

The Witness

The September Newsletter of Red Bank UMC

Being Involved Is Good For You

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to pray.”
--Acts 2:42

As humans, social interaction is vital to every aspect of our health. Research shows that having a strong network of support or strong community bonds promotes both emotional and physical health. This is true regardless of age (Cohen, Sherrod and Clark, 1986). Apparently, God knows what God is doing in creating the Church, and we are all called to be an active part of it in order to make all of us whole (see 1 Corinthians 12:27). This being said, we are blessed to have many opportunities to be involved in this church.

Studying the Word together is an essential part of being Christ followers and there are a number of opportunities to do just that. Beginning September 21st, 10 a.m. David Brackett will lead a study on the Book of Matthew in both the fellowship hall and on Zoom. On Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Shaw/Murray classroom Susan Booth will be leading a study on Philippians. There is a women’s Bible study every Wednesday—beginning September 15th—6:30 p.m. in the church parlor led by Stella Campbell (for now this group will be meeting on Zoom). We have a college age group which meets Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in room 215 and Sunday school classes every week for all ages, and the Youth Group meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to “make a joyful noise to the Lord” and make new friends in the process the choir is a great place to do this. Choir practice takes place every Wednesday evening in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m. and the praise band meets at 8:30 p.m.

If you feel called to serve our community with other caring individuals call the office or speak to David Brackett about participating in our Safe House after-school program for local middle school children. Or you might enjoy volunteering to help with the food pantry. We feed hundreds of people each month and have many, many opportunities for service and social interaction.

Perhaps you would like to serve on one of our many committees that makes decisions and comes up with ideas on how best this church can serve God. Contact me for more information on this. The time is coming soon when we will be nominating new committee members.

I hear complaints from folks who say, *“There is nothing here for people my age to participate in,”* and that is not true. If there is something you would like us to be doing that we are not currently doing, please let me know. When we want something to happen, sometimes we have to take the initiative. And with some work and lots of prayer it will happen.

I know it is so hard with Covid-19 right now and so many of us are scared. Statistics show that over 90 percent of cases that lead to hospitalizations or death are in persons who have decided not to be vaccinated. For the sake of your health, my health and all the children who cannot yet do so, I urge you to be vaccinated. We want you to be with us, participating as members of Christ’s Body. This is what keeps us healthy mentally, physically and spiritually. And when Christians do as God has designed the world is changed for the better.

Much love in Christ—Pastor Ken

WELCOME CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 2021

Here's a glimpse of what the children of RBUMC will be learning about this month! We are so excited to kick off this new curriculum and grow closer to Christ!

Sunday School - 9:30am

Worship - 10:30 am

Wednesday-

6pm-730pm

* Small groups for adults offered during all children's programming. We'd love to get to know you too!



Preschool - 5th Grade

During the month of September we will be talking and learning about the ways we can Glorify God during the school year whether we are on the bus, in the cafeteria, in the classroom or on the playground!

Starts 9/5

Wednesday Evening

Time to Praise Jesus!

For 6 weeks we will be learning about worship and how we can praise God at church, home, at school, while we play and while we're by ourselves!

Starts 9/8



Infant - 36 months

The children will learn songs and discover Bible truths through intentional play-by using the toys and activities they love!



Special Event!

Saturday,

September 25th

9:00am -11:30am

**PARENTS MORNING
OUT!**

We invite your children for a fun morning with games, crafts and other fun activities!

When you return for pick up, we invite you all to join us for a Family Picnic!

If you have any questions about our Children's Ministry or programs, feel free to reach out at rbumkids@gmail.com

Robin Keeling, Children's Ministry Director

Meet our Newest Staff Members



Robin Keeling joined our staff as Children's Ministry Director in August of 2021. She has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education along with almost 10 year of classroom experience. She has previously served as a Children's Ministry Director in SWFL. She and her husband are originally from central and southwest Florida but moved to Chattanooga in 2019! Together they have a beautiful daughter, Ava. In their free time, she and her family love to go hiking, try new places to eat and spend time with extended family who live nearby! Robin will work closely with the rest of our staff and especially with Preschool Director Lindsey Walker as we seek to better integrate preschool families into the life of the church. She will be instrumental in rebuilding and growing our ministry to children and their families. Please introduce yourself to Robin and her family and ask Robin how you can help make this exciting and crucial opportunity a success for God's Kingdom.



Nicor Lantigua (a picture is not available at the time of this newsletter) is our new Director of Music and Worship Arts. Nacor is finishing his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music at Southern Adventist University and currently teaches music and band to children kindergarten through 5th grade at United Christian Academy in Cleveland. Nacor has also spent the past two years leading music at Woodstation United Methodist Church in Ringgold. Before that, he taught the children's choir at Church of the Nativity, Episcopal Church in Fort Oglethorpe. Nacor has been singing and playing instruments in church his entire life. If you have been thinking about singing in the choir or being a part of the praise band there is no better time than now.

Brackett's Rackett,

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

The Name of Jesus, when I speak that name I feel hope, peace, comfort. All the cares of this world fade away at the name of Jesus.

As you read this, speak the name of Jesus, feel his presence, know that He is right there with you.

Jesus is the Sweetest Name I know:

There have been names that I love to hear, oh, yes
But never has there been a name so dear
To this heart of mine, as this name divine
This precious, precious name of Jesus
Jesus is the sweetest name I'll ever, ever know
And He's just the same as his holy name
And that's the reason why I love Him so
Jesus is the sweetest name I know
You know there is no name in earth or heaven above
That we should give such honor and such love
As the blessed name
Let us all acclaim that wondrous, glorious name of Jesus, Jesus
Jesus is the sweetest name I'll ever, ever know
And He's just the same as his holy name
And that's the reason why I love Him so
For Jesus is the sweetest name I know
Jesus is the sweetest name I'll ever know
And He's just the same as his holy lovely, lovey name, yes
And that's the reason why I love Him so, I love Him so
Jesus is the sweetest name I know

Discipleship

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: beginning September 21st – 10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
This will be a study in the Gospel of Matthew – Led by David Brackett in person and on Zoom.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: beginning September 8th – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Shaw/Murray Classroom

September - Susan Booth will be leading a study on Philippians

October - Jamie Harvey - Romans 8 - October 6

Jerry Moore will be leading a study on Romans - October 20, 27, and November 3rd.

Women's Bible Study: Every Wednesday Beginning September 15th – 6:30 p.m. - Church Parlor

Led by Stella Campbell - Studying Elijah by Priscilla Shirer

Alpha Group Leadership Training - Wednesday Nights beginning September 8th at 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

This group is for those being trained in the Alpha Small Group program that we will be offering church-wide in January - Led by Rev. Ken Sauer

College Age Small Group: Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. – Room 215 p.m.

This group discusses various topics at they relate to the Christian Life. Led by various members of the group.

Youth (Grades 6-12):

Cornerstone Youth Class is meeting in the Loft with Rev. Sauer teaching confirmation lessons.

Youth Foundation Bible Study – Sunday Nights at 5:30 p.m. – They will be doing the Youth Alpha Series this Fall.

Young at Heart (for all Senior Adults)

September 14 – 10:30 a.m. - Station House Restaurant LaFayette, Georgia
September 23rd – 10:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting – “Hat Day”

Martha Rushing no longer has her landline. Please refer to the directory for her cell phone number.

Below is a QR code which enables you to scan it and send donations to Red Bank UMC.



Prayer Concerns

Joe Esch, Linda Harris, Linda Gilliland, Rick Hensley & Family, Bo Brown, Mike Wright, Georgette Edwards, Ethel Brooks, Billie Glasscock, Jim Wulf, Jay Bland, Jennifer Jones, Jerry Jordan, JC Barker, Todd Hale, John McKenzie, Westin MacCabe and his family (grandson of Jerry Tollett), Rick (son-in-law of Mel Willett)

Sympathy goes out to Rick Hensley and family in the passing of his mother.

Sympathy: Our hearts go out to the family of Skipper Fairbanks and Meg O’Neal.

You are invited...

A Celebration of Dad’s life...

Visitation on Friday, Sept. 17, 5:00-9 p.m.
and Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 until noon.
Red Bank Baseball Fields.

Jamie and Wendy



- 9 Joyce Beckert, Joe Guthrie, Jerry Jordan, Elizabeth Smith
- 10 Myles Smith
- 11 Joyce Knowles, Matthew Smith
- 12 Bub Gilliland, Nancy McDaniel
- 13 Joe Knowles
- 15 Serie Bland

- 16 Mel Willett, Lois Jordan
- 19 Gary Card, Roger Richie
- 21 Mike Bourne, Robert White
- 22 Peggy Clem
- 23 Audrey Brown, Stephen Owens
- 24 Pat Brogdon
- 25 Jaylon Jordan
- 27 Don Brooks
- 29 David Trainor
- 30 Frances Farmer

- 9 Sheila and Clark Calabrese
- 16 Ethel and Don Brooks
- 17 Betty and Bruce Owens
- 23 Kim and Mike Mitchell
- 31 Bob and Carron Trainor



The New Nursery

We have been working on converting the old library into the new nursery. This will provide close access for parents of young children who wish to worship but might feel uncomfortable having their little ones all the way on the other side of the building.

The old library is actually the original nursery! Check out the new library in room 212.

After painting, we will be putting down a new floor (thank you for your giving to this endeavor). If you would like to help put down the new floor we will be doing this Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.



Carla Pritchard and David Bracket painting one of the two rooms blue.



Elizabeth Smith and Tom Mayberry work together while Tate Smith finishes a wall at the bottom.



Debby Brackett keeps smiling.



Jeff Davis and Mary Ellen Sauer finish-up the “yellow room.”

The Red Bank Community Food Pantry has Moved Back Outside





Ben Meagher is always a big help on the first and third Thursdays of the month.



The Chattanooga Free Store set up in our parking lot the first Thursday in August.