

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan. 6

This Sunday, January 8 @ 9:00 am

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Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions

January 8- February 19, 2023

When we read the Gospel accounts of Jesus meeting people face to face, we see vivid glimpses of God's character that help us recognize Jesus when we meet him today. In the dialogs between Jesus and those he encounters, we can find surprising answers to life's biggest and most important questions. Join the conversation as we overhear these intriguing phrases: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Please, sir, give me this water!" "Lord, if only you had been here." "Do whatever he tells you." "I have seen the Lord!" "If you are the Son of God..." "We have no idea where you are going."



This Sunday – The Skeptical Student

Where should we turn to find the answers to the big questions in life? The Gospel writers point to Jesus. Nathaniel was one of the followers of John the Baptizer who was skeptical about the claims of Jesus. Perhaps you have some questions about Jesus as well. Don't be surprised if Jesus turns out to be more than you were expecting.

Scripture Reading

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." John 1:43-51 NLT

Next Sunday – The Insider and the Outcast

Why is the world as messed up as it is? John answers this question by contrasting two encounters of Jesus with two very different people: An outsider (the Samaritan woman at the well) and an insider (Nicodemus the Pharisee). These accounts teach us that the problem is sin, which is looking to anyone or anything other than Jesus for salvation.





Other Ministry Updates

- Jan. 8** 9:00 am Worship Service with Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
- Jan. 10** 7:00 pm Leadership team meeting
- Jan. 11** 6:00 pm Youth Group Grow Night
6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise band rehearsal
- Jan. 14** 8:00 am Worship Design Team
- Jan. 15** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship

Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Sign up will be online later this month.



Blankets for Beds



Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by calling the church office for drop off or if you need them picked up, call

Dianne McLain 763-682-2260.

Children and Youth Ministries

Sunday School resumes classes this **Sunday, January 8th.**

Encounters with Jesus Book Available

The book Pastor Bill will be referring to in his January/February worship series is available in the church lobby for \$15.

If you'd like to read ahead, following are the chapters and Scripture readings by Sunday:

January 8: Chapter 1: The Skeptical Student

January 15: Chapter 2: The Insider and the Outcast

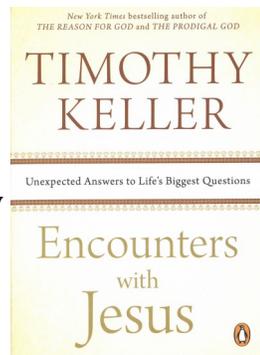
January 22: Chapter 3: The Grieving Sisters

January 29: Chapter 4: The Wedding Party

February 5: Chapter 5: The First Christian

February 12: Chapter 6: The Great Enemy

February 19: Chapter 7: The Two Advocates



Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and we welcome you to



bring yours in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful newly remodeled sanctuary we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into the sanctuary.

Hymnals and Bibles

Hymnals and Bibles With the new sanctuary renovations, hymnals, Bibles, and other songbooks are now located on a book shelf outside of the sanctuary. The words of the songs will still be projected on the screen, but if you prefer to read music, you can pick up a hymnal or songbook on your way in. Stop at the Welcome cart and one of the Guest Connections Team members will give you the appropriate books for the day. Please remember to return your hymnals, songbooks and Bibles to the bookshelf after the service.

Meals & Missions

Meals & Missions will be meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 1st.**

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner and a mission project. More details to come!



Chili Cook-Off & Winter Games



Start perfecting your chili recipe now so you can enter it in the Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, February 1!** This fun event will again include other games for all ages.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

