



Psalm for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Were it not the LORD who was for us-let Israel now say-
Were it not the LORD who was for us when people rose against us,
Then they would have swallowed us alive when their wrath flared hot against us.
Then the waters would have swept us up, the torrent come up past our necks-
The raging waters.*

*Blessed is the LORD who did not make us prey for their teeth.
Our life is like a bird escaped from the snare of the fowlers; The snare was broken and we escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124

Church, I will be sharing a psalm that is relevant to our scripture reading in the newsletter starting this week so that we might meditate and pray on it beforehand. Our scripture reading this Sunday is James 5:13-16.

Reconciliation Offering September 26 and October 3

Reconciliation: A very fancy word for something you do every day without even thinking about it. You reconcile your differences of opinion with coworkers to be more productive, or just to get along with each other. You reconcile your checkbook to make sure the debits and credits are in agreement. You reconcile quarrels with family to make sure they know they are loved.

The meaning of reconcile is so simple. It means to make friendly again.

Your Reconciliation Ministry Offering gives each of you an opportunity to be proactive in doing what is right. Let's promote our capacity to respond to issues of race, gender, and ethnicity to reveal God's love and justice in these challenging times.



Janice Wade, World Outreach

Bible Discussion Group: Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm in Disciples Hall

Join us as we begin the Letter to the Romans. This letter outlines the whole of the Christian faith. It is a treasure trove for us to enjoy and be edified by. This is also a time to join together around a table with others, with time in each meeting to catch up, pray for one another, and discuss the lesson. I hope that you can join us. Both sensible theology and Christian fellowship are needed in today's world. Please note: we will be wearing masks, social distancing from one another's groups, and posting a copy of the lesson online for those who cannot make it. See you on Wednesday!

Nick

In the Life of the Church

- **Wednesday, September 22, 6:00 pm:** Bible Discussion Group
- **Saturday September 25, 9:00 am:** Walk to End Alzheimers at UAFS. Register online and join us there. Be sure to wear clothes and shoes you're comfortable walking in. This is a free event, but you can consider making a donation.
- **Sunday, September 26, 11:00 am:** Elders' Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 28, 11:30 am:** Lunch Bunch at Larry's Pizza, 6400 Highway 71 South
- **Saturday, October 2, 8:00 am - noon:** Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day. Join us in the Lowe's parking lot as we team up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children who would otherwise not have one.

Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Continue to remember **Lesley Fleming**.
- ◆ Keep **Mona Jo Fisher** in your prayers.
- ◆ **Tije Mussett**
- ◆ **Irvin Moyle**

Items currently needed for Hope Campus are PAM cooking spray, sugar, and plasticware for eating (unused ones from take-out food is good).

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the notes and letters you sent for Mail Call on my Honor Flight for Veterans September 10-12.

I was humbled and amazed to receive your thanks and gratitude for my service. I was simply a young man doing my duty for my country.

When I spoke, I emphasized the many comrades who did not return from Iwo Jima. They were the true heroes, the ones we owe our freedom to.

The trip exceeded all expectation, was well organized with plenty of time to reflect on each of the monuments.

If I said I fought at Iwo Jima, crowds gathered around, people not in our group, just visitors to Washington, eager to hear what I had to say and to ask questions.

I was chosen to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a highlight of my trip of a lifetime.

Thanks again for your support.

Hersel E. Williams

Alzheimer's Walk

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is on **Saturday, September 25, at 10:00 am** at UAFS. Armstrong Bank, where Katie Musset Whittaker works, is sponsoring a booth in honor of her father, Tije. As many of you know, Tije has been in Methodist Village since June 1. His condition has gotten significantly worse over the last nine months. The team name is still *Team for Tije*, with Glenda Musset as the captain. You may sign up by going to this website: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2021/AR-Arkansas?fr_id=14285&pg=entry

We hope to see you on the 25th.

The Musset Family

Wedding Invitation

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Cheve Bailey request the pleasure of your company at the Outdoor Wedding of their daughter, Sara Kathryn to Wade Garrett Blackman, son of Glenn and Vera Blackman.

Saturday, September 25, 5:00pm 205 Gatie Frank Drive, Poteau, OK
 Dinner and Dancing to follow Please RSVP

<https://www.theknot.com/us/sara-bailey-and-wade-blackman-sep-2021>

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- In Memory of **Mary Lou Marley** by Steven & LaBeth Riggs
- In Memory of **Elizabeth Parke** by Dewayne & Greta Pryor, Steven & LaBeth Riggs, David & Judy Trent

Dianna's Notes
 Disciples Bells will rehearse **Sunday, September 26, at 4:00 pm.**

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