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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

When I visit someone in the hospital or at home, I will usually ask the question, “do you have a favorite Bible passage or story?” My intent is to learn why it is so important to their heart. I then read the passage to them before we pray together. If I were asked that same question, I would probably mention some passages from the Epistle to the Hebrews: 4:14-16, 10:1-25 or 12:2; or I might mention the 10th verse of Psalm 46 and Proverbs 4:23. All of these verses have served my heart well on occasion.

As far as stories go, the story of Deborah and Jael from chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Judges has long intrigued me. Deborah means “Bee” and is from a verb that means “to pronounce.” Jael means “wild mountain goat” and is from a verb that means “to be of practical use.” Deborah is a judge of Israel, and a prophetess. Jael was the husband of Heber the Kenite, a descendant of Moses’ father-in-law. Heber had managed some sort of peace with the Canaanite king, Jabin, who was threatening Israel. Deborah agreed to go with Barak (a Hebrew general) to face that threat from Jabin’s army which was led by Sisera. Deborah judged (pun) Barak to be a coward for his reluctance. So, she told him that he would merit no glory from the battle because Sisera would be delivered into the hand of a woman.

Just as Deborah *pronounced*, the Israelites defeated the army after God went before them, throwing the armies into a panic. Sisera fled to the tent of Heber to hide there since Heber and Jabin were at peace. He was like a baby wrapped in cloth, fed with milk, and dependent upon a surrogate mother for safety. Unfortunately for him, Jael was *of practical use* and drove a tent peg through his head, into the ground.

I have some thoughts as to why this story fascinates me; well, other than its strangeness. First, is Deborah’s word to Barak, “the Lord is indeed going out before you.” This is a pronouncement of central belief of Methodists: prevenient grace, the grace of God that goes before us into all things. Second, I like the fact that a Hebrew woman (Deborah) is seen clearly speaking for God (something that some say is impossible; yet here it is). Third, I admire Jael’s courage. I wonder if she did what she did out of loyalty to the God of Israel. Was she possibly an Israelite but married to a Kenite man who had joined with God’s enemy? I wonder if what she did was the “will of God” or did God merely give Deborah insight into what was going to happen. The only clue we have is Deborah’s word that God would “sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Fourthly, God uses two women to accomplish what is stated in 4:23, “on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before the Israelites.” This is not the story that some have in mind when they advocate for a return to “biblical womanhood.”

I would love to hear about your favorite Bible passage or story. Like me, you might find it hard to name a favorite. But there is probably one or two that come to mind for you once in a while. I would like to know what they are. Send me an email at pastor@manningumc.com

Remember Christ!

Pastor Davis

<https://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Deborah.html>

<https://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Jael.html>

This idea owed to an article at <https://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/jael-bible>

Save the Dates!

SENIORS PEACH TRIP: Aug. 2, 2022. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch at Big Meats and More Restaurant (Dutch Treat) Sig up outside the church office or with Kelly. Cost of peaches:
 \$32 Per case of #1's (basically perfect)
 \$15 Per case of #2's (Slightly smaller may have a blemish)
 ½ Case is often available, talk with Kelly.



Sunday, August 28, during worship we will celebrate a rite of blessing for all school students, teachers, and staff. Invite your friends!



Witness Wednesday

Thank you, Joe Witt for being our first speaker. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 31st.** PJ Levorn will be speaking please call the church office if you would like to attend, so we can have a head count for the meal.



Welcome Mrs. Frances Barrett as a professing member.

Frances Brown Barret
 (wife of Eddie Barrett)
 803-269-0452,
 P.O. Box 411
 Manning, SC 29102

2022 Flower Calendar

September	4	11	18	25	
October	2	9	16	23	30
November	6	13	20	27	
December	4	11	18	25	

2023 Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for the 2023 year is in a note book in the church office.

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements.

If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

January	1	8	15	22	29
February	5	12	19	26	
March	5	12	19	26	
April	2	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	28	
June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers.

This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Mary Ashley Barbot	Lindsay Furse	Karen Myers
Chuck Buddin	Buddy Gamble	Ted Putman
Paul Butler	Hayden Garris	Janet Sexton
Connie Burke	Carol Gavin	Sarah Sprott Stephens
Debbie Casten	Lamar Kennedy	Family of Remington Stone
Betty Cory	Family of David Kidwell	Family of George Summers
Ann Cutter	Lynn Kirven	Jan Toner
AC English	Joe McCutchen	Wayne Vincent
Bill Flynt	Len Mathis	

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military, or who have limited mobility:**

Nancy Andrews	June Davis	Anne Haley	Wilson Lepp
Joyce Bowers	Nita & Liz Denny	Woody Haynes	Neal Mahoney
Dedee Clark	William Dodge	Kay Kirkpatrick	Jean Schmelzle
Rosella Daniels	Jared Dube`	Margaret Lee	Cliff Toner
			Cona & Sam Tyson

2022		Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,787.54		
	Received Weekly		
July 3	\$ 11,509.42		
July 10	\$ 7,605.01		
July 17	\$ 9,786.49		
July 24	\$ 8,799.80		
Total Received	\$ 37,700.72		
Needed Year to Date		\$ 303,413.74	
Total Received YTD		\$ 228,588.66	
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$74,825.08)	

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
July 3	9:30 am Sunday School—49 Worship 10:30 am — 85	Views 136
July 10	9:30 am Sunday School—46 Worship 10:30 am — 92	Views 207
July 17	9:30 am Sunday School— 54 Worship 10:30 am — 88	Views 145
July 24	9:30 am Sunday School— 50 Worship 10:30 am — 105	Views 158

EPWORTH MOMENT:

HOMEBUIDERS is a program at EPWORTH which provides intensive in-home crisis intervention, counseling, and life skills education for families who have children at imminent risk of placement in state-funded care. The goal is to prevent the unnecessary out-of-home placement of children through intensive on-site intervention, and to teach families new problem solving skills to prevent future crises. Since May 2021, 36 families have been served in SC. THANK YOU, MUMC, for being strong supporters for EPWORTH and it's programs. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES.

Memorial Gifts:

David Kidwell

Given By:
Annette Browder
Sandra Brewer
Sharon Cramer
Nancy & Lloyd Roberson
The Chancel Choir

John Landon Black

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Cathy & Mitch Gardner
Jan & Cliff Toner
Mickey & Debra Sexton

Jackie Mims

Given By:
Artie & Beverly Felder
Sandra Brewer
Bobby & Dot Stewart
Donnie & Neal Mahoney
Jan & Cliff Toner

Ken Ackerman

Given By:
Mickey & Debra Sexton

Ricky Drose

Given By:
Donnie & Neal Mahoney
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Cathy & Mitch Gardner
Cathy & Lamar Kennedy
Will & Caroline Buyck
Mickey & Debra Sexton

Jim Davis

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Martha Morris

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Welborn Brewer

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Ben Brewer

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Cheri Brown

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Jessie McCabe

Given By:
Mickey & Debra Sexton

Dorothy Gibbons

Given By:
Mickey & Debra Sexton

Mutt Bozard

Given By:
Frankie & Billy Geddings

Dalton Page

Given By:
David Cobb

Tony Masters

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

Betty Cribb

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

W.E. Horton

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

Honorarium Gifts:

Jim Black

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell
Sandra Brewer

Jeffrey Black

Given By:
Sandra Brewer

Len Mathis

Given By:
Sandra Brewer

Mitch Gardner

Given By:
Sandra Brewer

Happy Birthday!

Walker Coffey
Bon Gardner
Ginger Coffey
Merrix Coffey
Jon Wallace

Given by: Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Summer Retreat





8/21-Jody & Terri Ard
 8/23-Kem & Rita Thomas
 8/26-Larry & Edna Ellis
 8/27-Ashley and Lou Holladay
 8/28 -Stan & Lu Nickell

8/12- Jim & JoAnn Eaddy
 8/14-Winston & Genie Hodge
 Julien & Pam Weinberg
 8/16-Ted & Barbara Johnson
 8/17- O'neil & Sherrille Ward

8/1-Michael & Peggy Windham
 8/3-Cal & Kimberly Land
 8/8-Arthur & Sue Jordan
 8/10-Jerry & Margaret Robertson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am-3pm Blood Drive 10:30am Prayer Team	2 9:30 am Senior Peach Trip 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	3	4 5:30 Pilot Club	5	6
7 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF Fellowship Hall Rented	8 10:30am Prayer Team 6:30-United Meth. Men Supper (FH)	9	10 6:00 Trustee Com.	11 6:00 pm Handbell & Choir Dinner (FH)	12	13
14 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	15 10:30am Prayer Team	16	17 6:00 pm Finance Com.	18 Fellowship Hall Rented	19	20
21 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	22 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00am Prayer Team (UR)	23 8-12 MUMC Day School	24 8-12 MUMC Day School	25 8-12 MUMC Day School	26 8-12 MUMC Day School	27
28 Back To School Blessing 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	29 8-12 MUMC Day School	30 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm United Ministries	31 Witness Wednesday (Pat Lovorn Speaker) 8-12 MUMC Day School	Sept. 1 8-12 MUMC Day School	Sept. 2 8-12 MUMC Day School	Sept. 3



8/3-Jody Ard, Jr., Taylor Lowder
 8/4-Michelle Lee, Ruthie Odom, Anne Little,
 Donald Mahoney
 8/6-Larry Ellis, Ray Ward, Kitty Stephens
 8/7-Mickey Brewer
 8/8- Shannon Barwick, Ginny Flynt
 8/9-Sam Stewart
 8/12-Barney Brewer, Sylvia Clark

8/15-Marshall Black
 8/16-Mike Terry
 8/17-Vickie Ouzts
 8/18-Jayson Browder
 8/19-Gerald Robertson, Bill Brewer,
 Jonathan McLellan
 8/20-John Odom, III
 8/21-Charlie Gavin

8/22-William Elmore
 8/24-Judy Hooks
 8/25-Michael Windham
 8/26-Debbie Rowell
 8/27-Pam Weinberg, Dave Harrison, Jody Taylor
 8/28-Ashley Holladay, Graycen Gainey
 8/29- Maggie Gamble
 8/30-Tami Harrison, Jonathan Brewer

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