



THE EASTLAWN JOURNEY

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THE STEEPLE STORY

"The Goodness of God"

by Brother Andy Collette

Romans chapter eight verse twenty eight states, *"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

Over the course of the past seven weeks I have been in great pain and in search of relief. That relief will come October 4th. It will come through a surgical procedure performed by a professional human. So I have found myself this past month considering the Word and wondering how I work out these things. God clearly says all things work out for my good, but it seems far from good; it hurts....bad. And herein lies the problem. We often look to God's word for help and hope, and it is definitely there. But it is not always in the manner we think. My good will come at the hands and minds of all the professionals who have looked at and assisted others in the decision going forward for my procedure. Those professionals have been a Godsend to me as I have met them. But they are not the only ones; many of you have as well.

I cannot calculate the number of people who have extended verbal sympathy, offers to assist in whatever way or done things without being asked in an effort to assist the ministry or day to day life around Eastlawn UMC. It has been the goodness of God poured out over these weeks by so many that give me the hope in Christ I feel is promised in a verse like the one I quoted at the beginning of this thought.

I would like to share one example of that goodness. There is a nurse who has worked with me over the course of this diagnosis who treats my shoulder more

often than most. Every time she does, she whispers prayers over me and reminds me that she will be praying for me as she treats me. It is this kind of goodness in which I see God. I have also been allowed several glimpses of the Lord in the form of horizons, seascapes, several sunrises and sunsets that have spoken of the goodness of God. It is my opinion that God does work all things, including great hurts, to our good. As I have tried to express here, we need only look for that goodness and know that we may not see it in the manner we think. It comes in the knowledge that God will send the right people, vistas and the presence of God which is all present and free flowing for all who believe.



I have been inspired often at the comments of those who have seen the goodness of God in our congregation. People who hurt and need more care than I have ever received in a day have spoken often of the goodness of God that they have seen and experienced. I know now that that goodness is exactly what they claim it to be. It is real. I have seen and felt it. The scripture has come to life for me this past month and while I never pray any pain, I certainly hope and pray that everyone who reads this will seek out and discover the goodness of God for themselves in a similar way. May God's goodness flow over us all.



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Preaching Series October 2018 A Month of Goodness

October 7, 2018 (Communion Sunday)
Rev Dr. Larry Hilliard Presiding, District Superintendent

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6
Message: "To Know Me Is To Love Me"
Reading: Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

October 14, 2018

Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22
Message: God's Goodness Is Protection
Reading: Psalm 20

October 21, 2018 (Children's Sabbath)

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10
Message: God's Goodness Is Forgiveness
Reading: Psalm 25:6-10

October 28, 2018 (75th Anniversary Celebration: Homecoming)

Bro. Loney Joe Hallberg Presiding
Special Service: Prayer Garden Dedication Service
10:00am (All Welcome)
Reading: Psalm 112:1-9



HOMECOMING 2018 75TH Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate Eastlawn United Methodist Church's 75th anniversary of being a Beacon for Christ on the corner of Ingalls Avenue and Belair Street with former pastor, Loney Joe Hallberg, pastor at Eastlawn from 1991-1997, delivering the sermon. There will be wonderful music, great preaching, amazing fellowship, and a covered dish dinner after church in the ministry center at 12 noon. Please reach out and invite friends and former members to this special day.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Oct 3 – Merrill Family Hosts

Chili with Rice, Bread, Dessert

Oct 10 – Billy Crocker Hosts

Smoked Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert

Oct 17 – Mem Garden Cmte Hosts

Ham, Hashbrown Casserole, Butter Beans, Bread, Dessert

Oct 24 – Hardy Family Hosts

Roast Beef au jus Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 2 7:30a-Men's Bible Study @
The Menagerie Cafe
9:00a-Hilltoppers Coffee/Fellowship
- Oct 3 9:00a-Bible Study
5:00p Dinner
6:00p-NO Bible Study this week
6:00p-Youth & Children's Activities
- Oct 7 8:15a-UMM Mtg. @IHOP
9:45a-Sunday School
11:00a- Morning Worship
No Sunday Evening Bible Study
6:00p-Youth Worship
- Oct 8 6:00p-**NOW Committee Meeting**
Columbus Day
- Oct 9 7:30a-Men's Bible Study @
The Menagerie Cafe
9:00a-Hilltoppers Coffee/Fellowship
- Oct 10 9:00a-Bible Study
5:00p-Dinner
6:00p-Bible Study
6:00p-Youth & Children's Activities
- Oct 11 9:30a-Mamie Kimbrough Circle to River
Chase & Lunch
- Oct 14 8 9:45a-Sunday School
11:00a-Morning Worship
5:00p-Bible Study
6:00p- Youth
- Oct 16 7:30a-Men's Bible Study @
The Menagerie Cafe
9:00a-Hilltoppers Coffee/Fellowship
- Oct 17 9:00a-Bible Study
5:00p-Dinner
6:00p-Bible Study
6:00p-Youth & Children's Activities
- Oct 21 9:45a-Sunday School
11:00a-Morning Worship
5:00p-Bible Study

- Oct 23 7:30a-Men's Bible Study @
The Menagerie Café
9:00a-Hilltoppers Coffee/Fellowship
- Oct 24 9:00a-Wed. Bible Study
5:00p-Dinner
6:00p- Bible Study
6:00p-Youth & Children's Activities
- Oct 28 **9:45a-Sunday School**
10:00a-Memorial Garden Dedication Svs
11:00a-Morning Worship/Homecoming
12:00p-Church-wide Luncheon
No Adult Bible Study
6:00p- Youth
- Oct 30 7:30a-Men's Bible Study at Menagerie Café
9:00a-Hilltoppers Coffee/Fellowship
- Oct 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**
6:00p-Youth Activities



- Oct 2 Brian Chapuis
- Oct 4 Derek Mitchell
- Oct 6 Megan Morie
- Oct 7 Patty Vance
- Oct 8 Pam Halbrook
- Oct 9 Austin Haygood
- Oct 14 Wilda Cain
- Oct 19 Carolyn Weathersby
- Oct 23 Sara Smith
- Oct 24 Chase Guess
Harry McDonald
- Oct 25 Jerry Clement
Delores Merritt
- Oct 30 Jennifer Braez Boykin.

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SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

5-6 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM

*"Genesis to Revelations – The Books of 1 & 2
Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians"*

This study is led by Brother Andy. Everyone is welcomed to be part of this study.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at The Menagerie
Cafe

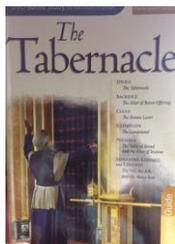
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THE TABERNACLE 6 sessions

6:00 pm

Through these 6 sessions, you will:

- Discover how the priests' activities in the tabernacle foreshadowed the coming Messiah.
- Understand the New Testament better when you learn what sacrifice, holiness, and worship meant in the Old Testament.
- Find new gratitude for Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- Recognize that at the heart of the tabernacle is God's love, making a way for sinful people to have a relationship with a holy God.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study group is studying Dr. Sandra Richter's, "The Epic of Eden: Isaiah". Participants are welcomed any time during this eight-week session to meet in the conference room on Wednesdays at 9 am. If you have any questions, please contact Opal Currie (228.623.1666).



G.I.F.T.E.D. YOUNG ADULT CLASS

This class usually meets from 9:45 until about 10:35 each Sunday morning upstairs. So, please, feel welcome to come join us.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Friendship Sunday School Class meets in the conference room by 9:45. New members, old members and visitors are welcomed each Sunday.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Youth and Children meet upstairs at 9:45. All are invited to attend.

JOYCE GARRETT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please join the Joyce Hamilton Garrett class for John Ortberg's study entitled **Eternity**.

We begin Sunday September 30th and it is designed to be a **five-week study**. We have books available for you in our classroom to assist you with the class presentation. So, come join us because **Eternity is Now in Session**.

John Ortberg is an author, a speaker, and the senior pastor of Menio Church in Northern California. Below is a synopsis of Ortberg's video and book study:

"Most of us think of eternity as something that begins after we die. However, Jesus doesn't talk about eternity that way. In fact, Jesus defines "eternal life" only once, with great precision, and in a way that has been largely lost in our day. **Filmed on location in Israel** in cooperation with the Dallas Willard Center, this curriculum unpacks and explores Jesus' definition of eternal life and what it really means to be a disciple of Christ."

Come join us on our journey into eternity.

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THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING

Carl Weihing, Chairperson

It's getting closer to Pumpkin Time. As we prepare to receive the pumpkins, we are also planning the Traveling Pumpkin Patch. We are trying to set it up so that the same group doesn't have to do all of the trips. The Teams will visit the schools in October during school hours. We already have volunteers to be the leaders for the Music and Snack Preparation for the Traveling Pumpkin Patch teams, but they will need help. They will be calling on others to assist, and I hope you will agree if called upon. The following are areas in need of volunteers. Some have been filled, but they may need assistance, so if you are interested in a particular area, just call me or email me and ask about it.

- **HELPERS**—helper duties include setting up the display, tables, and tents, assisting the Reader/Story Tellers, Musicians, and Snack table. (5 needed per team).
- **ROAD CREW**—duties include loading the supplies, hay bales, pumpkins, snacks, etc. and transport to the school, set up and take down, and transport back to the church when complete. (3-4 men plus trucks).
- **PUMPKIN SELLERS**—duties include opening PATCH each afternoon, closing, removing bad pumpkins, rotating pumpkins, and securing the proceeds each day. Depending on number of volunteers, this could be a rotation weekly.
- **PUMPKIN VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**—duties include coordinating volunteers, set out sign-up sheets for specific time slots like has been done previously; volunteers will choose slots of time as before.

The proceeds this year will be given to the Pascagoula CASA organization who do such an outstanding job representing the welfare of children who have been removed from parental care by the courts.

If you are asked to help, please say yes. This project takes a lot of volunteers to be successful, but it is all for a very

worthy cause. You may contact me at 228-623-1377 or call the church office to volunteer for any of the above duties, or if you have any questions.

The pumpkins will be delivered Wednesday, Oct 3. We need a lot of volunteers to help unload them from the shipping containers and put in the sale area. We won't be using the prayer garden this year; rather, we'll use the south lawn next to the fences and under the big oak tree. If you can come help, we'll eat supper next Wednesday, then go out and unload pumpkins. There'll be less than 300 pumpkins to unload, so this should not take a long time.



COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

Lashunda Taulbee &
Carla Neely

USHERS

The USHERS FOR OCTOBER are **Brice Wiggins, Wayne Currie, Larry King, Scott Green**. If you are willing to be an Usher, please contact Carl Weihing.



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FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Would you like to put flowers in the church for Sunday Morning Worship in memory or honor of someone? If you are interested:



1. Please sign your name and phone number with the date on the flower calendar located in the ministry center hall.
2. Contact the flower committee person for September, Trudi Dixon at 228-217-2209 to coordinate the details of your flowers.

MAMIE KIMBROUGH CIRCLE PROJECT

Don't miss out on what is sure to become a cherished keepsake and heirloom! Members of the Mamie Kimbrough Circle have a limited number of 75th Anniversary Mementos left. These mementos make a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, and other special occasions. The price is \$10.00 each for the glazed ceramic ornament. Contact any MK Circle member to get yours before they are all gone.



This project is sponsored by the Mamie Kimbrough Circle members to support their mission ministry. Also, members will be selling any remaining mementos during the luncheon at homecoming.

MAMIE KIMBROUGH CIRCLE NEWS

Members of the Mamie Kimbrough Circle met on Thursday, September 13, and enjoyed a pot luck luncheon followed by a program given by Opal Currie. Opal discussed **Operation Christmas Child**, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a



Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham, president and CEO. She distributed a list of appropriate items for the shoe boxes to be filled and sent to children in countries affected by war, natural disaster, famine, disease, persecution, and poverty. In this program, the children go to a nearby church, hear the word of Jesus, and then receive a shoe box filled with Christmas gifts. In addition, some of the boxes go to orphanages.

During the last 25 years, Operation Christmas Child, has delivered 157 million shoeboxes to children around the world.



The members need your help to reach their goal of 100 shoeboxes. All members of the church and the community are encouraged to participate in this project. The collection date is November 11.

If you would rather have a written list of children's items and a shoebox, please call Opal Currie (228.623.1666) These shoebox gifts are an opportunity to share the Gospel and "*declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples*" (Psalm 96:3)

How to pack a shoebox can found on the web: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Looking ahead to October, members of Mamie Kimbrough Circle will travel to River Chase Village in Gautier on Thursday, October 11th, to sing to and visit with the residents. Members will then enjoy lunch at the Country Gentlemen Family Restaurant. Guests are invited to join in the activities. The church bus will leave from the ministry center at 9:30.



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CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION VISIT

On September 16th we were visited by The Christian Motorcyclist Association. Well known for the Blessing of the Bikes that happens annually in Gautier, they were our guests for worship Sunday, September 16. They brought their bikes on Sunday evening also. Pretty cool! There were 45 in attendance for this worship event.



EASTLAWN HILLTOPPERS

Every Tuesday morning from 9:00 til 11:00 our Eastlawn UMC Ministry Center is filled with the most fun-loving group in the church.

Whether it's bridge, dominoes, bingo, or just visiting and eating, our senior adult group, the Hilltoppers, is filling the ministry center with Christ's love for each other.

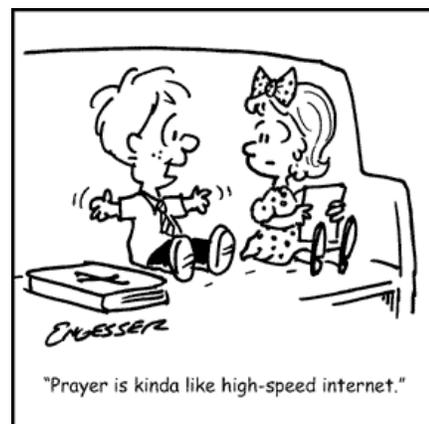


Our group is striving to add to our numbers so we invite any and all to come and join us. Knowledge of how to play games is not necessary. Just come and have fun!!!!



DR. BEN SUTHERLAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Ben Sutherland Scholarship has been awarded to two deserving applicants this year. Each will receive \$500 to help them as they further their studies. Arien Faucett is pursuing a Doctorate in Sports Pedagogy at USM with plans to do research on ethical coaching behavior. David Collette is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. We wish both of them well as they work toward their respective goals.



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LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASSES SEASHORE DISTRICT

Oct. 27 at Beauvoir UMC
2113 Pass Rd., Biloxi, MS

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership programs within the United Methodist Connection.



Our fantastic youth group continues to meet for Sunday School at 9:45 am and for fellowship, study, and recreation on Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:00pm. Praise team rehearsal is Sunday at 4:30pm. Our numbers for each meeting range from 12 to 22. Sunday School attendance has been increasing with a new record of 16 in attendance on Sunday, September 23. Those are the BRAVE early birds!!

We have bowling at Spanish Trails in Gautier and supper at Pizza Hut in Moss Point planned for Sunday, October 14. We will leave the church at 3:30, bowl from 4:00 til 5:30, then go to Moss Point Pizza Hut for supper at 6:00. Parent permission form required.

Our youth praise team recently did a live video recording of two songs, "Cornerstone" and "Isaiah 43" to upload to one of our youth's grandmother in Montana who is currently battling



stage 4 lung cancer. A still photo taken of the group while recording the 2 songs is attached.

Our youth have started a "milk can project" in which the youth are bringing in spare pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to fill up a milk can in the youth area to be donated to a mission/ministry need.

Our group continues to enjoy "youth suppers" together at our Sunday night meetings. We would welcome offers by parents or other church members who may wish to volunteer to prepare a simple supper for our group. We do have a youth supper fund for expenses. If interested call Robert at 228-990-0737.

To become a Certified Lay Servant you need the Basic and one Advanced course and one advanced course every 3 years. Certified Lay Servants assist in worship, teach classes and assist in the church.

A Certified Lay Speaker needs to qualify as a Lay Servant and have each of the following courses: Worship, Preaching, Spiritual Gifts, Leading Prayer, Methodist Heritage and the Methodist Organization.

A Certified Lay Speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested and is available for pulpit supply.

The Certified Lay Minister Academy is conducted in Jackson. A Certified Lay Minister is called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for a congregation, assist in program leadership, preach the Word, and establish outreach ministries.

Join us for our fall 2018 Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) Classes.

Courses are designed to help you qualify or re-qualify for Certified Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. You must attend the class and **submit homework** to receive credit.

THANK YOU

To all who have sent cards, flowers and gifts, I want to say THANK YOU!!!
Mrs. Ovilla Moore

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GETTING FINAL WISHES IN ORDER

The following is an excerpt on possibilities in considering your final financial wishes by giving to your church by Rev. Mike Hicks, Executive Director of The Mississippi United Methodist Foundation.

The "State of the Plate" report for 2016 suggests that 46 percent of people who attend our churches have no will or estate plans.

Only 46 percent of those in our churches with a will or estate plan will make a donation to their church or favorite charity as a part of their final wishes. This means that only 24 out of 100 will leave something from an estate donation to their church.

Think about a simple phrase in newsletters and bulletins. "Have you remembered your church in your will?" Your Foundation will be glad to assist church members in developing a plan to make good, faithful and caring decisions about their future.

You may contact the Foundation should you have any questions or are interested in any assistance in this planning. www.ms-umf.org/ or call 800-496-0975.

FINANCIALLY FAITHFUL



Church FINANCES

If you are interested in having your tithes or pledge commitment automatically withdrawn from your checking account, you will find forms in the church foyer to aid in this. If you need assistance, please call the church office or Beth Chapuis (424-4333)

BUDGET FOR 2018

\$363,294.00

TITHES 2018 (YTD)

\$262,914.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

BENEVOLENCE FUND

\$2,724.00



If you are interested in joining the Eastlawn Family or just have questions about the church, please talk with Brother Andy. Call him at 228-219-3898. His email is pastorandyumc@gmail.com.

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