

E.Y.E. on Jesus Christ and God's Plan

Have you ever been traveling somewhere or doing something and a thought pop into your head that you find has brought some clarity to something you've been thinking about? It happened to me this week. *It has happened more than just this one time, but this one I wanted to share with you.* The youth are presenting the Good Friday service once again this year. The unofficial theme is "Do you hear what I here?". The goal of the service is to help us all realize that the purpose of Jesus Christ's birth that we celebrate was to prepare us for the celebration of His life, death, and resurrection.

Here is the thought popped into my head. Jesus Christ's purpose from birth was clear to Him. God made that clear even to Jesus' mother, Mary. From the time that the angel Gabriel informed her that she would give birth, God's plan was set into motion. Along the way the actions of her son made her realize even more that He had a higher purpose than to just walk the earth and be a carpenter. Throughout his 33 years, she saw Him do miraculous things, affect the lives of many, and start a movement of righteousness that continues to this day! The joy that she had seeing Him do these things was not removed by the sorrow she felt on that Friday on the hill. Mary knew from the moment that she was encountered by Gabriel that God was in control. Her trust in God carried her through the trials and tribulations that she had as a young girl not yet married but with child. Her trust in God allowed her to let her son, Jesus Christ, stay in the temple and speak to the leaders of the church with authority. Her trust in God allowed her to know that God had a plan for Jesus Christ that was too important for her to stand in the way. While she might not have understood on the surface many of things that were happening in her son's life, deep down she knew.

**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;
*Jeremiah 1:5***

We are all searching for God's plan for our lives. Jesus Christ knew what was in store for Him at an early age. He could have decided to go a different path but He knew that what God had in store for Him was so much more than He could have created for Himself on earth. He didn't allow the ways or the pressures of the world to deter Him from enacting God's plan for His life.

As you experience the Good Friday service or if you cannot attend, as you experience Holy week in your own way, ask for God to continue to reveal the purpose He has for your life. Don't allow the ways or the pressures of this world to deter you from enacting God's plan for your life. **Each day it is revealed to you, are your eyes open?**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **The Prayer Path—Christ -centered Experience— Holy Week**
- **Good Friday Service—** April 6th @ 7:30pm, Youth meet at 5pm
- **Plant Sale orders—** Due by April 8th.
- **Epworth Youth Parent Meeting—**April 15th @ 5:30pm
- **Hands and Feet Mission Retreat—**April 14-15th.
- **Mountain TOP training day—** April 21st
- **Mountain TOP payment of \$140.00—**Due May 1st.
- **Senior Send Off Banquet—** May 20th at 6:30pm



***E.Y.E. on Mountain TOP—
payment, plant sale, training, Wednesday night Supper***

**Mountain TOP
payment due
\$140.00**

• **PAYMENT DUE**

Can you believe it? Mountain TOP is quickly approaching. This means it is time to make your final payment, because Mountain TOP needs our final payment by May 15th. **Your next payment of \$140.00 is due by May 1st.** Please be sure to give this to Brad as soon as you can. It is preferred that you give this to him so that he can record that you have paid and he will then turn it in to the treasurer.

• **PLANT SALE ORDERS DUE**

It is time to turn in your plant sale order forms and money. Please be sure to turn them into Brad by April 8th. You can drop them off at the church during office hours as well. You can turn them into him on Sunday, April 8th. Please be sure to do this on time, because we have to prepare the order for the nursery. Remember that you need to sign up with Arlette Eddy to work on the delivery dates. Plants will be available for pick up on April 27th –29th.

• **MOUNTAIN TOP TRAINING DAY**

We will have our REQUIRED Mountain TOP training day on Saturday, April 21st. We will meet at the Historic site at 8:30 am and then travel to our training site. Please come prepared to work outside. You should have work gloves and closed toed shoes. We will provide you lunch, drinks, and snacks throughout the day. You will be receiving a letter and a schedule in the mail soon that explains what we will be doing. There will also be medical release and information forms in that mailing. We expect all of you who are planning to attend Mountain TOP to be at this important training activity.

• **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, MAY 9th**

We will be hosting the Wednesday night supper on May 9th, this will be an opportunity for us to show the video of Mountain TOP from last year and discuss what Mountain TOP has meant to each of us who have been there. We need help in organizing the planning and preparation of the dinner. This helps the entire youth group so please help even if you are not going to Mountain TOP.

The following people will be representing Epworth at Mountain TOP this summer.

Josh Underwood
Rachel Underwood
Katelin Ford
Andy Scott
Koty Berrett
Leslie Temple
Shelby Reed

Samantha Porter
Kali Berrett
Brad Fiscus
Dawn Scott
Andrea Berrett
Debbie Temple
Chip Hunter

Max Scott
Alexis Reddich
Jessica Spencer
Camille Perrett
Blake Hastings
Austin Eddy
Cindy Peden
Hayden Howell

E.Y.E. on Good Friday

The Good Friday Service has been changed from 7pm to **7:30 pm**. The youth want you to come and be a part of the experience. Please be advised that parts of the video that is being presented does show some graphic pictures of Jesus at His trial and crucifixion. Child care will be available for the age groups that are provided during Sunday services. Children too old for the nursery and toddler room should be prepared for these images or you may leave the sanctuary during this portion.

The youth will meet at 5 pm at the New Site on Friday, for final practices. We will have supper for them at the church.

E.Y.E. on Room In The Inn

A big thank you to all who participated in the sack lunch mission project for the participants in the Room in the Inn program. Each week youths prepared a sack lunch for each of the 12 men who stayed with the Innkeepers. I had the opportunity

'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the **least** of **these** brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

to stay one evening. They all truly appreciated the care and love that you put into preparing their lunch each time. For most, these lunches were all they had to sustain them during their week.

E.Y.E. on Epworth Youth Support Council Meeting– April 15th

We need to have an important Epworth Youth Support Council meeting on April 15th at 5:30pm in the Historic Sanctuary. We will discuss the upcoming May 9th, Wednesday night Supper, the end of school year, and the May 20th, Senior Send off banquet. Please plan to attend so that we can get these important events organized. We will also talk about what our plans for the summer youth meetings will look like.

E.Y.E. on Williamson County Food Drive on May 12th

Last year we assisted Julie Fast at the Post Office with the Williamson County food drive to help stomp out hunger. They have asked that we assist them once again this year. Please mark this date on your calendars. We will have a sign up sheet at our upcoming meetings. Work times will begin at 11am and continue until 6pm. We need to have at least 4 youth per work session. This is a great opportunity for you to give back to our great community and be examples of Christ.

E.Y.E. on Senior Send Off Banquet—May 20th

We have a great group of Seniors that will be graduating this year and we want to celebrate their accomplishments and involvement in Epworth Youth Experience. We will have a banquet honoring them on Sunday, May 20th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We want all of the graduating seniors and the entire youth group and families to attend. Please mark your calendars for this special event. We would appreciate any volunteers who would like to help organize this event.

In addition on Sunday, May 20th, during the 10:30 am service the graduating seniors will be recognized by the congregation.



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The mission of Epworth United Methodist Youth Fellowship is to develop a strong Christian foundation based on the word of God in our youth. Through this development they will experience an atmosphere of nonjudgmental love and care that is based in the word of God. From this foundation, they will form the basis for future spiritual growth as well as the ability to base future life decisions on the application of the scriptures.

E.Y.E. on Upcoming Meetings and Activities

APRIL	Meet from 4pm - 6pm
6th Good Friday	Meet at the New Site at 5 pm, Service is at 7:30 pm
8th Easter Sunday	NO YOUTH GROUP
15th	FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES
15th	EPWORTH YOUTH SUPPORT COUNCIL Important Planning meeting at 5:30pm in Historic Site
21st	MOUNTAIN TOP TRAINING DAY
22nd	Guest Speaker, Jarrett Gunnells
29th	BOY'S NIGHT OUT, GIRL'S NIGHT OUT. Everybody knows the boys will have more fun.
29th	5th Sunday Family Event — Music On The Lawn April 29th – 6:00 p.m.- 'til. It will be behind the new sanctuary. Bring your own picnic, blanket, lawn chairs and drinks will be provided! Fun for the whole family with entertainment provided by Epworth Mountain Soul and Blake Thornell and Shanna Hart

Don't forget to check out our website -www.epworth-umc.com

for more info and pictures of activities