

# The Shining Beacon

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are "Love at Work" spreading the grace and truth of Jesus Christ in our witness to those in the Lambuth neighborhood, University of Memphis Lambuth Campus, our community, and the world in which we live.*



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### Lambuth Memorial United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**10:15 A.M.**  
**Invite a Friend!**

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### The Least Asked Most Important Question Of Our Time

(Excerpts from JD Walt's devotional regarding Easter)

*Ephesians 5:14b "Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you."*

Could it be that this is our biggest mistake; to somehow file Easter as history? Do we think of it as an event in the past that we remember and celebrate, like an anniversary or a birthday or a holiday? We wake up early, dress nicely, pack out the church, say the words, sing the songs, say Amen and eat a huge lunch.

Sure, we are glad, but it's more of a glad like we won the big game. Churches will talk about the crowds. Families will talk about their celebrations. If we are honest, though, can't we admit this Easter was a lot like last Easter and the one before that and pretty much all the other Easters we remember?

I don't mean to be a "debbie downer," but I do have a deeply challenging question to ask us. It may offend you. I don't mean to. I ask it as much of myself as I do you. I believe it may be the least asked, most important question of our time. It may strike you as incredulous or even absurd. I'll stop now and just ask it. What if we are all asleep?

I'm not questioning our beliefs or commitment or resolve. As a people, we are pretty faithful to our faith as we understand it. We know a lot. We do a lot. We are pretty sure we "get it" and are "in it to win it." But . . . . . What if we are all asleep?

One thing is for sure if that were the case. We wouldn't know it. I don't mean to say we don't love Jesus and do our best to follow him. Clearly, we know what we know. It's more like we don't know what we don't know. Could that be the case? Don't you think there's got to be a whole lot more than what we know and have experienced? Wouldn't things be different in our lives, our families, our cities, in the world, if the true power of the Resurrection were in us? What if we are all asleep? We would need to be awakened. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Might this be Paul's point?

Today is not the day after Easter. What if there is no day after Easter? What if there is only Easter—today, tomorrow and forever? Resurrection! "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### THE PRAYER

Abba Father, we thank you for your son, Jesus, the Risen One, the One who destroyed death by death. Would you awaken me to the kind of holy discontent that leads me to let go of the status quo. I confess I know there is more than I know and I declare I want to know it. We need a great awakening. In Jesus name, amen.

**Senior Night at Lambuth Memorial is Wednesday, May 2 from 5:30-7:00PM in Townsend Hall**  
**Come celebrate our graduating seniors by bringing a pot luck dish**  
**and sharing special memories you have had with our youth!**

**Vann Bryant** – Vann is the grandson of Jim and Cathy Johnson. He is graduating from Trinity Christian Academy on May 12. Vann's High School accomplishments include: Spanish club, Freshman quarterback for the football team and he played on the tennis team his freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

Playing basketball all four years has awarded him the Jackson Sun's one of 12 Super Seniors for the 2017-18 boys basketball season, All West Tennessee Team honorable mention, TCA's most outstanding player award, The 2018 Hub City Classic All Tournament Team, and The All West Tennessee Second Team. Vann has been offered Scholarships with Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi and Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee.

Vann joined LMUMC November 25, 2012. He has enjoyed many years with the youth group. Serving as a counselor for Lakeshore he has helped with elementary camp as well as camp Agape. The last two years in high school he has been active with Young Life.

**Keely Nicole Fisher** – Keely is the granddaughter of Dave and Jane Cox. She will graduate from Trinity Christian Academy on May 12. Keely swam competitively on the Union swim team for four years, then played softball her freshman year and ran track her junior year. Keely is a member of Fellowship Bible Church where she has been active in the youth group and participated in a mission trip to Haiti in 2016.

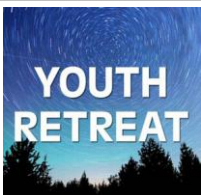
Keely's passion is cooking and this year she has made numerous cakes and pies and hundreds of cookies and cupcakes for various school functions as well as catered a dinner for the TCA board of directors. She is looking forward to attending the Culinary Institute at Southwest Community College in Memphis this fall.

**Kim Mayeaux** – Kim is the daughter of George Sr. and Velma Berniard. She will graduate from Southside High School on May 15. She will also graduate on May 9 from Project Search, a program provided through Jackson Madison County General Hospital and Jackson Madison County School System. Kim is an active member of Lambuth Memorial's youth group and the Special Olympics of West Tennessee. Kim will continue her education through the Star Center and Vocational Rehab.

**Michael Mayeaux** – Michael is the son of George Sr. and Velma Berniard. He will graduate from Southside High School on May 15. Michael is an active member of Lambuth Memorial's youth group and the Special Olympics of West Tennessee. Michael will receive a Special Olympics honor medal on May 14. He will continue his education through the Star Center and Vocational Rehab.

**Shelby O'Brien** – Shelby is the daughter of John O'Brien. She will graduate from Liberty Technology Magnet High School. After graduation, Shelby plans to move back to Georgia and attend college in the fall. She plans to study in a field that will enable her to work with the hearing impaired. Shelby says, "During high school I learned that helping people is one of the best things anyone could do."

**Diego Rodrigo Arenas Perez** – Diego is the son of Adrian Arenas and Judith Perez. He has played soccer every single year of high school, participated in Madison pageant as an escort two years, played tennis his senior year, ran xc (cross country) sophomore, junior and senior year. Diego is going to Tennessee College of Applied Technology to study computer information technology for two years and then will be going into another college to study software engineering.



## CREW SPRING RETREAT

Spring Retreat is Friday, April 27 - Saturday, April 28 at Beth Ann's Family Farm in Nunnely, Tennessee. We will meet in the church parking lot to load the bus at 5:15PM on Friday to travel to the farm for an overnight retreat. We will return on Saturday around 4:00PM to the church. Cost is \$20, includes transportation and meals. Please turn in your \$20 to Beth Ann or Adam.

*\*We will notify individuals without a current medical release form on file.*



Youth Week will be hosted at UofM Lambuth, July 15-18.  
 Early Bird rate is \$125 if registered by June 1 and \$150 after June 1.

Register your youth at

<https://keepit100.echurchevents.com/step1>



**Grandparents Raising Grandkids**

*a support group for relatives caring for relatives*

**Looking for support as you raise your grandkids?** Join us at LM on the second Saturday of each month at 4:00PM for conversation about the joys and challenges of caring for your grandchild. **(Next meeting is May 12)** Gain personal strength by sharing and listening to other folks who have dealt with situations like yours. Learn to look ahead with hope and a positive attitude. Find out about what you can expect as you move through the process of parenting the second time around. To learn more, pick up a brochure from the table at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office.



**It's Time to Gear Up For  
LAMBUTH COMMUNITY POWER UP  
SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

The LM 2018 program is scheduled for  
**June 4 – June 29**  
**Monday – Thursday, 11:30AM-12:30PM**

If you are interested in serving in the program, please let Peggy Parish or Pastor Gary know.

**Thank You...**

I wish to express my sincere thanks for all the visits, calls, cards, and prayers during my heart attack, and now rehabbing. I realize not everyone has Facebook and I for sure want to thank everyone. I love you all, and will be back soon.

*George*

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Terry & Betsy Kuper 05/11    Jeff & Laurie Clark 05/16

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Hunter Jaco 05/08                      Martha Manuel 05/15  
Mike Freeman 05/09                  Jim Johnson 05/24

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Tabitha Hatcher      04/15/18  
Davy Crockett        04/22/18

**WELCOME VISITORS**

**April 15** – Davy Crockett, Tabitha Hatcher, Brandy Pirtle, Inge & Zoe Poole, Donna Williams  
**April 22** – Davy Crockett

**LM TO WORK RIFA SOUP KITCHEN**

**Monday, April 30 – Friday, May 4**  
Sign up on the bulletin board in the church office.

**NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT STUDY BEGINS MAY 9**

“Three Simple Questions”

Author Rueben Job, brings us a new insight on how to live a Christ-like life and explores the three most basic and profound questions at the center of our faith: Who is God? Who am I? Who are we together?  
**Come and invite someone to come with you!**

**LITURGISTS    04/29** Mike Freeman    **05/06** TBD

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**04/30** McKenzie    **05/07** Dean/Whaley

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SUN</b> 04/29	8:00AM	First Light Communion	Sanctuary
	8:30AM	Praise Team	Sanctuary
	8:45AM	Prayer Time	At the Cross
	9:00AM	Sunday School	Classrooms
	10:15AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	5:00PM	CREW	Townsend Hall
<b>MON</b> 04/30	9:30AM 5:30PM	<b>LM to work RIFA Soup Kitchen</b> Disciple IV Zumba	Home of Ann Phillips MFLC
<b>TUE</b> 05/01	5:30PM 7:30PM	<b>LM to work RIFA Soup Kitchen</b> Zumba GOD Group Narcotics Anon	MFLC MFLC
<b>WED</b> 05/02	5:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	<b>LM to work RIFA Soup Kitchen</b> Senior Night/Pot Luck Dinner Praise Team GOD Group Narcotics Anon	Townsend Hall Sanctuary Townsend Hall
<b>THR</b> 05/03	5:30PM 6:00PM	<b>LM to work RIFA Soup Kitchen</b> Zumba Disciple IV	MFLC Library
<b>FRI</b> 05/04		<b>LM to work RIFA Soup Kitchen</b>	
<b>SUN</b> 05/06	8:30AM	Praise Team	Sanctuary
	8:45AM	Prayer Time	At the Cross
	9:00AM	Sunday School	Classrooms
	10:15AM	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30AM	Church Luncheon	Townsend Hall
	5:00PM	CREW	Townsend Hall
<b>MON</b> 05/07	9:30AM 5:30PM	Disciple IV Zumba	Home of Ann Phillips MFLC
<b>TUE</b> 05/08	5:30PM 7:30PM	Zumba GOD Group Narcotics Anon	MFLC MFLC
<b>WED</b> 05/09	6:00PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Adult Bible Study Praise Team GOD Group Narcotics Anon	Library Townsend Hall
<b>THR</b> 05/10	5:30PM 6:00PM	Zumba Disciple IV	MFLC Library



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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Charles Boykin	Lucy Hawks	John O'Brien	Kristi, Kendall & Kylie Rezabek	JT Smith
Tina Byford	Nancy & Skippy Hawks	Steve O'Neal	Everett Roberson	Marian Stephenson
George Dean	Jim Johnson	Jim Parish	Graham Simpson	Doug Thompson
Judie Fenner	Donna Ladd	Christine Parish	Gary Smith	Jone Ward
Jenny Hamilton	George Neely			

**HOMEBOUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Sara Dickerson    Arrie Edwards    Celestine Ramsaur    Robert Shackelford    Darren Wood

**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS**

Angel Abbott (relative of Cathy Venable)	Shelia Hopkins (friend of Martha Dean)	Deborah Redmond (Tina Byford's daughter's fiancé's mother)
Helen Billingsley (mother of Alice Redding)	John Leach (friend of Mike Freeman)	Joe & Melanie Rogers (friends of April Hamm)
GG Bray	Gipsey Maxwell (Lucy Hawks son-in-law's father)	Joe Smith (son of Gary Smith)
Jacob Carkuff (brother of Beth Ann Simpson)	Barbara Mayeaux (mother of Velma Mayeaux)	Tanzania Missionaries Eric and Elizabeth Soard
Jeff Carkuff (brother of Beth Ann Simpson)	Marcie Mills (friend of Bill & Judie Fenner)	Doug Thompson (husband of Mary Thompson)
Savannah Conley (niece of George & Martha Dean)	Virginia Moore (mother of Deborah Smith)	Becky Ward (sister of Melinda Stewart)
Donna Dickey (friend of Cathy Venable)	Charles & Evelyn Morse (parents of Gary Morse)	
Debbie Fullington (sister of Bebe Flack)	Robert Osborne III (brother of Melinda Stewart)	
Beverly Hall	Mark Pace (brother of Tina Byford)	
Phyllis Harris (sister of Alice Redding)	Megan Pinter (daughter of Brandon & Tina Byford)	
Ted Hicks (son of Sue Hicks)	Rusty & Mary Price (brother & sister-in-law of Laurie Clark)	

**OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD**

those who don't know Christ, persecuted Christians	our community	The United Methodist Church
all agencies for helping those in need	the homeless, the hungry	Wesley Covenant Association
those in nursing homes and assisted living	our troops, our nations and leaders	U of M Wesley Foundation
	healing of racial tensions in our country	our neighbors at Whitestone church