

"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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“What is God Calling You to Do?”

The Bible is pregnant with stories about God calling individuals to particular tasks; tasks that could not be completed if it were not for divine collaboration. For example, in the call story of Moses, Moses is a fugitive of Egyptian justice living in Midian and because he is in witness protection, his new identity is that of a shepherd. Picture Moses taking care of sheep and/or goats for 40 years after spending the previous 40 years in Pharaoh's house. Picture Moses dealing with the rigors of shepherding after spending 40 years studying mathematics, science, religion, linguistics, engineering, and Egyptian history. He seems to be out of place but according to God's plan, Moses was in the right place at the right time. In Exodus 3, Moses is then called by God via a burning bush to leave the Midianite witness protection program and assume another identity as the liberator of the Israelite people. In his “burning bush experience,” he is called to a task that is beyond his abilities and that is when God says, I will be with you. Whenever God calls people to particular tasks that seem so impossible or outrageous, the recipient of the ‘call’ must always be aware and conscious of the fact that God is with them. The recipient of the ‘call’ has to be totally convinced that the God who called them will be empowering, guiding, and helping them to complete their assignment.

I believe that Moses is not the only one that has had or will have a “burning bush” experience. I believe that God is still in the ‘calling’ business. I believe that God needs human partners to address the plethora of needs in our world. For every pathology that afflicts us, God has a human panacea. For every evil that afflicts us, God has a divine list of men, women, and children God can ‘call’ and use them as divine change agents to bring about desired and needed change. And let us not relegate God to just the sacred arena. God is omnipresent. God is active in both the sacred and secular. Just as God calls men and women to become pastors, preachers, evangelists, deacons, etc., God calls men and women to become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, scientists, and other notable professions. God is active everywhere.

Everyone's call may not be as dramatic as Moses' call. I am not suggesting that everyone's “burning bush” is the same. But what I am suggesting is that I believe God calls each one of us to do something to make this world a better place. The church is holy ground and sacred space that facilitates an encounter with this God. The church is also here to remind persons that God is omnipresent, which means that God can call you to do something at anytime and anywhere. Listen and be attentive for God to speak to you and, like Moses, be courageous enough to say, “Here I am.”

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.
www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR May: "Live by Faith"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

Scripture for the month: *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11:6)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Genesis 28:16-22, Genesis 35: 1-3 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 29 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering *"Peace with Justice Sunday"* (special offering)

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Message *"Remember Your Promise"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (05/23/21)	45 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	25 (callers)
Sunday School "	14 (callers)
Prayer Group	5 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 10 PM: 7)	17 (viewers/callers)
TOTAL	106

Morning Scripture

Genesis 28:16-22, Genesis 35: 1-3 (NKJV)

Genesis 28:16-22

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

¹⁷ ***And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"***

¹⁸ Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

¹⁹ ***And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.***

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

²¹ ***so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.***

²² And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Genesis 35:1-3

¹ ***Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."***

² And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.

³ ***Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone."***



Are you ready to RETURN to CHURCH?

We're getting excited as we work to plan a fantastic return! Look for information on new protocols that are being followed whenever entering the church. A registration process will be required to ensure we remain in compliance with any attendance limits that might be in place when we return **July 18th**!

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 29

(R) With joy the LORD of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² ***Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.***

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, upon many waters.

⁴ ***The voice of the LORD is powerful,
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

(R) With joy the LORD of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ The LORD makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ ***The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.***

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness,
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forests bare;
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

¹¹ ***May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!***

(R) With joy the LORD of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: **www.wesleyumcchicago.org** and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for [Apple](#), or [Google](#)) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to our **DEDICATED** text number, **1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Access** Vaccination access has opened up and registration for appointments is now available to all persons 12* and over. **Walk-in appointments** are now available at **all mass vaccinations sites** for a limited time as many 'mass vaccination' sites will be closing soon. If in question, check your local information or check your emails for our updates. (*Only the Pfizer vaccine has approval for use with **12-17 year olds**.)
- **Opening Up after COVID-19** As our city, state and our church prepare to open up, we urge our members to be conscientious and discerning about minimizing possible exposures during this confusing time. Those who have been fully vaccinated may still decide to wear masks as an extra level of protection as there is no protocol for confirming vaccination statuses.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Gilmore	May 1 st	Liana Geddes	May 10 th	Huron Wilson	May 23 rd
Lem Newell	May 3 rd	Doris Echols	May 15 th	Kelson Gainey	May 25 th
Yvonne Wormsby	May 4 th	Doris Anderson	May 16 th	Edward Hancock	May 27 th
Trinity Jones	May 6 th	Zoe Green	May 16 th	Ben Davis	May 29 th
Jessie Stokes	May 7 th	Cameron Woolery	May 16 th	Bessie Moore	May 29 th
Thaddeus Cecil	May 8 th	Courtney Key	May 18 th	Stephanie Jackson-Williams	May 30 th
Kyna Stinson	May 9 th	Dawn Funches-Fox	May 21 st	Lawrence Moore	May 31 st

EARLY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lethell Magee	June 2 nd
Barbara Sanders	June 6 th

PRAYER LIST

Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucile Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	

<u>GENERAL</u>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Nannie Agnew	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Annie Lois Robinson	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	Gregory McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Taylor
*Diamond Jones (12)	Carolyn Ransom	James Curtis
*Trinity Jones (12)	Sylvia Nichols	The Baker Family
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Milton Kellum	Anna Young
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Rosie Howard	Dorothy Williams
*Mark Garrett and Family (5)	Natesha Smith	Lois Tucker
*The Plaxico Family (17)	James Sanders	Katherine Evans
*Denise Richardson (20)	Joanna Lennhardt	Carl Frazier
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Martha Muhs	Robert A. Watkins
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Muriel Bolden	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Gregory Simms	Michael Miller
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Norbert Sanders	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Brittany Porter	Vinelle Myrie
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Alexandria Ward
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Ashley Parks	Davion McNeal
*Ena Davis (1)	Kathy Jenkins	Willie Moore
*Doris Thompson (19)	Rebecca Merkson	Peaches Clark
*Helen York and Family (5)	John Anderson	Larry Clark
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Jerry Simmons	Justin York
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Percy & Essie Hayes
*The Porter Family (5)	Mila Kuntu	Mildred Forest
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Ron Birton	Takia Yearby
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Aiden Combs	The Anderson Family
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Rashaud Thompson	The Marshall Family
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Leslie Carey Kirk	The Weddington Family
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Douglas Hargray	James Williams
*Donna Lomax and Family (13)	Robert Leach	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)	Mwata Bowden	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
*Erica Clark & the Clark Family (1)	Brenda Lewis	Robert Leach
	Ethan Carson	Lenora Omar

Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!

Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings **or on ZOOM**.

JUNE 2021

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	31 Memorial Day	1	2 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	3 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	4	5 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
6 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	7	8	9 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	10 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	11	12 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
13 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	14	15	16 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	17 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	18	19 Juneteenth -----
20 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	21	22	23 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	24 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	25	26 Board of Trustees Monthly Mtg 9 am -----
27 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	28	29	30 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	1 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	2	3 United Methodist Men Monthly Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----

Sunday Morning

Health Corner

Mental Health & **YOU**

Mental health is one of the biggest health issues facing Americans. **Did you know? Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. - 43.8 million - experiences mental illness in a given year.**

Warning Signs of a Mental Health Problem

- Loss of interest or feeling 'low'
- Doing ordinary things gets harder
- Taking more dangerous risks
- Withdrawal or feeling overwhelmed
- Using alcohol or drugs to escape
- Changes in sleeping and eating

Tips to Maintain a Good Health

- Exercise regularly, eat well and have adequate sleep
- Explore relaxation and coping strategies
- Catch up with friends and loved ones
- Make time to do things you enjoy
- Take time off from work and daily stresses

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Social Commentary

The Mark of History Still Scars Tulsa Today

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



Memorial Day marks one year since the murder of George Floyd by the hands of the Minneapolis police. This week also marks the 100-year anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, a brutal government-aided leveling of a prosperous African American community for which there still has been no accounting and no justice. After World War I, a neighborhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, named Greenwood grew to be among the wealthiest Black communities in the country. Booker T. Washington called it the “Black Wall Street.” Here were successful entrepreneurs, doctors, and lawyers who through hard work and good minds were building a prosperous Black community. The district was lined with Black-owned shops, restaurants, a 54-room grand hotel and the Dreamland Theater. It supported two newspapers and a hospital.

Then on the day after Memorial Day, a white mob gathered to lynch a young Black 19-year-old who had startled a 17-year-old white girl, an elevator operator, in an elevator. Rumors inflated the incident into an alleged rape. Black veterans of World War I rushed to the jail to try to protect the young man from the mob. A shot was fired, and the enraged white mob chased blacks back into Greenwood. Then the massacre began. The police and National Guard joined the mob rather than enforce the peace. Planes circled overhead to drop turpentine bombs on homes and businesses.

The massacre destroyed some 40 square blocks. Nearly 10,000 people were left homeless as 1,256 homes were looted and burned down. So too was the thriving commercial district, including the Black hospital. The number of dead is estimated to be as many as 300, but went uncounted. Many were simply dumped in unmarked graves. Ten thousand African Americans were left homeless; some 6,000 were herded into internment camps for weeks. Government officials committed no public money to help. No one was held responsible for the deaths and injuries, or the millions in property losses. Not one insurance company honored a claim by an African American. City and state officials covered up the crime for decades.

The issue of reparations always meets with resistance. Why should this generation pay for the crimes of those who lived 100 years ago? Yet once the massacre is admitted, the violation done to people can't be simply ignored. And the damage incurred — erasing a prosperous Black community and enforcing racially discriminatory policies through the decades — is real. The mark of history scars Tulsa today.

There, and elsewhere in America, there needs to be a process that can officially recognize the injustice, act to repair the damages done, and bring us together, so that our society can continue to make its difficult way to an inclusive, and better America.

Little Known Black History Fact

Black Civil War Soldiers

By D. L. Chandler



According to the most recent data numbers, African-Americans make up roughly 17 percent of today's military but their contribution to this nation's military is significant. Black soldiers have been under employ by the nation in every major American war, although in the 18th and 19th centuries, it was done by coercion, force and desperation.

A persistent myth suggests Black soldiers who fought for the Confederacy in the U.S. Civil War did so willingly. The inverse was said of the Union Army and Navy forces, although in fairness those soldiers were composed of free men or former slaves who liberated themselves from bondage. While President Abraham Lincoln relented to the will of the North to end slavery as a practice, the deeply embedded racism remained.

White Union military officers were resistant to arming Black soldiers as many of them felt that their Black counterparts were only fit to be servants. This attitude was also common in the South but with an even more insidious bent as those Black soldiers were relegated to menial tasks as they were still enslaved. The Confederacy's riches were built upon the backs of slaves and it was not going to easily accept defeat.

Black fighters in the North and South fought under the impression that they were doing so to gain their freedom and that of their people, but many were re-enslaved due to Jim Crow and other discriminatory policies. Black Confederate soldiers were seen as vital to a southern victory, but it was only when the Confederacy began to lose that white officers armed Black soldiers. Even then, their weapons were locked away at night out of fear they would use them on their masters.

None of the Confederate Black soldiers saw Civil War combat. Black Union soldiers saw action but were not involved in many of the major campaigns.

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SAVE these Conference Call Numbers

Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service

1.425.436.6348

Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call

Code: 672500#

Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

1.312.626.6799

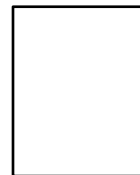
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2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of May 30th – June 5th

May 30

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23

John 18:25-19:22

Psalms 119:113-128

Proverbs 16:10-11

May 31

2 Samuel 17:1-29

John 19:23-42

Psalms 119:129-152

Proverbs 16:12-13

June 1

2 Samuel 18:1-19:10

John 20:1-31

Psalms 119:153-176

Proverbs 16:14-15

2021

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

June 5

2 Samuel 23:24-24:25

Acts 3:1-26

Psalms 123:1-4

Proverbs 16:21-23

June 2

2 Samuel 19:11-20:13

John 21:1-25

Psalms 120:1-7

Proverbs 16:16-17

June 3

2 Samuel 20:14-21:22

Acts 1:1-26

Psalms 121:1-8

Proverbs 16:18

June 4

2 Samuel 22:1-23:23

Acts 2:1-47

Psalms 122:1-9

Proverbs 16:19-20