

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JULY 2022

# THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.



# From the Pastor's Pen

*“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.”*

*Isaiah 40:31 CEB*

Have you ever had one of those moments that left you confused and wondering what just happened?

I was once appointed to a church as their new pastor following a person who had been there for several years. I was told that the church was traveling in uncharted waters. There were fears of the unknown on both sides. There were questions on both sides and the standard concerns of that the future holds.

On my first Sunday of worship I was ready. I had studied and prepared a somewhat spectacular manna message, one that in my mind the Bishop would be calling wishing to borrow my words of wisdom. I had pulled my favorite tie and vest out of the closet, trimmed up the beard, and was ready to meet the folks of my new congregation. I was fearless for I was confident that the folks would laugh at all my jokes, they would sing with voices raised that would rattle the rafters, the children would gather around me like the paintings of Jesus as they hung on my every word. In my feeble little mind, I would picture me ending the message and the congregation would start clapping waiting on an encore that would intimidate Garth Brooks. All of that would have been great except these words were said to me just before I walked into the chancel, “These folks hate you, the District Superintendent, and the Bishop, try not to stink the place up!”

Wow, just what everyone wants to hear, “Don’t Stink!” But in mind I was Billy Graham preaching to the arena filled with people hungry for God’s word, just don’t stink. WWJD (what would Jesus do), FROG (fully rely on God), PUSH (pray until something happens) never equipped me to not stink.

I learned something very powerful from that one sentence; sometimes we have to pay for the misunderstandings in past events, the mistakes of others or the fears that some may possess. No matter who I was or what I said on that morning, I was never going to make a difference in the thoughts of that congregation. During the next several months, I did the most pastoral thing I could ever do, listen and not try to fix immediately. Those who were upset needed someone to listen to their complaints and their pleas without forcing a quick fix. Over time our relationship grew from new guy who was sent in to a pastor who came to care, love, and nurture.

I look at our current times and the struggles we face not only with race relations, human sexuality, pandemic struggles, and the answer is simple: listen to what is really being said, and by whom. Folks, we are afforded with an amazing opportunity now as the church, stay and listen to those who know the struggles, those who have experienced the pain, those who have shed the tears. We do not need to apply quick fix band-aids to the wounds. We need to allow the voices to be heard throughout our nation and churches and pray for God to provide us with the true answer.

The important thing to remember church, “Don’t Stink” - this is our one opportunity to do the right thing. We need to hear, weep, and help those who are being treated inferior just because of the pigment of their skin. We need to hear, weep, and help those who being judged and mistreated for their sexuality. We need to hear, weep, and help those who are facing struggles of all kinds. Folks, we are a struggling people worldwide, and the church should never be the ones drawing proverbial lines in the sand.

I learned something very simple as a child and I feel rings even louder today, “Give them Jesus and pray.”

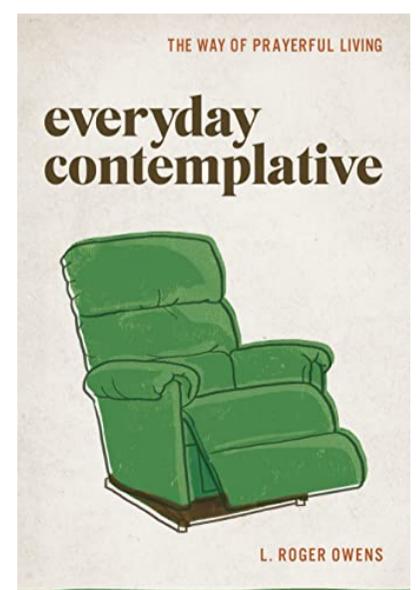
See you in church,

Pastor Terry

## Everyday Contemplative

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Are you seeking to live life abundantly, no matter what the circumstances? This could be a study group for you. We’ll read through the book, *Everyday Contemplative*, by L. Roger Owens. In this book he discusses thinking about how you think about prayer and how to shift your focus to letting God in to do his work in your life. This includes less striving and more openness to God and His plans for your life. We will meet and discuss the book and our insights that have come from the reading, scripture, and the spiritual exercises included in the chapters. Meeting times will be July 5 from 5:45pm-6:30pm, and July 12, 19, and 26 at 6:30 in the evening. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first meeting date of July 5. The book may be purchased through The Upper Room devotional, which includes a discount code in the May and June issue, on sale at Cokesbury, or through Amazon. To sign up, please contact the church office, fill out the online registration form, or sign up at the Welcome Center. The class will be in hybrid format. Questions? Contact Lori Treadway at 618-554-8425.



## NOW

As we all know NOW does not get a summer break and we are always looking for volunteers!

### Important Dates:

- **Summer Lunches** - Every Tuesday through Thursday at 10:45 am until Aug 4.
- **Set up for the Shopping Day** - Sunday, August 7, beginning at 2:00 pm.
- **Back to School Shopping Day** - Monday, August 8, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The Just One Items for July will be pencil cases and plastic pencil boxes. If you would like to make a donation please drop it off in the box right outside Kirbie's office.

If you have any questions please contact Kirbie, 618-544-8016.

## Music & Arts Camp

Robinson FUMC's Music and Arts Camp is rapidly approaching! It will be held on July 11th through 15th from 9:00 am to Noon, and the camp is open to students finishing Kindergarten through 5th Grade. There will be games, crafts, music, and Bible lessons. Lunch will be provided. The kids will perform their final program during the Sunday morning worship service on July 17th.

This year's theme, inspired by LEGO bricks, is called *Some Assembly Required*. With this program, we want to teach kids that God can build something awesome with their lives.

Pre-Registration is now open! To sign your student up, please visit [www.robinsonfumc.org/musicandartscamp](http://www.robinsonfumc.org/musicandartscamp). If you would like to volunteer to help with this program, contact Nina Davis at 618-421-2156.



## Second Wednesday Dinner

On Wednesday, July 13th the Finance Committee will be hosting Second Wednesday Dinner. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and pies for dessert. We encourage anyone that would like to bring a side dish!

This will be Pastor Terry's first Second Wednesday dinner with our congregation so we are extra excited! We will also accept free will donations towards the new playground equipment.

You can sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/8oNiB9qwchB3dXy28>

## Playground Volunteers

The Trustees are putting together a list of people who would be available to help with the construction of the playground equipment! There is a sign up on the welcome center in the narthex or you can call Kirbie in the office to get put on the list. Please let us know what is the best way to contact you and when is the best time for you to volunteer. If you have any questions please contact Leonard Goff or Kirbie!



## Care News from Stephen Ministry

*And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all,  
just as we abound in love for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:12*

### Stephen Ministry Facts and Stats

- Stephen Ministry began in 1975.
  - Stephen Ministry is now in more than 13,000 congregations from more than 180 Christian denominations, in all 50 states in the US, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries.
  - More than 75,000 pastors, church staff, and laypeople have trained as Stephen Leaders (those who oversee and direct Stephen Ministry in the congregation).
  - More than 600,000 people have trained as Stephen Ministers (laypeople who provide care to those who are hurting) in their congregations.
  - More than one-and-a-half million people have received care from a Stephen Minister in a formal one-to-one Stephen Ministry caring relationship, and millions more have been touched by Stephen Ministry in informal ways.
- <https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/931> (updated May 2022)

To learn more about Stephen Ministry please visit the Stephen Ministry informational board located in the narthex or talk with one of our church's Stephen Ministry leaders and ministers: Kay Albin, Pam Bell, Janis Daugherty, Susan Inboden, Linda Null, Gary Oxford, Janelle Oxford, Antje Pippin Marcia Schmidiln, Lois Ulrey, and Becky Veenstra.



*\*If you or someone you know is in need of compassionate Christian care, please contact Janelle Oxford at (618) 553-9598. Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian care.*

## July Birthdays

7/1 Jeanette Berty, Pam Cooper  
7/3 Dave Freeland,  
Jeremy Markello,  
Sheri McGahey  
7/5 Roy Schlosser  
7/6 Kellen Fuller  
7/7 Hunter Murrell  
7/10 Ruth Boatman  
7/11 Tricia Anderson  
7/14 Izabella Hays  
7/16 Brandon Harmon  
7/19 Monroe Nethery  
7/20 Barbara Ross, Kollin Ramos  
7/21 Lou Bonnell  
7/24 Annika List, Mikayla Hardiman  
7/25 Cash Veteto  
7/26 Jack Wright  
7/27 William Damron, Linda Null  
7/29 Chris Freeland, Audra Bell  
7/31 Jay Anderson, Ben Ackman

## July Anniversaries

7/4 Jack & Nina Davis  
Libbi & Dan Fearday  
7/6 Jay & Alice Holtzhouser  
Valerie & Brian Weck  
7/7 Gary & Janelle Oxford  
7/15 Jeff & Sherri Murrell  
7/17 David & Sheri McGahey  
7/21 Rich & Leavone Johnson

## Prayer Requests

Jeremy Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Claudette Mejean; Demmie Long; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Sheltyn James Henry; Rick Pritchard; Laurie Vaughn; Judy Eckert; Lisa Schaefer; Matthew Williams; Larry Potts; Patricia Hodgson; Pamela Hart; Paul Davis; Kathy Kennedy; Tina Klender; Duane Parker; Ruth Fiscus; Jan Riker; Dustin Ikemire; Robin Bray; Greg Faylor; Susan Rodgers; Melinda Ashby; Brad Smith; Leah Buser; Kamillah Rollins; Donna Ferry; Janice Woods; Lou Bonnell; Cathy Devalle; Heather Karbach; Dan Davis; Nay Owens; Hart Odom; Jennifer Newlin; Janet Clark; Bernie Limper, Dick Mitchell; Mark Killian; Anna Marie Miller; Thelma Gifford; Jon Anderson; Melinda Wehrle; Ashley Reed; Pam Hill; Margaret Zeleny; Dale Kamplain; Raymond Kidwell; Rhea Hayden; ; Lesley Albert; Dave Freeland; Janette Routien; Cindy Weger; Doug Mammoser; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Wendy Powers; Jeanie Coe; Rusty Swarts; Mary Spindler; Stacey Baize and Family; Family of Melissa Cupp

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> Prayers for days: 6, 27, 29 are used with permission from <a href="http://www.reviveourmesarts.com">www.reviveourmesarts.com</a> . Nancy Leigh DeMoss	<b>27</b> <b>4 Pastor</b> Ask God to help Pastor Terry and Annetta's memories to be effective to learn new faces and names. (Isaiah 41:13)	<b>28</b> <b>5 Pastor</b> Trust that the Holy Spirit is moving through your leaders. Ask God to show you ways to help them. (1 Peter 4:10)	<b>29</b> <b>6 Pastor</b> Pray that God will give your pastor clear, biblical vision of what your church can be and should be doing for His glory. (Proverbs 29:18)	<b>30 Pray Daily</b> Continue to pray for Pastor Jay, Pastor Terry, their families, and Robinson FUMC as everyone transitions into a new beginning. (Isaiah 43:19)	<b>1 Pray Daily</b> Pray as Jesus taught us and pray the Lord's Prayer. (Matthew 6:9-13)	<b>2 Praise</b> I will praise you, my God and King, And bless your name forever and ever. (Psalm 145)
<b>3 Worship</b> Thank God for sending Pastor Terry to us. Pray for all to be open to his new leadership. (Hebrews 13:7)	<b>4 Pastor</b> Ask God to help Pastor Terry and Annetta's memories to be effective to learn new faces and names. (Isaiah 41:13)	<b>5 Pastor</b> Trust that the Holy Spirit is moving through your leaders. Ask God to show you ways to help them. (1 Peter 4:10)	<b>6 Pastor</b> Pray that God will give your pastor clear, biblical vision of what your church can be and should be doing for His glory. (Proverbs 29:18)	<b>7 Pastor</b> Ask God to bless the work of your pastor's hands and for people to be convicted as the result of his preaching. (Colossians 3:23-24)	<b>8 Pastor</b> Ask God to send godly friends to be with Pastor Terry and Annetta to strengthen and encourage them. (Proverbs 17:17)	<b>9 Praise</b> Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! His greatness is beyond discovery! (Psalm 145)
<b>10 Worship</b> Pray that all minds and hearts will be open to the Word of God as delivered by Pastor Terry. (Hebrews 13:17)	<b>11 VBS</b> Pray that each adult and child involved with VBS is open to the Holy Spirit and his call and gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)	<b>12 VBS</b> Ask God to open the hearts, minds, and eyes of everyone at VBS to your Word and that your wisdom and love will sink deeply into them. (James 1:5)	<b>13 VBS</b> Pray that Jesus will become real to the children at VBS. (John 15:26)	<b>14 VBS</b> Thank God for the VBS volunteers. Thank him for his tender care of young and old. (Psalm 91)	<b>15 VBS</b> Holy Spirit, please fall afresh on the leaders, music leaders, kitchen staff, and helpers and fill them anew as they serve and share your Word. (Acts 4:31)	<b>16 Praise</b> The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love. The Lord is good to everyone. He shows compassion on all his creation. (Psalm 145)
<b>17 Worship</b> Dear Lord, please be with the VBS families, stir their hearts, and place in them a longing to be closer to you. (Psalm 42:2)	<b>18 Congregation</b> Ask God to help you show love and kindness to all, and to forgive those who have wronged you. (Ephesians 4:32 ESV)	<b>19 Congregation</b> The Holy Spirit is moving in our church. Let the Holy Spirit work through the gifts and talents that you and others have. (John 14:26)	<b>20 Congregation</b> We are equipped with everything we need to take the Good News out into the world. Pray that we will be bold in doing God's will. (2 Peter 1:3)	<b>21 Congregation</b> Pray for spiritual unity for church leaders and staff. Pray the enemy will not be let in to create strife or misunderstanding. (1 Corinthians 12:25)	<b>22 Congregation</b> Pray that the lines of communication within the church will be open, and ask God what you can do to help that happen. (James 1:19)	<b>23 Praise</b> The Lord is faithful in all he says; he is gracious in all he does. The Lord helps the fallen and lifts up those bent beneath their loads. (Psalm 145)
<b>24 Worship</b> Dear Lord, Please help me to accept new ways of worshipping you. I want to glorify you and praise you! (1 Chronicles 16:29)	<b>25 Pastor's Family</b> Pray about how you can encourage Pastor Terry today. A small act of kindness goes a long way. (Proverbs 12:25)	<b>26 Pastor's Family</b> Pray about how you can encourage Annetta today. Kindness is always appreciated. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)	<b>27 Pastor's Family</b> Pray that your pastor will be a person of prayer, worship, and lead by example-teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father. (Mark 1:35)	<b>28 Pastor's Family</b> Ask God to place a hedge of protection around your pastor's family. (2 Corinthians 10:4)	<b>29 Pastor's Family</b> Pray that your pastor's wife will remember truth and practical principles from the Word of God during times of trial, and that the Scriptures will bring her comfort. (Psal 23)	<b>30 Praise</b> The Lord is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. The Lord is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him sincerely. (Psalm 145)
<b>31 Worship</b> Precious Lord, May my words and actions glorify you and show your love to the world! (John 13:34-35)	<b>1 Exercise</b> Try a breath prayer. Inhale slowly- Breathe in the Lord. Exhale- Breathe out your fears and worries. (1 Peter 5:7)	<b>2 Exercise</b> Sit quietly with your eyes closed. Pray, "Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening." (Proverbs 3:5-6)	<b>3 Exercise</b> Try a breath prayer. Breathe in and say, "More of you, O God. Breathe out and say, "And less of me." (Job 32:8)	<b>4 Exercise</b> Sit quietly with your eyes closed. Ask God if he is calling you to a ministry. Listen quietly and write down anything that comes to mind. (Matthew 28:16-20)	<b>5 NOW Shopping</b> Pray for Kirbie, helpers, donors, the children, and families as preparations are made for shopping day, 8-8. (Hebrews 13:16)	<b>6 Praise</b> I will praise the Lord, and everyone will bless his holy name forever and ever. (Psalm 145)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>4:00 pm</b> - NOW Summer Lunch Bagging	2
3 <b>9:00 am</b> - Worship <b>10:15 am</b> - Welcome Brunch	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>5:45 pm</b> - Everyday Contemplative <b>6:30 pm</b> - Undistracted Study	6 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches	7 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches	8	9
10 <b>9:00 am</b> - Worship <b>10:15 am</b> - Sunday school <b>4:30 pm</b> - Stephen Leaders	11 <b>9:00 am</b> - Music & Arts Camp	12 <b>9:00 am</b> - Music & Arts Camp <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>6:30 pm</b> - Everyday Contemplative	13 <b>9:00 am</b> - Music & Arts Camp <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>5:15 pm</b> - Second Wednesday Dinner <b>6:30 pm</b> - Stephen Ministry	14 <b>9:00 am</b> - Music & Arts Camp <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches	15 <b>9:00 am</b> - Music & Arts Camp	16
17 <b>9:00 am</b> - Worship <b>10:15 am</b> - Sunday School	18	19 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>6:30 pm</b> - Everyday Contemplative	20 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>6:00 pm</b> - Committee Meetings <b>7:00 pm</b> - Church Council Meeting	21 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches	22	23
24 <b>9:00 am</b> - Worship <b>10:15 am</b> - Sunday School	25	26 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>6:30 pm</b> - Everyday Contemplative	27 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches <b>6:30 pm</b> - Stephen Ministry	28 <b>10:45 am</b> - NOW Summer Lunches	29	30
31 <b>9:00 am</b> - Worship <b>10:15 am</b> - Sunday School						



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