

The Lord's Day

May 15, 2022

Call to Worship: William Hampton
Welcome/Announcements: Pastor Jordan Wright
Invocation: Pastor Jordan Wright
Worship: "Near to the Heart of God" #617
Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Jordan Wright
Special Music: Michael Angel
Sermon: Pastor Jordan Wright

"Pursuit"

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-6

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jordan Wright

Prayer Requests

Judy Barham, Irene Clodfelter, Caroline Dalton, Nancy Friddle, Angela Holt, Robert Kenchel, Ben Krause, David James, Frances Lane, Barbara McCormick, Julie McCormick, Drake Naylor, John Owens, Shelby Paschal, Ken Rierison, Barbara Sebastian, Ed Sebastian, Ann Shirah, Edd Valentine, Shirley Valentine, Linda Ward

PASTOR AWAY: Pastor Danny and Tanna are away this week for a vacation break. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel.



WELCOME: This morning, **Rev. Jordan Wright** will be preaching. Thank you for your support and encouragement of our Assistant & Youth Pastor!

AWANA CLUBS CLOSING CEREMONY:

Although shortened by the Covid-19 Pandemic, this year's Awana Clubs were a special blessing to the children, parents, and church alike! This **Wednesday night, May 18**, we will celebrate our Closing Awards Ceremony, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend, and **THERE WILL NOT BE ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETING THIS WEEK.** The children will also enjoy outdoor inflatables and Sweet Oasis Shave Ice after the service. Adults are invited to enjoy refreshments too! Please join us!



YOUNG at HEART: On Tuesday, May 24, at 11:00 a.m., the Young at Heart will be going to the **Moose Cafe** at the **Piedmont Triad Farmers Market**. Sign-up sheets are in the entryways, or let **Barbara McCormick (336-643-9380)** know by Sunday, May 22, if you are planning to attend.



GRADUATIONS: If you have someone in our church graduating from High School or College, please send their name, school, future plans, degree, any special awards they have received, and one picture to Pastor Jordan or the church office by **May 29**. We will be celebrating **Graduation Sunday, June 5**.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be **June 12-16. Volunteers Needed!** If you would like to help this year, or have any questions, please contact **Magan McKinney, 336-497-7424**.



MOTHER'S DAY REPORT: Thank You for making our Mother's Day Sunday such a wonderful day. We had **172** people in attendance (including online). **Evelyn Tsiانiklides** was honored as our **Oldest Mother (88)**. **Lela Hunt** and **Shirley Valentine** were our runners-up (**85**). It was a four-way tie for **Mother With the Most Children Present: Sheila McCraw (3), Grace Messinger (3), Cindy Rousseau (3), and Ritter Williams (3)**. **Mother With the Most Family Members Present** was also **Ritter Williams (18)**. Runner-up was **Peggy Gibson (15)**. God bless you for helping us to have a **WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY!**



BAKE SALE THANKS: Thank you for your support of our Mother's Day Bake Sale. We raised **\$323.00** for the support of youth going to Youth Camp this year. Special thanks to everyone who contributed and purchased baked goods!



COPIES AVAILABLE: We have a few extra copies of Annual Church Conference packet on the Welcome Center counter in the foyer. It contains the: Agenda, Sr. Pastor's, Asst. Pastor's Reports, and Proposed/Adopted 2022-2023 Church Budget. If you did not attend Annual Conference, please feel free to take one.



GENERAL CONFERENCE: The General Conference of the Wesleyan Church will be held **May 22-25**, in St. Louis, Missouri. Normally, General



Conference is held every four years. But due to the Covid Pandemic restrictions, it has been postponed for the last two years. This will be the first time in six years that Wesleyan leaders from across North America will gather to elect officers and consider proposed Memorials. Please pray for those traveling from all-across the United States and Canada to be there, and that the Lord would guide them with wisdom in all the business conducted and decisions made.



Our condolences and prayers are extended to the **Jill (Rickman) Boone family**. Jill passed away early morning on Tuesday, May 10. She had been hospitalized for several days fighting a rare bacterial infection the physicians were never able to get under control. Jill was the daughter of former Liberty Wesleyan pastor, **Rev. Harold & Earline Rickman** (1951-1955). She was married to East District Wesleyan pastor, **Rev. Dennis Boone**. Her brother, **Tim Rickman**, is Principal of Wesleyan Academy, in High Point. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 14, at the Burlington Wesleyan Church. Please keep the family in your prayers.

LBA NEWS OF INTEREST: On Tuesday, May 10, the Liberty Church Board approved the following items of interest:



- **Jeff Shropshire** was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman of the LBA. Congratulations, Jeff!

- Appointed three LBA members to the 2023 Nominating Committee: **Herb Gibson, Sue James, and Mark Kenchel**.
- Appointed **Herb Gibson** as the LBA member to the Finance Committee.
- Approved recommended list of Wesleyan Global Partner missionaries for continued budget support.
- Scheduled Leadership Sunday Installation Ceremony for newly elected church leaders for **Sunday, June 12**.
- Discussed need for additional church bus drivers with CDL-P licenses. **Mike James and Micky Marshall** will be taking the required class to gain needed endorsement.
- Adopted the following policy for Church Rental for Weddings: "As a general standing rule, we do not rent out the church or Family Life Center as a wedding venue location. And we reserve the right to decline hosting any wedding or reception that we consider contrary to our interpretation of biblical marriage (DISCIPLINE, Par. 222)."
- Approved recommendation of the Sr. Pastor to continue with current schedule of church services. We will not be restarting the Sunday Evening Service as a regular weekly service. We hope to use the Sunday night time as an opportunity to schedule special events, holiday programs, small group/discipleship ministries, and fellowship activities.

Offering for Sunday, May 8, 2022

Sunday School	\$54.00
Missions	\$211.00
Offering	\$2,871.10
Online	<u>\$2,401.75</u>
Total Received	\$5,537.85
Youth	\$883.00
Children	\$174.00

Budget Conf. Year 2022-2023	\$283,849.00
May 2022 - Budget Assigned	\$28,365.29
Weekly Budget Assigned	\$5,566.02
Amount Rec 2 Sunday(s) in May	\$11,759.85
Amt Rec'd as of May 8, 2022	\$11,759.85
Budgeted amount for week 2	\$11,132.04

Tellers: Larry Angel and Milton Todd

Pursuit (What are we in pursuit of?)

Hebrews 12: 1-6

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as son.’”

What or who do our daily lives show that we are pursuing?

○ **What do we _____?**

- What drives us?
- Do we seek after worldly things?
- Do we desire to be in the presences of God?

○ **How do we _____?**

- What are we making time for?
- What do we neglect because we are too busy?
- Do we make God a priority?

○ **Who are we _____?**

- All of our actions and decisions are done in order to please someone.
- Are we trying to please others?
- Are we trying to please ourselves?
- Are we trying to please God?

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