



Meadville Messenger

JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Milton Whatley

A Devotional Option for the Season of Lent

“It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading.” John Wesley

There are many options available to make the season of Lent a richer one in your spiritual lives. I'd like to share one of the things I do. During Lent I pick a book on a theme of the season and read it slowly and reflectively. Reading a book on a Lent/Easter theme helps me focus on the depth and breath of this season. Here is a short list of some of the books I have read and am reading in my devotional time of the season.

“Who Moved the Stone” by Frank Morrison

“Evidence for the Resurrection” by Josh and Sean McDowell

“Knowing the Truth about the Resurrections” by William L. Craig

“Resurrection” by Hanks Hanegraaff

“The Illegal Trial of Jesus” by Steven W. Allen

“The Last Week” by John Dominic Cross/Marcus Borg

“Preparing for Easter” by CS Lewis

“The Final Days of Jesus” by Justin Taylor and Andreas J. Kostenberger

Some are better than others, some are easier to read than others. Each one directs one to reflect on the season and to prepare your heart to meet Easter.

This just one thing I do. It's my prayer that you find that thing that helps you prepare for the risen Christ.

Mr. Wesley also said, “Beware you are not swallowed up in books! An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge.”

God Our Comforter

By Billy Graham

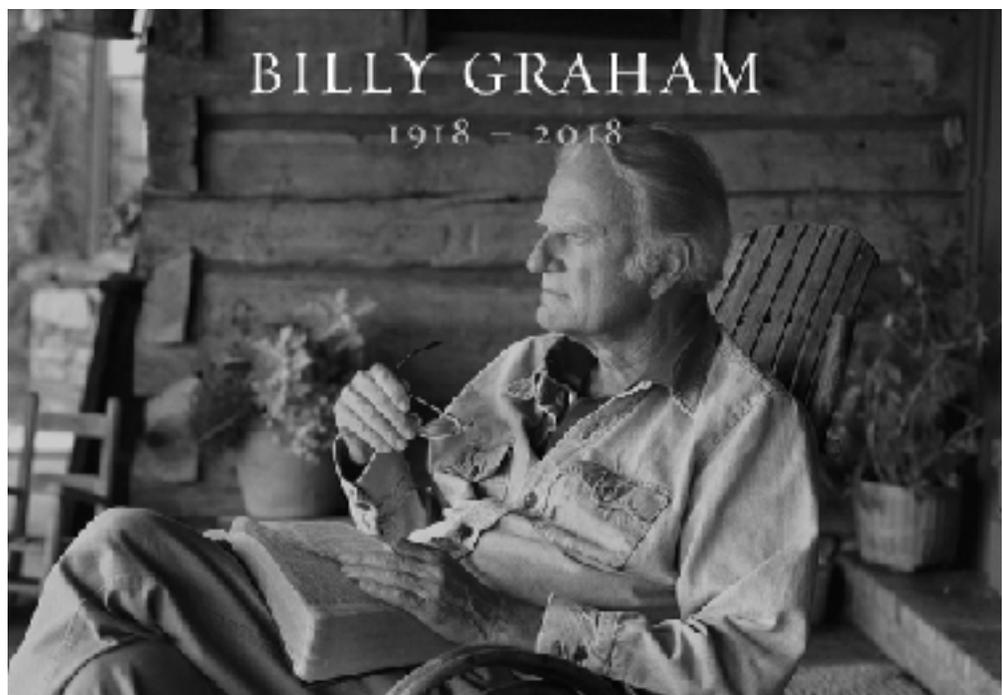
I, even I, am he that comforteth you . . .
—Isaiah 51:12

There is also comfort in mourning, because in the midst of mourning God gives a song. His presence in our lives changes our mourning into song, and that song is a song of comfort. This kind of comfort is the kind which enabled a devout Englishman to look at a deep dark hole in the ground where his home stood before the bombing and say, "I always did want a basement. Now I can jolly well build another house, like I always wanted." This kind of comfort is the kind which enabled a young minister's wife in a church near us to teach her Sunday school class of girls on the very day of her husband's funeral. Her mourning was not the kind which had no hope—it was a mourning of faith in the goodness and wisdom of God; it believed that our heavenly Father makes no mistakes.

Prayer

Oh heavenly Father, who knows what agony and grief are because of the sacrifice of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ—I thank You for the comfort which embraces all those who love You.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" Matthew 25:21



From the Desk of Betty Youngblood

A personal privilege, if you don't mind.

As you may remember, I served as the Acolyte sponsor until last year. There are three people who were always ready and willing to serve if I needed them to acolyte or to help get the acolytes ready.

Steve Coleman was there always to light the acolyte's candlelight's, to send them down the aisle in a reverent attitude. Those early years I was singing in the choir, so I depended on him to get them prepared. Thanks for your faithful service as greeter, usher and acolyte assistant in our church. Thank you Steve for your servant heart.

Bubba Gabbert was always available to help with the acolytes or be an acolyte when they did not show-up. He is a willing servant wherever he is asked to serve. Thank you, Bubba.

Ed Youngblood who is my partner in most everything I do (my extra eyes, ears, hands and feet). When I was not present in church, he took over my job as acolyte sponsor as well as serving as an acolyte. He too, has a servant's heart and is willing to serve where he is asked to serve. Thanks for your help, Ed.

My thanks to all the children and adults who served as acolytes through my tenure as sponsor. I enjoyed teaching you about this ministry of our church.

While I was in rehab last year, I was so pleased to be told that Ashley Priest had volunteered to take this ministry over. Mitch, her husband has come on board also. Thank you Ashley and Mitch for your servant's heart. I appreciate you both.

Please congregation, when Ashley asks you to serve as an acolyte, be joyful in serving in this capacity.



Special Speaker, Rev. Kelly Pope

Save the Date!
 March 23
 Church wide
 banquet on Friday
 evening.
 More details to
 follow.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

March 28, 2018
 4:00 P.M.

Eggs and candy may be
 left on the island in the
 fellowship hall or given
 to Barbie.

**Brookhaven District 2018 Lay Servant Ministries**

Saturday, April 7, 2018
 8:00-4:00
 Brookhaven First UMC
 212 S. Church St.
 Brookhaven, MS 39601

Cost \$50
 Deadline to register: March 15
 For more information, contact the church office.

**Yard Sale for Local Missions April 6-7**

As you are doing your spring cleaning and find things that are old and in the way, consider donating them to MUMC for a church-wide yard sale. All monies raised will go toward local missions. Things that go unsold will be donated to either BARL or The Thrift Store in Bude.

Thank You from the Gideons

The Gideons wish to express their appreciation for MUMC for it's allowing them to visit and share their ministry report. Also, they would like to thank the church for its generous donation of \$448 which will go to purchase Bibles.

If you were not able to but would like to contribute to the work of the Gideons, the local address that an offering can be sent to is on file in the office.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12



★MUMC SCRAPBOOK★



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Cross found in pancake: Maxton Smith, Pancake high toss: John Grayson Priest,
Pancake toss most rotations: Leila Ray





Meadville UMC Family,

We wanted to let all of you know how much we appreciate the beautiful flowers for Claude's service. You also blessed us so much with the delicious lunch before the service. You are truly the hands and feet of Christ!

*Much love,
Ollie Mae, Randy,
Sidney, & Daniel Youngblood*

We thank the church so much for your prayers and support during Claude's illness and time of death. It has meant so much to us and we are stronger for this.

We love you all so I wish to let you know Betty and I no longer have land line phone service. Our phone number is 601-985-9402, a C Spire cell.

Ed Youngblood

MUMC Family,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the love and support we received from our church family during the loss of our mother, Jane Hester. We appreciate the calls, texts, flowers and food. Your prayers, hugs, words of comfort and love were deeply felt.

Thank you for being true servants of the One Most High. Love each and every one of you!

*David and Sandy Hester
Clara and John Quice*

MARCH TABLE BLESSING

DEAR LORD, MAY THE TIME THAT IS SHARED AT THIS TABLE BE OUR JOY THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, AND MAY THE FOOD THAT IS EATEN STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN US IN ALL WE ATTEMPT.

**PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-RELIGIOUS CONCERNS
MISSISSIPPI CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Holy Week

MEADVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 26-30, 2018

Lunch (no cost) served daily at noon at MUMC fellowship hall with guest speaker following at 12:30. We will dismiss by 1:00 daily.

Monday	Rev. Will Lott Bude Church of God
Tuesday	Bro. Tony Mullins
Wednesday	Rev. Larry Wallace First UMC Bude
Thursday	Bro. Herman Aldridge Providence Baptist Church
Friday	Bro. Marvin Howard Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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Sunday

9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Morning Worship
 4:00 - Intercessors
 5:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

4:00 - Prison Ministry

Friday

6:00 - Sewing Ministry



MARCH

Twenty eight

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30A.M. UMM's Breakfast 11	12	10:00 A.M. Jolly Elders 13	14	15	16	17
18	19	6:00 P.M. Emmaus 20	21	22	Banquet with Kelly Pope 23	24
25	12:00 Lenten Lunch 26	12:00 Lenten Lunch 27	12:00 Lenten Lunch 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt 28	12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:00 - Maundy Thursday 29	12:00 Lenten Lunch 30	31

He calls me beautiful one.
 SONGS OF SOLOMON 2 : 1 - 17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 02 Jimmy Jones
- March 04 Caecillia Colson
- March 16 Ky Freeman
- March 18 Charlie Herring
- March 18 Landon Furlow
- March 19 Vista Herring
- March 20 Betty Youngblood
- March 21 Shelly Cowart
- March 22 Emily Smith
- March 24 Myra Herring
- March 30 Jody Herring

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 6 Ty & Melanie Jones
- March 8 Darrell & Rebecca Rylee
- March 25 Dain & Morgan Poore
- March 29 Eddie & Libby Shelton

COLEMANISM

The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.

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L - Let it Go!
E - Embrace HOPE and Experience JOY
N - New PERSPECTIVES and New OPPORTUNITIES
T - Time to REFLECT on what is really IMPORTANT

Give Thanks	Give up complaining
Give Compliments	Give up harsh judgements
Give Forgiveness	Give up revenge
Give Encouragement	Give up negativism
Give Hope	Give up despair
Give Attention to Virtue	Give up sin
Give Time to Prayer	Give up wasting time
Give Respect	Give up prejudice
Give Help	Give up selfishness
Give Time to GOD	Give up what keeps you from God

Chosen by God to Proclaim Christ through Worship, Study, and Service

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