Here is a short list to get you started:

- Noah’s Ark
- Tower of Babel
- Jacob Wrestles with God
- Baby Moses
- Moses and the 10 Plagues of Egypt
- The Red Sea - The Exodus
- The Ten Commandments
- The Walls of Jericho
- Samson & Delilah
- Ruth & Naomi
- David & Goliath
- Jonah & the Whale
- The Fiery Furnace
- Daniel and the Lion’s Den
- Queen Esther
- Birth of Jesus
- John the Baptizer
- Nicodemus Comes to Jesus
- Zacchaeus
- Jesus Feeds 5,000
- The Transfiguration
- The Good Samaritan
- Lazarus and the Rich Man
- Ananias & Sapphira
- Paul’s Conversion
- Peter Walks on the Water



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Blessings and I look forward to hearing from you and having fun this summer as we remember these favorite stories from the Bible.

Pastor Todd

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Starts May 4th:

We are so happy to announce that on May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. we will have our first post-Covid-19 Wonderful Wednesday dinner in the Green Room (Fellowship Hall). The meal will be catered by Food & Company. There is no cost of the meal, however, donations to cover the cost will be appreciated. Please donate what you can. Some people have asked how much does it cost? The meals will be \$10.00 each, but we are faithful in trusting people to donate what they can. Some may not be able to contribute, some will be able to contribute the \$10.00 cost and others may be able to donate more than the cost to help fund this wonderful fellowship meal.

Menu for May 4th: Tossed Garden Salad, Herb Roasted Chicken, Rosemary Garlic Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Baked Biscuits, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Lemonade and Iced Tea. We are asking everyone to make a reservation so we will have enough food prepared. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 1, 2022 by calling the church office at 865-982-5551. Or you can email Lynsey Wolfe at: lwolfe@alcoafumc.com.

Holy Communion - May 1st:

On May 1st at both worship services we will be including a service of Holy Communion. We will be offering the elements by intinction (receiving the bread in your hand and then dipping it into the cup) or by pre-packaged elements. As we come out of the pandemic, we want everyone to feel comfortable taking Holy Communion. The servers will be serving the bread and cup, if you prefer, you may pick up a pre-packed Communion kit on the altar table. The altar is always open, if you want to stop and pray following Holy Communion please feel free to do so.

If you stop to pray at the altar, Pastor Todd and Pastor Joe will be available to anoint anyone wishing to be anointed and prayed for. Just motion so they will know you want to be anointed. We believe there is power in prayer and we are happy to pray with you and for you.

Our communion table is open to everyone. In our prayer of confession and pardon we say these words: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another. If we LOVE God, REPENT OF OUR SIN, and SEEK TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER, the Lord welcomes us at his table.

Staff Parish Relations Committee News:

The SPRC welcomes Lisa Goins as our new Director of Children's Ministry. Lisa, her husband Jason and daughter Abby are no strangers to Alcoa FUMC. They have been faithful attenders for many, many years. We welcome Lisa in her new adventures as she leads our children's ministry programs and events. Help us welcome Lisa. We are blessed that God has helped us fill this needed ministry vacancy. We also want to say thank you to Patti Moore who has helped fill the gap for the past several months and to the many, many volunteers who have stepped up to help in the children's ministry area.

We are also happy to announce that we have interviewed and are continuing to explore the hire of a new Director of Youth and College-age Ministry. On Wednesday, May 4th Ms. Molly Myren will be at Alcoa First United Methodist Church. There will be a parent meeting at 5:15 p.m. in the youth room and Molly plans to attend our Wonderful Wednesday Dinner at 6:00 p.m. This is a time for parents and students to meet Mrs. Myren as the SPRC continues to consider the opening for this position. We are praying that God continues to provide the staff he is calling to be in our church family ministry.

Again, help us welcome Lisa and help us be in prayer for Molly as we meet with her on May 4th.

Pastor Todd and Liz to Attend the Wesleyan Covenant Association Annual Conference:

Pastor Todd and Liz will be in Avon, Indian to attend the upcoming WCA - Annual Conference. The international conference will be lead by some of the top ministers and laity leaders in Methodism. Todd was elected to serve as the Holston Area WCA's secretary and he will be an alternate delegate to the international conference. Todd and Liz plan to take a week of vacation time following the conference. Let's keep them in our prayers. They will be out of the area from May 5th - May 16th. If you need help or assistance while Pastor Todd is away, Pastor Joe Green or Johnny Walker will be happy to assist you.

One Worship Service for Sunday Mornings for the Summer Months:

After much prayer, discussions, many meetings, and upon the recommendation of the Education Committee, the staff has agreed to change our summer Sunday schedule starting June 5, 2022 to the following:

- Blended Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday @ Six worship - 6:00 p.m.

We will keep this schedule during the months of June, July and August and we will evaluate the service times moving forward as we experience this new schedule. The worship will be a more blended service with a variety of music and musical sharing. We also pray that bringing the entire church family together for worship with strengthen our ministry.



Music Notes from Beth:

Our Praise Band is taking a well-deserved month off. Lynsey works diligently to prepare the worship music for each Contemporary service...then the band and singers put it all together in rehearsals every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. Please pray along with me that each member will be blessed during their time off.

A reminder for the Chancel Choir that they will be rehearsing in the band's 6:30 to 7:30 PM time slot on Wednesdays for the next several weeks.

This Sunday morning, the Beverly Bells will be ringing a beautiful arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me" in the 8:30 service.

Blessings,
Beth

J.O.Y. ful News - Just Older Youth:

Tickets in hand for "Always Patsy Cline"!!!

Friday, May 6th, 7:30 performance time at the Clarence Brown Theater.
5:00 - Dinner at O'Charley's Restaurant in Alcoa. Dutch treat!
Bus will leave the church parking lot at 4:45 (please, note change)
Those who are driving can simply meet us at the restaurant

Tuesday, June 7th - "On Golden Pond"
Cumberland County Playhouse - Show is at 1:00 pm
Lunch reservations at 11:00 am - Homestead Harvest Restaurant (formerly Cumberland State Park Restaurant) - buffet-cost TBA. Bus leaves church parking lot at 10:30 a.m.
Cost for show - \$28.00 per person. Money due - May 29th. Sign up at the Welcome desk!

Coming up - Friday, June 24th @ 7:00 pm
GSM Heritage Center Sunset Concert Series. Seats are provided by the Heritage Center. We check in and claim our seats then dinner. Featured artists - "Drift Boat Cowboys"
Dinner @ 4:30 - Riverstone Restaurant. Bus leaves the church parking lot at 3:30 pm.
Cost - \$10.00 for members of the GSM Heritage Center or \$15.00 for non-members.
Sign up at the Welcome desk!



New Women's Fellowship Group Starting:

Mark your calendars to join us for the women's fellowship group information meeting on Sunday May 1st. We will meet in the youth room @12pm immediately after church.

We are interested in starting a fellowship for women where we can come as we are and support each other in our Christian walk.

If this is something you would like to participate in, you are invited!

Pot luck lunch! Bring your friends, your favorite dish and your ideas!

ALL ARE WELCOME!
See you there!
Elizabeth Scharschu & Lisa Jones



Guidelines for the Bill Bailey Scholarship Fund:

1. The purpose of the College/Technical Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance for members of First United Methodist Church Alcoa attending an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school. These funds do not require demonstration of academic merit or financial need, but are intended simply to provide financial assistance to those members who meet the requirements.
2. Applications must be submitted to the church office by **June 1** of each year.
3. Awards will be determined by a Selection Committee composed of the Pastor, Lay Leader, Chair of Church Council, Chair of the Executive Committee and two members selected at-large by the Nominating Committee. Awards will be announced by June 15th of each year.
4. Awards may be paid either to the student or the college at the discretion of the student.
5. The amount of the award shall be determined by the Selection Committee based upon funds available and the number of qualified applicants and may vary each year. As a general guideline, it is the intent of this scholarship to award grant money in the year which it becomes available.
6. Applicants may be asked to supply proof of enrollment before the funds are awarded or after the semester begins.
7. Applicants may apply for funds each year they attend an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school. They must be prepared to demonstrate satisfactory progress as requested by the Selection Committee. There shall be no specific requirements to demonstrate satisfactory progress, allowing the Selection Committee to deal with each applicant individually.

Help us Honor our Graduates:

Help us honor the 2022 graduates. If you have a student graduation please let us know so we can help honor the student's accomplishments and hard work. Please send the following information to tchancey@alcoafumc.com or text info to Pastor Todd at 423-290-3999.

- Name of Graduate
- Date of Graduation
- Degree or accomplishments
- School they are graduating from
- Graduation picture

Blessings and thanks for helping us honor our graduates.



Birthdays

- 05/01 Doris Bailey, Trent Tucker
- 05/02 Emily Reynolds
- 05/03 Jill Hall, Timothy Kinkead
- 05/06 Darunee Lawson
- 05/07 Peggy Chapman, Debra Galbraith
- 05/08 Ruth Ann Kirk
- 05/09 Janine Juckett, Bob Shipley, Maxanna Young

- 05/11 Linda Hartley, Don Heinemann
- 05/13 Wes Giles
- 05/15 Hank Snyder
- 05/16 Becky Lohr
- 05/17 Todd Chancey
- 05/18 Leah Barringer
- 05/19 Emma Trent
- 05/20 Clint Abbott
- 05/21 Desiree Jones
- 05/22 Margie Davis, Lillian Emmett, Ramsey Walsh, Cinda Weller

- 05/26 James Petersen
- 05/28 Ian Dickinson, Emily Duggan, Mary Duggan

- 05/29 Emmit Rawls
- 05/30 Eleanor Hill
- 05/31 Tony Graf

Church Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Kid's Club
- 5:30 pm Resurgence Youth
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:00 am Jerry Page Men's Bible Study (Youth Room)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:30 am UMM Meeting (Nova Classroom)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 12:00 pm Women's Fellowship (Youth Room)
- 6:00 pm Sunday @ Six



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