

In A Nutshell

August 22, 2018

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. – Ephesians 5:1-2

Monday, I ventured out to Southpoint Mall for the first time in a very long time. While in a checkout line I found myself behind a mom and her son. Her son was dressed in full Batman attire (gloves and facemask included). While she and I waited in line, he started practicing his hand-to-hand combat moves on a defenseless mannequin. After Batman knocked the poor mannequin's hand off his mom said "Alex! Get over here!" Without missing a beat, Alex turns around and says, "My name is Batman mom and I need to practice!"

Funny Note: When they left, Batman told mom to hurry up because he needed to go home to practice flying. Prayer request for Batman's mom!

Alex knew if he wanted to be like Batman he would need to practice. It's not enough to just wear the full outfit in 90-degree heat and go around kicking mannequin's hands off. He would have to work at it.

It's not enough to just come to church on Sundays. If we are going to be imitators of God, we need to practice and be active in learning how to be more like Him. God's sacrifice for us was so great. He deserves our faithful best, always.

Serving this Week

8:30am Service

Greeters: Donnie Davis and Michelle Dunevant

Ushers: Brenda Berry and Elaine Berry

Nursery: Debbie Gates

Breakfast: Ann Sanchez and Betsy Parker

Scripture: Katie Whitaker

11:00am Service

Greeters: Stephanie and Tyler Smith

Ushers: Andy Gates and Judy Parker

Nursery: Ann Wagoner and Beth Casteel

Acolyte: Carson Latta

Scripture: Melissa Campbell

Counters: Jay Berry and Todd Roberts

Welcome our New Nursery Worker

We are so very excited to introduce Mrs. Jaleesa Roundtree to our Walnut Grove family this Sunday! Mrs. Jaleesa will be our Nursery Worker for Sunday mornings during services along with special services we have throughout the year. Please come out this Sunday and take the time to welcome and make her feel at home.

Blessing of the Backpacks

THIS SUNDAY!

If you're headed back to school this month we invite you to bring your backpack! During both services we will be having a special blessing over the backpacks. We want to send all those headed back to school with blessings and prayers for an amazing school year! All ages are encouraged to participate.

Prayers and Squares of Walnut Grove UMC Update:

As of August 15th:

-100 prayer quilts have been made.

-We have had 75 quilts that have traveled within 50 miles of Walnut Grove UMC.

-25 quilts have gone to other places. One quilt was sent to Japan. In the USA we had quilts that went to Oregon, Georgia, and Montana.

-10 prayers squares for high school graduates were dedicated.

-3 Military prayer squares were made and dedicated.

-5 ASP were given to our families that we served through the Appalachia Service Project teams.

Your prayers for people in need of prayers have traveled many miles both near and far.

Members of the Prayers and Squares committee who make the quilts are: Iris Ashely, Becky deForest, Jeanne Crabtree, Debra Todd, Laura Slater, Fayedean Cannada, Pat Thacker, Nita Trembley, Ruby Tilley, Bethni Lee, Martha Niles, Ann Marie Lumina, Tish Nowack, Iris Tilley, Sarah Clayton, Ann Richardson, Sue Powell, Elizabeth Woodfield, Erin Christen, and Brenda Berry

Members who have placed ties in the quilts are: Pat Thacker, LuAnne Bledsoe, Judy Parker, Jane Clapp, and Emma Beckham. Thank you to all of these ladies who have participated in this ministry.

The Prayers & Squares committee would like to thank you for your support and your prayers of this ministry.

Harvest Festival

October 20! Mark your calendar now.

This is a church wide event and we NEED everyone to come out and help on cook days and the day of. If you can only come for a couple of hours, it is very much appreciated.

There are two Cook Days and both are on a Saturday. Both men and woman are needed so please come out and help! With enough help we can be finished by lunch.

Cook day 1- **September 8th at 9am - until**

Cook day 2 - **October 6th at 9am - until**

Friday, **October 19th** – potatoes/onions will be chopped and indoor/outdoor set up will be done as needed

A sign-up board of items needed both for stew and desserts will be posted soon. You can also make money donations for help with the purchase of meat and other items. If you have questions contact Kim Horton (919-360-2973), Brenda Berry (919-819-1407), and/or Iris Tilley (919-619-5005).

Wednesday Night Dinners

Starting back on September 5th

Thanks to everyone who signed up to prepare dinner. All dates have been filled. Now all we need is your attendance! A list of Wednesday Night activities will be posted soon. For any questions please contact Amanda at 919-618-9559 or walnutgrovemethodist@gmail.com.

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday, Aug 22nd

NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 23rd

Water Aerobics Class	9:15am
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00pm

Friday, Aug 24th

Parker/Mitchell Rehearsal	5:30pm
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Saturday, Aug 25th

Parker/Mitchell Wedding	5:00pm
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Next Week's Happenings

Sunday, Aug 26th

Early Service	8:30am
Sunday School	10:00am
Worship Service	11:00am

Tuesday, Aug 28th

Water Aerobics Class	9:15am
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Wednesday, Aug 29th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
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Thursday, Aug 30th

Water Aerobics Class	9:15am
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00pm

This Week's Birthdays

Wednesday, Aug 22nd

Mark Jones

Brandon Wilkerson

Karin Hopkins

Thursday, Aug 23rd

Erin Clayton

Tommy Compton

Rickey Robinson, Jr.

Christie Smith

Larry Thomas

Olivia Guy

Saturday, Aug 25th

Andy Gates

Carter Keough

Next Week's Birthdays

Monday, Aug 27th

David Gibbs

Carlton Parker

Wednesday, Aug 29th

David Blalock

Friday, Aug 31st

Strickland Wade Davis

Saturday, Sept 1st

Robby Dow

Carol Rice

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

Amanda