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## SOUL PURPOSE - AUGUST 2021

As I begin this edition of Soul Purpose, I am getting excited about the 2020 Summer Olympics that kick off with the opening ceremonies this Friday night. Just the thought of the amount of training these athletes go through in preparation is inspiring to people of every generation. “*Citius! Altius! Fortius!*”, three Latin words that serve as the motto of the games; “*Faster! Higher! Stronger!*” sound in the distance as athletes take their places in the starting blocks, ready to compete with the best athletes from all of the countries from around the world to see if their hard work and determination will lead them to the winner’s circle where they will hear their country’s national anthem sung sweetly in the background as a medal of gold is placed around the neck of the winner.

The creation of the Olympic games dates back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC and brings to Tokyo a legacy of peace and friendly competition. It has been widely written that during the original Games in ancient Greece, all conflicts among the participating city-states, and now, countries, were postponed until the Games were finished. Much of the tradition developed through the years lives on in our more modern times.

As this column breaks, we are fully immersed in all the glory and excitement from Tokyo, so I thought it appropriate to remember that the great apostle Paul frequently used the imagery of the Olympic Games to communicate the truths of the Christian faith.

Keep in mind, Paul was writing to a world heavily influenced by Greek culture; a world where the Olympic Games then captured peoples’ attention every bit as profoundly as the games from Tokyo are doing today. That’s why Paul knew that, if he could translate the truths of our faith into athletic terms, people would respond more readily. So, let me try a little of Paul’s strategy to engage with you.

Among all of Paul’s athletic references there are three words that seem to mesh beautifully with the Olympic motto: “*Citius! Altius! Fortius!*”

“*Citius*” means “*faster*”, and for me, that speaks with the urgency of desire which ought to be ours as we strive to become everything God intends us to become. Too many people are simply adrift, floating about aimlessly to arrive absolutely nowhere. So, run faster in your attempt in discovering God’s plans for your life.

“*Altius*” or “*higher*” shifts us to another gear; one of refusing to look behind us as we run and to look only forward in life. The failures of our past should not weigh so heavily upon us that they keep from attaining new achievements on behalf of Christ. Stop looking behind, living in the past, and start focusing on what lies before you as the future opens up to you.

And “*Fortius!*” or “*stronger*”, allows us to gain the strength needed to overcome every hurdle in order to attain the gold waiting for us at the end of our race, a race that requires great strength and perseverance to complete.

“Run Forest, Run” is only a line from a movie. It actually carries the reminder that our journey as Christians will require that we run with great intention in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

And so, the stadium is filled; there are people watching us; life is a battle; a real fight to the end. My dear friends:

Be strong in your faith.

Run with perseverance the race set before you.

And look to Jesus stronger and with more energy than you’ve ever shown before.

Now, let the games begin...

*Pastor Terry*





**Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:**

The family and friends of **Rev. Marty Jeffrey Cauley** upon his death on June 29, 2021.

Carole Coats and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, **John Crosson Coats, Jr.** on July 7, 2021.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

01	Linda Herbert	17	Allison Ladd
02	Ian Clark	18	Tom Bazemore
02	Evan Fogarty	19	Una Thompson
03	Martha Fogarty	25	Beverly Vaughan
07	Sue Corrick	27	Pattie Collins
11	Annette Bunn	28	Taylor Barbour
11	Betsy Bunn	28	Anne Manning
12	Lucy Culpepper	28	Joyce White
12	Evan Manning	29	Lea Ann Nichols
13	Alda Fountain	29	Donald Perry
13	Lorraine Snowden	30	Brenda Andrews
14	Dick Edmondson	30	Trudy Collier
14	Judy Mesko		

**Birth**

*Congratulations to*

*Marc & Maridee Bunn  
upon the birth of their son*

*Raleigh Bennett Bunn  
on June 24, 2021*

*Raleigh is the grandson of Pat Bunn  
His proud big brothers are  
Chase Michael and Ethan Robert Bunn*



**Birth**

*Congratulations to*

*Adam & Sydney Hodges  
upon the birth of their daughter*

*Lottie Josephine Hodges  
on July 20, 2021*

*Lottie's proud big brother is Holt Gregory Hodges*



Dear Flower Ministry Ladies,

Many thanks to you for the beautiful red, white and blue flower arrangement that Sharon (Dunn) and Brenda (Andrews) brought on Sunday to honor our 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We are truly blessed to have had all these wonderful years together—now we are going for 70!!

We have tried to be very careful during the pandemic and have missed our church and our church friends. Hopefully, we can come back soon.

Again thanks for thinking of us and may God bless each of you in this wonderful ministry!

With love,  
Randolph & Marie Holoman

Dear Church Family:

We would like to thank you all for the many cards, texts, and phone calls of support and sympathy after the passing of my brother, Gary High. It is comforting to know Debbie & I are part of such a loving and caring congregation. And also, a special thank you to the Flower Ministry for the arrangement delivered to the house. Thanks again!

Steve & Debbie High

Thank you so much for the flowers you brought to me after my surgery. They brightened up my day. Most of all thank you for your prayers!

Betsy Bunn

Dear EUMC,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent. It was nice to see a familiar face (Barbara Batts) and talk with her awhile. I miss seeing everyone especially now that we can meet again safely. I'm healing very slowly and hope by the fall I'll be up and going again.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and caring.

Feeling blessed,  
Dessie Clark

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for our many cards that we received for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are indeed blessed to belong to such a loving church family.

Crayton & Sylvia Overton

Dear Church Family:

I am sure some of you remember Helen Botic, who moved to Swainsboro a few years ago. I visited her a few weeks ago. She is doing well for a 90 year old. She is still living at home but doesn't get out very much because of poor vision caused by age related macular. I am sure she would love to hear from her old church friends. We talk by phone at least twice a month and she always wants to know what's going on at EUMC. If any of you would like her address and phone number, call me at 252-462-5031.

I would like to thank the Flower Committee Ladies for the beautiful flower arrangements they bring to me quite often and also my friends who call to check on me. It means a lot to know I am not forgotten. I miss your visits very much!

With Christian Love,  
Alda Fountain

## Youth Sunday - August 1<sup>st</sup>

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, as we celebrate Youth Sunday! Our youth will lead worship, and you will have opportunity to hear from some of our youth about what we've been up to this summer. Our students are looking forward to sharing our summer mission experiences with you!



## Backpack Blessing - August 22<sup>nd</sup>



A new school year is on the way, and we want to cover our children, youth, and educators in prayer before they start back to school! All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks (or other bags they use for school) to worship on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will place the bags on the altar, pray over the bags and those who will carry them, and add a special tag that will remind students and teachers that we're praying for them ALL YEAR LONG!!



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the SEPTEMBER Newsletter is August 19<sup>th</sup>!

## FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - AUGUST NEEDS

Be part of the "Summer Service Team" and purchase an extra item or two for Faith Christian Ministries when you shop for your own groceries. While physical location of this agency is in Nashville, the majority of their support is given to Rocky Mount residents. Starting Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Soup, Muffin, and Cornbread Mixes**. There is a Love Can located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH". Please donate these food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of August. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.



## Caring Card Outreach Ministry Needs You!

The Caring Card ministry is successfully reaching out with comforting connections. In order for our volunteers to address each card correctly, please call Barbara Batts with the address of your loved one listed in our bulletin or with info of someone who needs a word of love.

We are a church of caring members and we hope that we can support members and families who need a note of kindness. You may call Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 or the church office (252-443-2926).

Our volunteers are very special thoughtful church members graciously sharing kind words to members and loved ones. Thank you for your faithfulness as we grow this mission!



## OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD

*(Thru July 29, 2021)*

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### Ministry Needs

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$33,061.63	\$240,440.02
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$246,820.00

*Our 2021 General Budget includes our Missional Giving*



## Gatekeepers Update

On July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 youth and adults from Englewood UMC participated in Gatekeepers Workcamp. They joined with other community churches to spend the week repairing homes and working at organizations in our own community. What a blessing to work alongside students and adults from other churches in Rocky Mount to make God's love known in our community!



## HELP WANTED - METHODIST MEN

If you are not already a member of a Peanut Cook Team, we need your help!

Some teams cook during the day, some teams cook in the evening. A cooking usually take less than three hours. We have great fellowship and our peanut demand is always strong. You could join a team or be a substitute when needed.

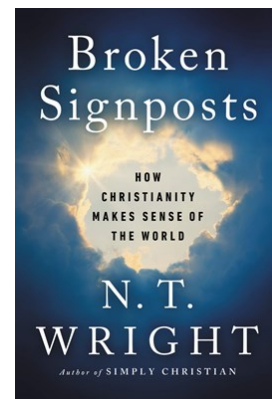
Contact: Gary Green (252-955-2266), Tom Bazemore (252-443-0575) or John Vickers (252-469-3514).

## EUMC Book Club

Our EUMC Book Club will meet again on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss our next reading selection, ***Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World*** by N. T. Wright. Wright is one of today's leading Bible scholars, particularly in the study of the New Testament. In this book he uses the Gospel of John to reveal how Christianity presents a compelling and relevant explanation for our world. Wright argues that every world view must explain seven "signposts", indicators inherent to humanity: Justice, Spirituality, Relationships, Beauty, Freedom, Truth, and Power. Using the Gospel of John as his source, he shows how Christianity defines each signpost and illuminates why we so often see them as being "broken" and unattainable. Drawing on the wisdom of the Gospels, Wright explains why these signposts are fractured and damaged and how Christianity provides the vision, guidance, and hope for making them whole once again, ultimately healing ourselves and our world.

There are three copies of each of our books for 2021 in the church library on the UMW shelf. Feel free to check them out to read and return them when finished. You can also purchase your own copy (the books are all available on Amazon).

Everyone is welcome to participate! We will gather in the Church Parlor.



### AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



We have been trying to develop our Hispanic family group and the perfect person and place for our Southern Area group is developing. Please be in prayer as we make plans for all families to begin meeting in the fall.



### Women of the Way

The Women of the Way Circle invites everyone to donate paper towels, toilet paper, tissues,

etc. to The Lighthouse. You may bring them to the church on Sunday or during the week.

Please contact Jeannie Gibbs for more information. Thank You!

## AED Training



An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation (VF) and pulseless ventricular tachycardia, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support (BLS) level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.

The portable version of the defibrillator was invented in the mid-1960s by Frank Pantridge in Belfast, Northern Ireland and the first automatic, public use, defibrillator was produced by the Cardiac Resuscitation Company in the late-1970s. The unit was launched under the name Heart-Aid.

**The AED at EUMC is located on the wall on your left in the church lobby as you enter the narthex.** On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, a training class was held in the Fellowship Hall. The following members participated in this training: T. B. Ludwig, Carol Ludwig, John Vickers, Tom Bazemore, Lee Pullen, Sharon Roth, Greg Roth, Savanna Becker, Christian Davenport and Nancy Porter. Thank you for your willingness to be ready if the need arises (and we pray that it doesn't). Pictured below are some of those who participated in learning to use the AED along with the instructors of the class, Kimberly Riddick and Luikesha Richards from Nash Health Care.

We are still looking for volunteers to be trained and will hold another training in the near future. If you are interested, please contact the church office to be added to the list.



## Children's Sunday School

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to join us on the children's hall for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun on Sunday mornings! Our younger children will have a special lesson and activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time. Sunday School will meet from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Our theme for August is "1 & 2 Kings - Prophets". Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
•August 1	Elijah and the Ravens [1 Kings 16:29-30, 17:1-7]	Margie Holt
•August 8	Elijah and the Prophets [1 Kings 18:20-39]	Gary Green
•August 15	Elijah and Elisha [1 Kings 19]	Jeannie Gibbs
•August 22	Elisha and the Widow [2 Kings 4:1-7]	Rita Vickers
•August 29	Elisha and Naaman [2 Kings 5:1-19]	Debbie High



## Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)



Our next Saturday Morning CAFE will be on **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a Bible Treasure Hunt!! Families will go on a scavenger hunt together around the church and learn about the treasure waiting for us inside God's Word: the Bible! We hope all our EUMC families with children will join us!

The Saturday Morning CAFE is designed for our children to participate with their family, whether that is parents, a grandparent, or any adult who wants to share this special time with them!

## Children's Church

Our children and adult leaders are having such a wonderful time learning about God's Word in Children's Church during worship on Sunday mornings! Children are invited to join us in worship with their families at 10:30 a.m. After a special children's message just for them, our children can go back to the children's hall for more awesome activities! Parents can pick up children on the children's hall after worship ends.



### Children's Church Schedule

Our Children's Church theme for August is "The B-I-B-L-E". We'll be learning the basic things every child needs to know about the Bible and remembering that God gave us the Bible because he loves us!

August 1	God Made Us [Genesis 2:4-22]	Beth Ezzell
August 8	God Gave Us Rules to Follow [Exodus 20:1-17]	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
August 15	God Loves Us [John 3:16-17]	Savanna Becker
August 22	God Said We Can Be with Him Forever [John 14:1-13]	Jessica Ezzell
August 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - Family Worship Day [no Children's Church]	



## Parents' Hour

Kids shouldn't have ALL the fun! While our children are enjoying their time in Sunday School, parents can come to the college room in the youth suite for some coffee, breakfast treats, and good company! Parents' hour is open to anyone who would like to come.



## UMYF AUGUST SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 1</i>	10:30 am - 11:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth Sunday Worship UMYF
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 4</i>	8:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fun Wednesday - Busch Gardens
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 8</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 15</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	UMYF
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 22</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Prayers at Schools
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 29</i>	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Back to School Party!

### UMYF Dinner Signups

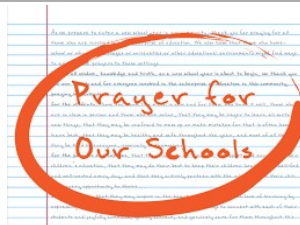
Our UMYF meets on Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for dinner, Bible study, games, and fellowship. If you are able to provide a meal for our UMYF one Sunday evening, our group would really appreciate your help! You can either bring the meal or donate financially toward our meal fund. The sign-up list is in the church lobby. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
August 1	Mexican Night	_____
August 8	Comfort Food	_____
August 15	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
August 22	Prayers at Schools	No Meal Needed
August 29	Back to School Party	No Meal Needed



### Back to School Party

Mark your calendars for a back-to-school bash on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.! We'll have dinner together, tie-dye t-shirts, play games, and more! Be on the lookout for more information about this event coming up.



### Prayers at Schools

What better way to prepare for the new school year than through prayer? On Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> our youth group will travel to the schools where our students will be

attending this year and pray for them. Youth [and adults who are able to chaperone this activity] should meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and we will make the journey to the various schools together. After visiting each school we will have dinner at Pizza Inn before heading back to the church.

### Confirmation Class

We're gearing up for a new Confirmation class that will begin this fall. Confirmation is a journey of discovering what our faith really means to us and how we can live out that faith most fully throughout our lives. This will be a class that will meet weekly for 10 weeks, separately from our regular youth time. Confirmation is open to all youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) who have not participated in a Confirmation process before. Here's what it's all about:

- We'll discuss the beliefs of the Christian faith in general and the United Methodist Church in particular.
- Learn the meaning of church practices like baptism and Holy Communion.
- Discover why the church was formed and the impact belonging to a faith community can have on our lives.
- Take a weekend retreat together as a Confirmation group,
- And be paired with a Confirmation mentor who will guide us on our journey.

To sign up for our next Confirmation class or to learn more about the process, contact Savanna or visit [www.inglewood-umc.com/confirmation](http://www.inglewood-umc.com/confirmation).





## WE ARE COMING BACK!

The Englewood United Methodist Men leadership team announces the resumption of our regular meeting schedule beginning with our first meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We held our last meeting on March 10, 2020.

We invite all of the men of the church to mark your calendars now. We will meet Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a great meal prepared for us very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors).

Come and join us! We have some catching up to do!

Peter Varney

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Stewardship and Tithing** - critically necessary in our faith and walk with Jesus - and at the same time difficult to talk about. It is especially difficult when the faith part impacts the service/works part in the here and now.

We know that God gives and calls us to faith.

We know that our service/works are evidence of that faith ... simply put - God does it all, we cooperate.  
*[honestly God does a lot of prodding and pulling me along in spite of myself]*

We know tithing is scriptural **[Genesis 14; Malachi 3:10; and Matthew 23:23]**.

We, as followers of Jesus, are called to tithe and be generous, especially since Jesus was so generous to us.

We know God established the tithe to go to the local church. As the church accomplishes what God calls the body to accomplish, money towards those efforts come from somewhere, and it comes from the tithe. ***Just as a reminder, Christians are called to be a part of a local body.*** All of us have roles to play and church community is a command, not just a suggestion for us. We are called to be in community with others, not live our lives in isolation.

We know that God is working through EUMC to make himself known to others.

We know that God provides. Last year - despite much unknown, despite being separated from our church building, EUMC's finance team witnessed God' provision and we ended the year with receipts over expenditures, a positive net asset from the current year.

So now, although the finance team is facing negative numbers thus far in 2021; we remain confident that God's aware and that He's put into motion the provisions needed. Pray with us for the financial giving needed to accomplish what God calls EUMC to accomplish in His name.

**With much love for each of you ...**

**Beth Ezzell, Finance Chairperson**

### Thank You

Dear Ms. Varney and Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry,

We very much appreciate the lovely prayer shawl you sent for Judy. It's comforting when strangers extend symbols of caring and Christ's love to others.

Brenda and Mike Grouer have been terrific neighbors, though they haven't been able to spend time with Judy. They've been very gracious.

Thank you,  
Larry & Judy Allen

### Thank You

Many thanks to the Flower Committee for the beautiful flowers delivered to me by Sharon Dunn. I really enjoyed them while in my bout with the shingles.

Love in Christ,  
Embrea Pullen

# Workday Wednesdays

What an amazing summer our youth group has had!! Thank you to everyone who prayed for us along the way, and especially to the adult leaders who chaperoned our activities - we couldn't have done it without you!

We've loved doing our Workday Wednesdays each week and can't wait to share more about our experiences with you!! Come to our Youth Sunday worship service on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to hear all about it!

We have one final Workday Wednesday, but this time it's just for fun! As a celebration of all our hard work this summer, the youth who have participated in Workday Wednesdays will take a day trip to Busch Gardens on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

