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A Closer Walk with God

Jim Leonard, *Augusta, GA*

This time of year we all remember the Christ Child, which is God's awesome means of grace for mankind. Jesus Christ is grace and truth. The only truth found in this world is Scripture. Our Bible is the only truth we will find in this world. For a closer walk with God we need to use all the means of grace we find in the Bible! The first means of grace is repentance in response to conviction by the Holy Spirit. That prayer of repentance is the key to justifying grace. We know prevent grace is God's love that searches us out, seeks to redeem us and wants to bring us by faith to justifying grace and thus accepted and set right with God in Jesus Christ. A new life comes in Christ when we say yes to God's offer of justifying grace by repenting and being washed in His blood. Faith is our connection to God. This faith will grow the rest of our life by the power of sanctifying grace. This sanctifying grace helps us to have a closer walk with God. A closer walk will help us love Him more every day. He will grow sweeter day-by-day.



Praise & Prayer

Let's rejoice and give praise for Christ coming into this world to be our Savior!

We long for sacred moments which are divine appointments with God. The number one sacred moment is when we pray, a daily practice that helps connect us to God. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 we are told, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We can rejoice always when we remember the awesomeness of our relationship to God. By praying without ceasing we remember our total dependency on God. By giving thanks to God our humility is confirmed.

Continue to pray for the newborn **grandchild of Dwayne Dickerson** (Danielsville, GA). Ruby has made some improvement but still has a long way to go.

The Bible is the only truth we have. The more we search scripture, the more truth we have by God's grace. The Holy Spirit shows what we need at any given time for that day. We can read a passage at different points in our lives and get different messages as to what to apply to our lives depending on what God sees we need for that exact time or situation. The Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit when it was written, and inspired to us by the Holy Spirit when we read it prayerfully with an open heart.

Pray for our churches with special events and ministry opportunities during the Christmas season.

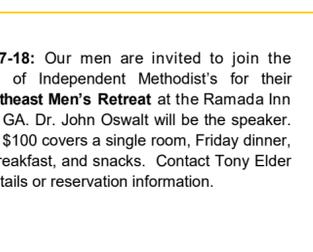
John 4:24 says, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Corporate worship is a means of grace as we are commanded not to forget the assembling of ourselves together! Finding spiritual friends and participating in the body of Christ or the Church is how we stay connected to the vine. We live in community, so that if we stumble a brother or sister can pick us up.

Continue in **Prayer & Fasting on Wednesdays** for our nation, its leaders, and revival in the Church.

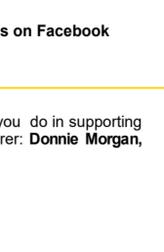
Our prayer is a closer walk with the Lord.

Association News Our 2020 Events and Speakers

Our **Ministers' & Wives' Retreat** will be held **April 14-16, 2020 at Cheaha State Park** in Alabama. Our guest speaker will be **Patty David**. Patty is an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church who pastored churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Florida, alongside her co-pastor husband Dan, for 30 years. She is the author of *Through the Bible*, published by The Wesleyan Publishing House, and over 50 Bible commentaries for the Wesley Bible Lesson Commentary. She is a graduate of United Wesleyan College and also holds a master's degree and doctorate in biblical studies and theology. Since leaving full-time church ministry in 2013, Patty has pursued a career in instructional design and founded The Wesleyan Resistance (www.wesleyanresistance.com). Her passion is to help Christians resist the downward spiral of culture and the accompanying moral and theological compromise prevalent in the church today. Patty has been married to Dan for 37 years and they have two beautiful adult "millennial" children who have provided them with 4 grand-cats and 2 grand-dogs.



Our **Annual Meeting** will be held **July 14-16, 2020 at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**. Our guest speaker will be **Rob Poca**. Rob is Executive Vice-President at Wesley Biblical Seminary and an ordained elder in the Congregational Methodist Church. He has served the church as a college professor, church planter, and pastor, having pastored four churches in Mississippi and Kentucky. Since being called into the ministry at the age of 19, Rob has preached in over 20 different denominations and is an active evangelist in retreats, camps, and revivals. He has a wide variety of work experience including working as a supervisor for The Salvation Army, UPS, and Deeproots landscape design company. Weekends find him keeping up with UK basketball while drinking an Ale 8, or off on a 4x4 adventure. Rob is married to Holly, a nurse and ordained elder in the Congregational Methodist Church. They have four incredible children: Isabella, Ian, Ily Grace, and Iris May.



Calendar



January 17-18: Our men are invited to join the Association of Independent Methodist's for their annual **Southeast Men's Retreat** at the Ramada Inn in Cordele, GA. Dr. John Oswalt will be the speaker. The cost of \$100 covers a single room, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and snacks. Contact Tony Elder for more details or reservation information.

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