

# MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

## *Message From the Pastor:*

You don't need to give things up for Lent, but try some of these practices to make Lent more meaningful :

1. Pray More
2. Go to bed on time
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump all the hard things all together.

10. Take one day at a time.

11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.

12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.

13.. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

15. Do something for the Kid in Your everyday.

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ February Income: \$8,696.73
- ◆ February Expense: \$10,376.54
- ◆ Average Attendance: 99



*Notes from our Lay Leader:*

As my last Newsletter message to you as Lay Leader of Desert Chapel, I wish to give each of you my sincere thank you for your support during the last 3 years. It was my honor to serve you in this capacity and I am grateful to have had this experience.

Please welcome Dave Tom as he fulfills this role and I know you will support him just as you supported me. May God Bless You and see you in Church!

Jeannine Allen

**BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Tom 03/03

Susan McCord 03/19

Ardis Gustafson 03/12

Virginia Brown 03/26

**ANNIVERSARYS**

Willis and Virginia Brown 03/26

*Passing*

We lost two members last month and we want to pay remembrance to them:

Denny Young 2/17 & Charles Hatfield 2/15

They will be dearly missed and we appreciate the time and love they put in towards the Church and its members!



**Pancake Breakfast**

**7:00-9:00, Saturday**

**March 18**

**Eggs cooked the way you want, two link sausages, apple juice, coffee and all the pancakes that you can eat.**



**Spaghetti Dinner**

**4:00-6:00 pm, Tuesday**

**March 7**

**Salad, French bread, Lemonade, light desert and all the spaghetti that you can eat. Adults \$7.00  
Youth \$4.00**



## Fill My Cup, Lord

Richard E. Blanchard, Sr.

**Fill My Cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!**

The author of this well known gospel song was born in Chungking, China where his parents were Methodist missionaries. His family moved back to the United States and Blanchard attended Tryon High School. A job at the local bank enabled him to put his savings into war bonds and, eventually, buy lake front property in Florida. He attended Davidson College after high school and later, after some time in the Navy, he graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He received his Bachelor of Divinity from Emory University and eventually completed 40 years of ministry at various Methodist churches in Florida.

In 1953, while the pastor of a church in Coral Gables, he was asked to perform a marriage ceremony for a young couple. He had to wait a considerable amount of time for the couple to arrive so he went into a nearby Sunday School room to play the piano. Despite not being in the greatest of "spiritual moods" he was inspired to compose "Fill My Cup, Lord". It came at a time when Blanchard was suffering from a severe lung problem but felt that God had "filled his cup".

Over time he wrote numerous gospel songs and many of them were published and recorded.

This gospel song was to become a classic and was popularized throughout the United States by a close friend, musician and evangelist, Rev. Ray Vaughn.

**Like the woman at the well, I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy,  
And then I heard my Savior speaking,  
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry."  
There are minions in this world who are craving  
The pleasure earthly things afford:  
But none can match the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.  
So, my brother, if the things this world gave you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you,  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:**

The information for this review came from the Companion To The United Methodist Hymnal by Carlton R. Young, [google.com](http://google.com), [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), [tanbible.com](http://tanbible.com) and the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

**Submitted by Eleanor Edwards**



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1.	2. * 4pm Handbell * 5:30 Choir	3.	4. * 10-2 Clothing Closet * 11-2 Community Feast
5. * 9am Worship * Birthdays & Anniversaries	6.	7.	8. * 3pm Board Meeting	9. * 4pm Handbell * 5:30 Choir	10.	11. * 10-2 Clothing Closet * 11-2 Community Feast
12. * 9am Worship * Noisy Change	13.	14.	15.	16. * 4pm Handbell * 5:30 Choir	17.	18. * 10-2 Clothing Closet * 11-2 Community Feast
19. * 9am Worship	20.	21.	22.	23. * 4pm Handbell * 5:30 Choir	24.	25. * 10-2 Clothing Closet * 11-2 Community Feast
26. * 9am Worship	27.	28.	29.	30. * 4pm Handbell * 5:30 Choir	31.	

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**Loving Father,**

**Here we are. We trust that You have an incredible plan for our church. Transform us. Transform our congregation and church. Everything is on the table. Transform our church into the place of Worship of Jubilation of Affirming Love of Disciples making disciples You envision it to be. We are 100% available! How can we help?? Amen.**

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