

SERMON TEXT FOR TODAY: “Destroy Your Precious Altar”; Judges 6:24-32 NIV

So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. That same night the LORD said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.” So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime. In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal’s altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar! They asked each other, “Who did this?” When they carefully investigated, they were told, “Gideon son of Joash did it.” The people of the town demanded of Joash, “Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal’s altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.” But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, “Are you going to plead Baal’s cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar.” So because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, “Let Baal contend with him.”

STEWARDSHIP – JANUARY 12, 2020

GIVING		ATTENDANCE	
Budget		CentEred	64
Weekly Need	\$ 7,659.07	Worship Service	197
Given	\$ 8,124.00	Total	261
Ahead	\$ 944.86	Sunday School	164

Other Funds: Mission Team Fund: \$30.00; Kairos Prison: \$10.00; Non-Cash: \$70.92

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*THE POWER OF ONE
ONE Lord- ONE Faith
Each ONE Matters
Each One Reach ONE*



Center United Methodist Church
Mitch Wilson, Senior Pastor
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2020

11:00 AM Nursery with pagers available

Greeting and Announcements Richard Bates, Lay Leader

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible; God Only Wise" Marty Stanbery

Call to Worship
PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST Autumn Johnson
The Gift of God's HOLY WORD Quinn Talley
The Marvelous CROSS of CHRIST Mycah Kepley

*GREETING and SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST The People

*HYMN NO. 61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
Please Bring Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Offering to the Altar

Registration of Attendance

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS and PRAYER Rev. Mitch Wilson

VOICES OF THE CHILDREN "He'll Be Coming Down From Heaven" Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME Margaret Story
Following Children's Time, children K-2nd grade may go to Children's Church

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Great, Great is the Lord" Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY PAGE NO. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*HYMN NO. 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*THE READING OF THE WORD Judges 6:1-32 NIV Rev. Mitch Wilson

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "Destroy Your Precious Altar" Rev. Mitch Wilson

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT PAGE 381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
The Altar is open during the singing of the Closing Hymn

*CHRIST'S LIGHT and CROSS of CHRIST GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD
Autumn Johnson and Mycah Kepley

*BLESSING/BENEDICTION Rev. Mitch Wilson

*POSTLUDE
*Congregation Please Stand if Able

WELCOME

Welcome to you all! If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here and ask that you fill out the form in the pew pads with your name, address, phone number and email address. We would love to reach out and answer any questions you may have. Also, stop by the "let's Connect" table for a gift and information about Center. If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you along side of us in worship and service.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Rocky & Kay Hedrick

Next Sunday – Rod & Bonnie Loflin

TRADITIONAL SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Mardie Broadway & Libby Leonard

Next Sunday – Clifton & Lynda Beck

ACOLYTE

Today – Autumn Johnson

Next Sunday – Lilly Leonard

BIBLE BEARER

Today – Quinn Talley

Next Sunday – Cora Kurtzman

CROSS OF CHRIST BEARER

Today – Mycah Kepley

Next Sunday – Hadley Smith

CHILDREN'S TIME

Today – Margaret Story

Next Sunday – Richard Bates

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today – Angie Leonard & Karen Hodge

Next Sunday – Children's Ministry

INFANT NURSERY

Today – Parenting Nursery

USHERS

Today – Rocky Hedrick (Head)

Jason Martin, Jeff McCrary,

Jeff Mendenhall, Chris Michael

Next Sunday – Rocky Hedrick (Head)

Duff Michael, Charlie Minter,

Rubin Noel, Kent Nifong

FINANCIAL COUNTERS

Today – Gary Brinkley, Jeff Mendenhall

Next Sunday – Donald Hamilton, Gregg Stabler

TODDLER NURSERY

Today – Dawn Essick

Next Sunday – Jennifer Kurtzman

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY

Today – Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Lucinda Black

EARLY SERVICE GREETERS

Today – Dyke & Cindy Leonard

Next Sunday – Aaron Whitfield

EARLY SERVICE CONNECTORS

Today – Danielle Herron

Next Sunday – Nathan & Charis Thanos

SAFE SANCTUARY

Children remain in the Sanctuary during
Worship or with our trained teachers in
Children's Church. Children are not
permitted to sit in empty classrooms or
roam the hall without adult supervision.

THIS WEEK AT CENTER

Sunday (January 19)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC)
3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement)
5:00 PM God & Family (FH)
5:00 PM Youth Singers Practice
6:00 PM Youth
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Monday (January 20) – Newsletter Deadline

2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday (January 22)

6:00 PM Youth
6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday (January 23)

6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH)

Friday (January 24)

4:00 PM AHG Sleep Over (CFC)

Saturday (January 25)

10:00 AM AHG Sleep Over Ends (CFC)

Next Sunday (January 26)

8:45 AM CenTered Worship (CFC)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
2-9:00 PM Youth Fusion (CFC)
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

MISSION OFFERING

First Sunday – Community Mission Offering

Second Sunday - Macaroni & Cheese
and Sugar Offering

Third & Fourth Sundays - Breakfast Cereal for
Greater Things Outreach Center

Fifth Sunday – Crisis Ministry Cash Offering

MEMORY AND HONOR

In Honor of Barbara Cross
Budget Fund
Goodwill Sunday School Class

In Honor of Ronnie Dorton
Budget Fund
Goodwill Sunday School Class

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY

This month's Operation Christmas Child Donations needed are winter supplies! Scarves, gloves, hats, etc. There will be a box near the bathroom at the sanctuary for the items. Please contact Angie Leonard with any questions at [336.250.7033](tel:336.250.7033). Thank you!

HUMPDAY HOOPLAH! FREE MEAL & BIBLE STUDY TO FOLLOW AT 5:30 PM

Each Wednesday night starting February 12, we will meet in the Christian Fellowship Center for a FREE meal for the family and Bible study to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH SINGERS PRACTICE

The youth singers will practice today, January 19, at 5:00 PM. All youth from 5th to 12th grades are invited to join the group.



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos is our prison ministry. Search your hearts and pray for our participants. Give your donations to help this powerful ministry. Please make checks payable to CUMC with Kairos in the memo. \$5.00 meal tickets will be sold up until February 9. We need to collect at least 400 dozen cookies. Would your Sunday School Class or any groups be willing to bake cookies to take to the prison? We will be putting them on the altar to bless as you provide. Thank you now for giving and participating in the ministry.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Our church pictorial directories have arrived. They will be distributed today in the CFC immediately following both the early and traditional services. Please keep in mind, the directories will only be distributed to those who had a photo taken for the directory. For those of you who didn't get your picture taken or those who may want an additional directory, they will be available for purchase at a later date.

GOOD NEWS CREW PRESENTS: "Go Tell the World" – February 9 – Shiloh UMC

A puppet ministry of Tyro UMC presents: "Go Tell the World" at Shiloh UMC, Hwy. 150 in Reeds, on February 9. \$10 for both the meal at 6:00 PM and the puppet show at 7:00 PM. The menu is baked spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert. Call 336-239-4820 or 336-596-0236 for tickets by February 2.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROTOCOL COPIES

Copies of "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation" are located in the Narthex beside the bulletins for you to pick up and read through. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Mitch. This is very important information regarding the future of the Methodist Church. Please check the following websites for more information: umnews.org. and wesleyancovenant.org.

RECENT JOYS TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

CUMC commissioning and sending of our Jamaica Team to serve. Thank you Mike & Kim Craver, Steve Long, Charlie Minter, Heather Noel, Warren & Patty Miller and Aaron Whitfield for your willingness to go and be a part of this mission ministry. Praise for safe travel.

Red Rose Bud Birth Announcement:

A red rosebud is placed on the altar today in celebration of the birth of Wyatt Leo Wagner, born January 9 at 1:17 PM. Wyatt weighed 7 lbs. 1 ounce and measured 20 ¼ inches in length. The proud parents are Luke and Jill Wagner. Wyatt's big sister is Macie. Grandparents are Gray & Barbara Boger and Kent & Angie Wagner. His Great Grandparents are Martha Berrier, Carol Wagner and Steve & Debra Younts.

On Going Prayer Concerns for January 19:

- Phyllis Leonard
- Barbara Cross
- Vann Beeker
- Sylvia Craver
- Lannie Sink
- Patricia Arena (By Maddi Coup)
- Chris Freedle
- Charles & Vickey Kepley
- James and Darlene Thompson
- Frances Kiger
- Dale Robbins
- Lannie Sink
- Renae Bailey
- Helen Clark (Deena Tolley's Grandmother)
- Bryan Martin (Donna Muraco's Son-in-Law)
- Ralph Bursleson (Charles Richardson's Uncle)
- Karen Woods (Friend of Barbara Johnson)
- Robin Backer (Ashley Johnson's Mother)
- Bob & Crissy Wagner
- Kathy Kepley
- Kitty Minter
- Paul Stevens (Steve and Molly Long's Friend)

Report from Finance

I would like to share with the church an overview of the 2019 church General Fund operating budget. Our budget for 2019 was \$396,841. This is what the finance committee projected to spend in 2019. Our actual expenses for 2019 were \$373,645, so we under spent the budget by \$23,195. Our total deposits were \$388,979, so we received \$7,861 less than was budgeted, but \$15,333 more than we spent. The bottom line, we had a good year! Our income was \$15,333 more than we spent in the general fund.

We also have a lot of miscellaneous funds that are in addition to our general fund operating budget. The total spent from all funds (General fund plus all miscellaneous funds) was \$494,213. Total receipts for all funds was \$475,118. (The reason for the difference is that we started the year with \$45,255 in the Facility repair fund.)

As you can see, this is a very active church!

Thank you all for being a faithful and generous church! God has truly blessed us in many ways!

Mike Craver,
Finance Committee Chairman

SHUT-INS AT HOME

Ann Clodfelter	Charles and Bonnie Minter
Dot Craver	Bruce and Betty Regan
Mozelle Koontz	Treavie Weaver
Sherry Lanier	

REST HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Marian Funderburk – Arbor Acres
Joy Jones – Patriot Assisted Living
Jewell McDade – Heritage Greens

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM

DAILY UPDATES

Please check e-news for updates on joys, concerns, and announcements. If you do not receive daily e-news, contact Henrietta Hayes to be added at hhayes.eneews@gmail.com or cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com

FLOWER CALENDAR!!!

2020 CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!

Your help in this ministry is most appreciated. The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please mark the date/dates you would like to put flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Please include the name of the contact person for our Administrative Assistant and let her know prior to your Sunday how you would like the announcement printed.

There are a lot of blank spaces to fill out!

Help!



RELIGIOUS AWARD CLASS, TODAY, JANUARY 19

God and Family 5:00 PM Session 6 (FH)

NORTH DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE - 2020

WEEK 6: MONDAY, JANUARY 20 - FAITH

7:30 PM CENTER VS. FAITH

WEEK 7: MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - LIGHTHOUSE

7:30 PM MIDWAY VS. CENTER

WEEK 8: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - FIRST ALLIANCE

6:30 PM CENTER VS, FRIEDBERG GRAY

WEEK 9: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - LIGHTHOUSE

8:30 PM CENTER VS. FRIEDBERG BLUE

TOURNAMENT DATES;

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - #6-11 TEAMS AT END OF SEASON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - SECOND ROUND

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - THIRD ROUND

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE - 2020

WEEK 6- TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 - FRIEDBERG

8:30 PM CENTER VS. OAK FOREST

WEEK 7 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - FAITH

6:30 PM CENTER VS. FIRST ALLIANCE

WEEK 8 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - FAITH

8:30 PM FAITH VS. CENTER

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY 11 - FIRST ROUND (#1 AND #2 TEAMS GET A BYE)

FEBRUARY 18 - SECOND ROUND

FEBRUARY 25 - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME