

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSE HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2021

What does God want to do in and through His church in 2021?

I want to share a few things God has placed on my heart regarding where I believe God wants us to go, what God wants us to do, and who I believe God wants us to be... this year and in the years to come.

Rose Hill UMC is a strong and loving church... a generational church, a family church... a compassionate and hospitable church... lots of positives... lots of talents... lots of heart and strength and devotion. But, if I had to be honest, after 2020, I also see a church who's been through a lot. We're a church that's a wee bit tired... and somewhat frustrated... and maybe a little battered, weary and worn... like an athlete walking off of

the field at half-time, we're a little banged up and bruised.

To use football terminology, particularly quarterback vernacular, we've been sacked a few times... we got our clock cleaned by COVID a couple of times. We didn't get a concussion, but we are understandably confused about the game plan.

Well... I have a game plan for us... and if you're willing and ready to receive it... I believe this will be one of the most fruitful years in the life of this church.

This game plan isn't complicated... it's (cont'd on page 2)

Church Events

Sundays

- 8:30 am Traditional Service in Chapel (masks required)
- 9:45 am Worship on Facebook
- 9:45 am Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Service in Faith Center (masks recommended)

Tuesdays

• 7:00 pm United Methodist Women's Book Study on Zoom

Wednesdays

- 10:00 am Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice



What Does God Want...

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not theologically deep or philosophically profound. But I believe if we follow it, we will better understand what God wants us to do, where God wants us to go, and who God wants us to become.

Of course, as a church, we will continue to do many things we're already doing well. We will continue to focus on our five broad areas of ministry (Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve, and Give). We will continue to have worship services and Sunday school classes... we will offer Bible studies and fellowship events like Chili Supper, Concerts in the Field, and hopefully bring the Table back soon (our Wednesday night dinner and communion). But there are two elements to the game plan I believe God has for us in 2021.

First, we must become people of the Bible. John Wesley was so well read, he knew several different languages and read countless books and yet, he said his goal in life was to become a man of one book.

It is imperative that we, as a church, become men and women of one book, that we grow in our love for and knowledge of God's Word. In fact, this book *is* the game plan. If we get into this book and let this book get into us, we will be able to bring clarity both to our personal lives and to the life and ministry of the church.

It's imperative that we elevate Scripture's importance in our lives. It is essential that we saturate our minds and hearts with the Bible. In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul says that "All Scripture is God-breathed..." The emotional atmosphere of this world is polluted; there's a great deal of toxicity in the air of feelings and thought. It's critical that we take the time to breath in the very Breath of God that comes to us through the Word of God. This is our spiritual oxygen tank... we don't have to worry about being suffocated by sin, death and despair when we have access to the cleanest spiritual air that exists. We will grow in our understanding of things this world needs to understand and experience like concepts of justice, mercy, and grace. We will be more inspired than ever before to live and love like Jesus... and, we will absolutely fall heads over heels in love with God's Word.

To help us do this... to help us learn to love God's Word... we have to read it. So starting on March 1, we will begin a program called *The Bible in 90 days*.

In 2021, we will become people of one book and will trust this book to lead us as we continue to Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve, and Give. We will trust this book as we reach out in love and concern to our community, as we strive to live and love like Jesus, and work hard to share his message with the world because the Harvest is plentiful.

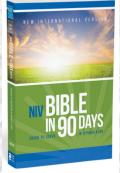
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2-Step Game Plan

Friends, I'm inviting you, actually pleading with you to do two main things this year: 1. Learn to love the Bible; and 2. Pray!

Starting on March 1, we as a Church, will begin reading the Bible in 90 days. You and your family and friends are invited to join us. You can read your favorite translation, or you can order either the NIV Bible in 90 Days book or the app for your phone. Sign up here to get the reading plan and weekly summaries.



Also, in 2021, as a church, we are committed to praying more than ever before! It's crucial that we pray. Over the next



few weeks, we will be forming prayer teams. Teams of 4, 5, 6, people who specifically and strategically will lift up a number of families, or concerns or issues on a daily

basis. I invite you to **join this PRAYER TEAM ministry**.

You are also encouraged to continue to **submit your PRAYER REQUESTS** so we can pray collectively. When we pray in alignment with God's will, our prayers are powerful!







Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm in The HUB!



Welcome to KidZone!

Our purpose is to assist families like yours in the spiritual development of our little ones by offering age-appropriate learning that encourages them to discover God in a personal way.

We are committed to providing a safe, clean, and nurturing atmosphere in which our youngest ones can enjoy themselves while their parents are participating in church-related worship and activities.

Sunday Morning

Sunday School begins at 9:45 am, in two rooms:

- Ages 3 (potty trained) through 1st grade with Miss Jennifer as the lead teacher.
- 2nd grade and older with Miss Christina as the lead teacher.

Children's Church is at 11:00 am. Children begin church with their parents. After the Children's Message, Pastor Julie will take them to the Children's Church Room. On Communion Sunday, she will bring them back into the sanctuary so that each family can come to the table together.

Nursery is available throughout Sunday mornings as needed.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you haven't already filled out the ministry form for your child/children and/or youth, it is important for us to have updated information.

Please return the completed form by emailing to me, or you can return to the Church Office.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

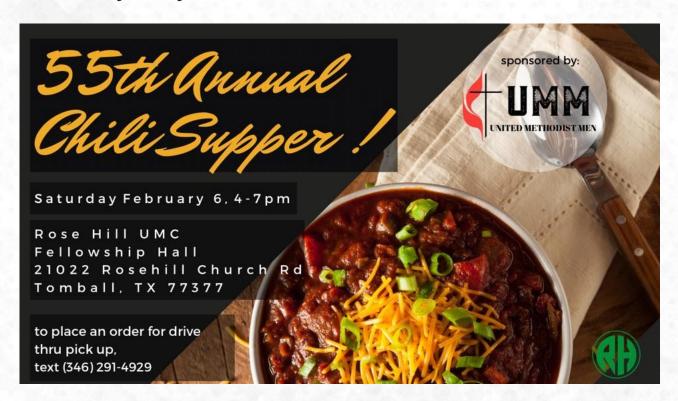
Thank you!

Pastor Julie

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So many ways to Connect and Grow at Rose Hill!



The **Searchers Class** gathers on Sundays at 9:45 am in the Library. They are studying *Prayers of the New*



Testament by Lynne M. Baab. For more info, contact Brad Bowsher <u>bb0hdcp@aol.com</u>

The **New Horizons Class** is meeting at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, and is studying the Book of Revelation. Contact

Penny Lucas at pennylynndale@att.net.

United Methodist

Women meets on Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom. They are studying the book, *Embrace Grace* by Liz Curtis Higgs. For more info, contact Sharon Cook SHCook56@yahoo.com





If you would like to honor a loved one or a special event by dedicating flowers for Sunday Worship, please send an email to office@rosehillumc.org. Cost is \$30, and you take the flowers home with you!



Heart to Heart meets on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 in the Faith Center.

They are studying Set Apart by Jessica LaGrone. For more information, please



Rose Hill Crafters meets monthly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Faith Center. For more information, contact Judith Hackney jude.hackney@gmail.com





Blood Drive - Sunday, February 14

The Rose Hill UMC semi-annual blood drive will take place Sunday, February 14, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. What a perfect day to give the gift of life – Valentine's Day! The need is greater than ever during these

trying times. Appointments are preferred, but not required. **Digital Donors** can sign up online <u>HERE</u>. You can also email Judith Hackney at <u>jude.hackney@gmail.com</u> to schedule an appointment (please indicate a preferred time, and she will confirm your appointment time). Masks are required.

Rose Hill UMC 2021 Game Plan-cont'd. from page 2

This year, we will learn to love God's word like never before. That's step one in the two-step game plan for 2021.

The second part of this game plan isn't complicated either, in fact, it's simple really, but equally, if not more profound and powerful. I believe God wants us to be people of one book and people who pray. We have got to pray... and pray like never before.

Church, we are in the middle of a war. There's a battle raging all around us, and I'm not talking about the conflicts of this country or this world. Paul describes this conflict in Ephesians 6:13, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

This struggle, this battle, this war has greater consequences than any struggle, battle or war in the physical world because the consequences are potentially eternal. Even though Jesus Christ has already won the war on the cross by conquering our sin, and in the grave, by conquering death, the battle rages all around us. It's a battle for our souls and the souls of our children. It's a battle for our minds and hearts... and the only way... the only way to fight this battle is through prayer. More importantly, the only way to win this battle against the spiritual forces of evil—the same forces, by the way, who control many of the physical forces of evil, who are really just pawns in the hands of the demonic—is to pray.

So Church, I'm calling on you to pray like your life depends on it... like your family's life depends on it... like your children or grandchildren's life depends on it... like the life of your country depends on it. Pray like the life of this church depends on it.

We will be creating a special place in our Faith Center for prayer. It will be a prayer room... it will be our war room... a room where we gather to strategize, celebrate, discuss, and pray.

I just watched the movie, *War Room*, with Pricilla Shirer, for the first time a couple days ago. In this movie she learned the importance of prayer and she created a special place to pray—to do battle, which is Jesus' idea, really. Matthew 6:6 says, "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Church, we need to pray. We will worship, and grow, and connect, and serve, and give... but we will... we must... pray. We need to pray and we need prayers.

No matter what happens in life—good, bad, or indifferent—despite all of the chaotic and crazy events of the past week, the past month, and actually, the past year... there's one constant you can depend upon. There's one variable that remains the same. There's one thing you can take to the bank... one principle, one Truth, one Absolute... that will never ever change. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

As we begin 2021, let's find strength in that promise. Let's open the pages of God's Word, and learn what it means to "pray without ceasing" for God's will in our life, in the life of our church, and in our world.

Pastor Jason



The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Faith Center, and all Church members are welcome. Below are just a few 2020 Board highlights, and some current projects underway:

2020—Met all financial obligations; Paid all apportionments; Bundled AT&T accounts to save \$100/month; Set up non-profit status with Microsoft for no-cost business apps & 1T online storage; Installed new pumps in Detention Pond; Managed numerous repairs & updates in Faith Center, Chapel and Fellowship Hall (roof leaks, A/C units & WiFi thermostats, water meter, video equipment for online service, new lockable mailbox, etc.); Approved appointment of Rev. Julie Paulick; Developed 2021 Operating Budget.

2021—Approved new projectors for Faith Center; installing lights and improving the area at the volleyball court for Youth; in addition to managing repairs, developing Trustee plan to ensure we are using every square inch of the campus for the glory of God.

2021 Board Members

- * Kevin Barnett
- * Arlie Beckendorf (Lay Leader)
- * Kay Collins
- * Robert Cook
- * Cathy Grigory (Conference Lay Delegate)
- * Cindy Henderson (2021 Chair)
- * Chris Kanewske
- * Kathleen Megill
- * Frank Osburn
- * Kendall Pouland
- * Wayne Sanders (2020 Chair)
- * James Strickler

Suzie Crews (Treasurer)

Kelly Davidson (Financial Secy)



- 7 Daniel & Aubrey Heki
- 16 Ronnie & Nancy McCray
- 25 Douglas & Bonnie McLain
- 27 Doug & Teri Viereck



- 2 Daniel Heki, Colton Podraza
- 3 Amy Talbot
- 4 Becky Jacobs
- 5 Judith Hackney, Carter Hale, McKenzie Kent
- 6 Rolf Kerr
- 8 Wayne Sanders
- 9 Tim Sampson
- 14 Riley Heki
- 15 Jann Anguish
- 16 Mary Beckendorf
- 19 Faith Pouland
- 21 Cindy Osburn
- 22 Cherie O'Rear, Krysta Russell
- 23 Brenda Bates
- 26 Lauren Valadez



Our tithes and offerings help empower us to reach out in love to our community and the world. To give online, visit www.rosehillumc.org/give/ and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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Dear Church Family,



Thank you for your generosity in giving us Christmas bonuses. We are blessed

and humbled by your love, and are grateful for this generous blessing. We are so very honored that God chose us to serve with you in ministry.

Wishing Rose Hill Church Family a blessed 2021!

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