



Dear Epworth Family,

I am excited to share with you my experience with Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries (DBOM)! Over the summer I was able to intern with Disciple, which is a joint ministry of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences that takes small group Bible studies, led by laypersons, into prisons, which helps to build Christ-centered relationships and make disciples. DBOM recruits and trains local church volunteers and maintains Bible studies in more than 30 of the North Carolina Prisons and two Youth Development Centers. The ministry was started in 1999 by Mark Hicks and the DISCIPLE Bible Study was written by former Bishop Wilke and is now used in prisons and churches in North Carolina and across the country.

This Sunday is the Special Offering for Disciple, and I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving - the Special Offering provides more than half of the ministry's yearly needs. There are also other ways to support Disciple, such as volunteering to lead a bible study at a local prison or our church, as well as praying for the ministry! If you have any questions, feel free to chat with me! For more information, please visit our website: www.disciplebibleoutreach.org or "Like" us on Facebook!

See you Sunday,
Carie Dupree
Youth Coordinator

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

Worship at 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00

Sermon "Sing to the Lord" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: Psalm 111, John 6: 51-58, Ephesians 5: 15-20

Hymns at 8:30 and 11:00 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" "Be Thou My Vision"

Response Hymn at 8:30 "Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart"

Songs at 9:00 "Blessed Be Your Name" "Ancient of Days" "We Bow Down"

"Mo'BeTAh LIF"

Ushers 8:30 Mike Shiflett

11:00 Morgan West, Johnie Joyce, Harry Dutton, Bob Botts

Counters Johnie Joyce, Harry Dutton

Sound Technicians 9:00 Lewis Bass IV 11:00 Christopher Thomas

Liturgists 8:30 and 11:00 Maureen Oakes

Bus Driver Brent Engel **Greeters**

Acolyte Henri Nadworny **Crucifer** Anna Darr

Youth Reader Katherine Lantzy

Altar Guild Jennifer Freeman, Scotta Barsella

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of my loving wife Lael Jackson by David Jackson.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER Yunhea Amanda Kim (on August 12) and rejoice with Yunhea and her family on the baptism of her infant daughter, Mila Mi-Hun Brooks.

BACKPACK MINISTRY This Sunday, August 19 after the 11:00 worship service, you are invited to help pack the first backpacks for the new school year. We will deliver 60 backpacks to Hope Valley Elementary School each Friday of the school year. Plan to help!

TUTORING MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the tutors for the coming school year on Monday, August 20 at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each Monday and Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10, we will host 20 students from Hope Valley Elementary School, grades 3-5, helping with homework and working to develop better math and reading skills. Tutors from previous years as well as new ones are welcome. Come and join us as we continue this rewarding program.

THURSDAY MORNING CLASS

Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam: These five great religions have influenced people's lives for thousands of years. Starting this fall and continuing over five semesters, the Thursday class will examine each of these faiths, its history, geography, writings, beliefs, practices, and impact. The classes will follow The Great Courses curriculum, with weekly reading assignment, video and discussion questions.

For the fall semester, we will focus on the oldest of these religious traditions, Hinduism. The first of twelve class meetings will take place on September 6 at 11:00 am in room 2-3. Please sign up on the list in the office, or call Marie at 919-493-6199. All are welcome!

RUTH CIRCLE All are invited to join Ruth Circle at 1:30 in the Parlor on August 20. The program, entitled "The Sacred Space of Rest and Self Care", will be led by Claudia Goacher.

EVE CIRCLE - SEPTEMBER MEETING will be a discussion of the book, The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness by Michelle Alexander. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. in room 2/3, Thursday, September 20. All are welcome. For more information contact Fran Whaley, 919-489-8290.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Outreach will be sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event on Sunday, September 16th starting at 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall. There will be pizza available for those helping, starting after the 11:00 AM service in the picnic shelter. This year Rise Against Hunger has supplied us with a website where you can register for the event. While Outreach will provide funding for the event, we are asking for donations so that Outreach will also have funding for other important projects.

<https://shn.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=701f1000002qxqUAAQ>

We will also be asking for 5-6 strong individuals to help with set up starting at 11:30 AM. Please contact Bill Matteson at 919-408-1967 if you have any questions. Thank You!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES All families with little ones (infants/toddlers/preschoolers) are invited to the picnic shelter and playground this Saturday, August 18 from 5:00-6:30pm for dinner, fellowship, and play. Some main dishes will be provided, and you can bring a small side to share if you'd like. In case of rain, we'll gather in the nursery wing instead.

UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER are available in the farthex and narthex. You are invited to donate your “old” Upper Room and Sunday School books to the Prison Ministry. There is a collection basket in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFO.

Sunday, August 19th

Youth & Parent Meeting during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Room! Please let Leslie Davis know if you are coming - she is providing a fabulous brunch for us!

UMYF Kickoff at 5:30 PM at the church!! Drop off your youth for a fun night of fellowship as we start the new year!

Sunday, August 26th

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School

UMYF: 5:30-7:00 PM we will be doing an interactive youth lesson on worship!

Sunday, September 2nd

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School

UMYF: No UMYF - enjoy the Labor Day Weekend!!

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Epworth United Methodist Church declares itself a Reconciling Congregation, seeking to welcome all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicities, disabilities, gender or sexual orientation, into the discipleship of Christian living and proclaim our commitment to seek the reconciliation of all persons to God and to each other through Jesus Christ.

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<p>19 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:30 Youth & Parents Meeting 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir 12:15 Backpacking Event 12:15 JTJ Comm. 5:30 Youth Kick-off</p>	<p>20 1:30 Ruth Cir. 3:30 Tutoring Meeting 7:30 Epworth Orchestra</p>	<p>21 6:45 Men's Fellowship 10:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 6:30 Preschool Board</p>	<p>22 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Nominations Committee</p>	<p>23 7:00 AA</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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<p>2 7:30 Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Services: 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Chancel Choir NO UMYF</p>	<p>3 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>4 6:45 Men's Fellowship 10:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Care Group 6:00 Yoga 7:00 Witness</p> <p>First Day of Preschool</p>	<p>5 3:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 11:00 Thursday Morning Class 7:00 AA</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 4:00 Smith-Owen Wedding</p>