Life on the Road

Updates from City Road Chapel

January 7, 2024 **Baptism of our Lord / Covenant Renewal**

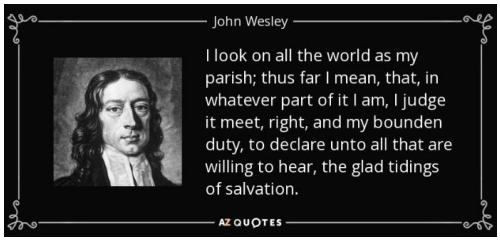
Baptism of our Lord & Covenant Renewal



Today's service focuses on the sacrament of baptism, seen in the story and example of Jesus's baptism. United Methodists believe that baptism is a gift given by God in which God claims us and offers a special measure of God's grace to all who receive it. While jokes are made about Methodists being afraid of water because of the tradition of sprinkling or pouring rather than immersion, we Methodists actually embrace all forms of baptism, and many churches choose sprinkling or pouring out of convenience.

Part of today's service includes all who are baptized to come to touch the water and to remember and celebrate our baptism. This is a time of thanking God for claiming us, loving us, and offering us grace upon grace. For those who aren't yet baptized, we invite you to come to touch the waters as well as a means of thinking about God's grace in the knowledge that you are a beloved child of God. We are also pleased to welcome Darrin Bradbury into our membership as he will be baptized today.

This is also the day when Methodist people have traditionally renewed their covenant with God using a prayer offered first by our founder, John Wesley. Wesley said that the prayer was first used in a covenant renewal service held on August 11, 1755, in London, with 1,800 people present. Since then, the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer has been used by Methodists around the world on the first Sunday of the year. The prayer points to a deep surrender of ourselves in complete trust in God. These are serious commitments that can seem jarring when first read. However, we ask for God's grace to allow us to pray these words until we mean them.



"Street Folk" Concert this Thursday

We will be hosting another concert of area singer/songwriters this coming Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. The lineup includes Andrew Combs, Jule Renato, Jeremy Ivey, Amanda Fields, and other very special guests. A $10 suggested donation per person is requested and proceeds will be split between City Road Chapel and The Beat.

City Road Chapel featured on Nashville Public Television

This coming Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8 p.m. the series *Aging Matters* will air an episode focused on the struggles older people are experiencing with homelessness. City Road Chapel, Pastor Jay, and our friends Terri and David are part of this episode in interviews recorded in the fall. You can also watch the episode online at https://video.wnpt.org/video/unhoused-aztidn/





As of 12/29/2023

- Our sympathies to Juanita Howell and all her family in the death of her son Gwynn this past week. Visitation will be Wed., Jan. 10, 2024, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Phillips Robinson Funeral Home and Thurs., Jan 11, 2024 from 11 a.m. – noon at City Road Chapel, with the Celebration of Life Service at noon.
- Bill Howard starts chemo this week
- Rick Bride
- The family of Julia Gildemeister in her death
- Tiffany Huggins Grant in the loss of her husband Tom
- Jodi Gambill -- cancer
- Bishop Bill McAlilly – recovering from ankle replacement surgery
- Rick Camp (Kaye's husband) -- knee replacement
- Darryl Ford (Jerry Armour's cousin) recovering from heart surgery
- Brian Billingsley -- recovering from surgery to remove tumors
- Coneale Bethurung -- Cancer
- Genie McMurtry -- cardiac issues
- Mae Helen Diamond -- cardiac issues
- Brenda Davis (Jimmy Rager's sister) is dealing with cancer
- Louise Walden (Jim's mom)
- Linda Capps -- Stage 4 Cancer
- Marcia Jefferson -- Cancer
- Nola and James Dyer
- John Evans -- dealing with cardiac issues
- Sheryl McIlvane's brother Tom, dealing with Parkinsons
- Gail Donelson
- Lydia McGuire
- Dorri Donnell Stanfill (Anita Kay Schofill's daughter)
- Joy Luthy
- Clint Camp (Kay Camp's son)
- Fred and Linda Tudor (friends of Peggy Hickman's)
- The residents of our Mobile Housing Navigation Center and our Family Navigation Center
- Linda Bingaman (Jerry's mom)

This Week at City Road Chapel

Sunday, January 7

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.

Monday, January 8

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9

- Aging Matters Homelessness airs on Nashville Public Television – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday Prayer via Zoom – 2 p.m.
- Transitions Group – 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 a.m.
- Gwynn Howell Visitation and Funeral in Sanctuary – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- "Street Folk" concert – 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.

City Road Chapel also hosts Narcotics Anonymous Groups Mondays through Saturdays at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Welcome Desk Schedule

- January 7 – Robert Roberts
- January 14 – Mac Smith
- January 21 – Jim Neely
- January 29 – Randy Moore

Upcoming Birthdays

- Sherry Pettit – January 17
- Debbie Naylor – January 18
- Larry Broadrick – January 19
- Brent Phillips – January 23

Anniversaries

- No January Anniversaries