

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

- Psalm 16:6

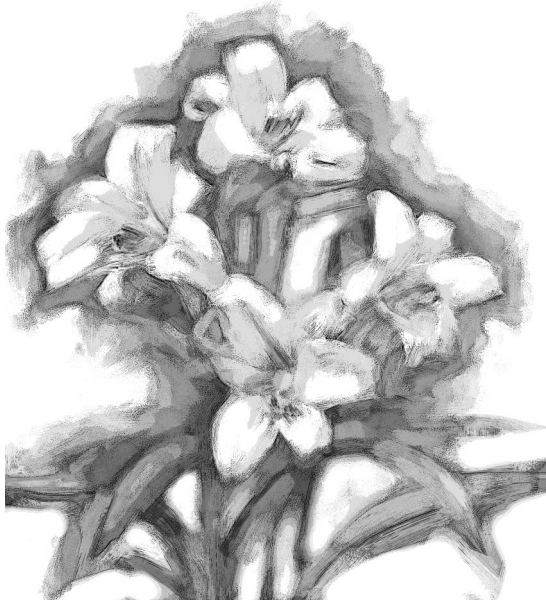
Inheritance. Young people fancy the idea of getting a nice one. Many parents hope to leave a good one. We usually think of inheritance in terms of tangible assets like cash, real estate or various valuable items. Thinking more broadly we might consider inheritance as personal values or worldview that is passed from one generation to the next. In any case, to speak of one's heritage is to speak of something received from another, something we have as a direct result of it being given to us.

The narratives of the Bible frequently allude to heritage. One of the most obvious is the allotment of land in Canaan to the Hebrew people. In Numbers 34 we see God detailing the borders of the land that would be Israel's inheritance east of the Jordan River. Later in the book of Joshua, we learn how that land was allotted among the tribes. With that in mind you can understand how the psalmist is thinking when he writes, "the lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." What lines? Boundary lines. The tribes of Israel knew their land inheritance because the boundary lines were designated by God. From this coastland, to these hills, along this river, up to this valley: landmarks designated the lines of their inheritance.

But is the psalmist actually talking about land as his heritage? I don't think so. I think his mind is on something far more precious than land. Perhaps he is remembering the Lord's words to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor own any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel" (Number 18:20). The psalmist writes, "The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup" (16:5). Follow the text of the psalm, and notice the nature of the writer's cries. In what does he take refuge? His trust is not in land or possessions; it is in the Lord. The entirety of the writer's trust, hope and joy has nothing to do with land or tangible possessions. His heritage is beautiful because it is a "who," not a "what."

How often is our gratitude to God based on what God has given us rather than who God is for us? Has God enriched my life with tangible things? Absolutely. Do I deserve them? Not even close. Do I appreciate them? Very much, and admittedly not as much as I should. Having acknowledged this, I confess that Psalm 16 is a helpful corrective for me. Like the psalmist, I am reminded that my heritage is better than anything this world has to offer; my inheritance is the One who created it all.

Pastor Dave



Easter Lily Order Form

We are taking orders for Easter lilies. Plants will be available for \$12.00 each. If you wish to order flowers, please complete the form below, and drop it in the collection plate or return it to the church office to place your order. Orders must be received no later than Monday, March 25. The flowers must be picked up after the worship service on Easter Sunday morning. Any that are left will be taken to shut-ins.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of lilies @\$12.00 each: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

In Honor (or) In Memory of: (circle one)



Wedding Shower

They tied the knot, now let's celebrate! You are invited to a post wedding shower for Luis and Katie (McDonald) Mendoza, Saturday, March 9th, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in George Hall of the Deen Building. The couple is registered at Target. Hope to see you all there.



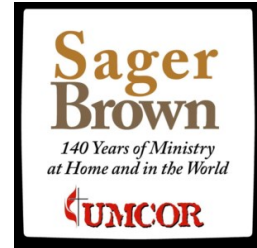
Snack and Coffee Pod Donations Needed

We continue to collect supplies to stock our teacher's lounge at the junior high. Things like coffee pods, crackers, and snack bars are great items. The staff have been very appreciative of the

kindness we have shown them. Anything provided can be brought to the church office, and we will deliver to the school.

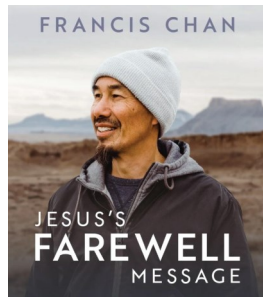
Mission Trip Opportunity

Our mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA is July 15-19. This trip is a great way to give back. If you haven't been, GO!, you won't regret it. Please contact Shane McBride for more information (903-275-4462). You can also visit the website at www.umcmision.org/umcor/. There are spaces available for any in the congregation that would like to go.



Rummage Sale Coming Soon

Save your rummage please! The youth will hold a rummage sale on April 20th to collect money to help send kids to church camp this summer. We need all your rummage to help defray the costs for church camp. We will also need volunteers. Questions should be directed to Mary Keller or Shane McBride.



Lenten Lunches

The church is hosting soup and salad lunches on Wednesdays during the season of Lent. The lunches are free and open to the public. Meals will be ready to eat at 12:00, and will be followed by a time of study and prayer. Our study will follow the video series by Francis Chan *Jesus's Farewell Message*. All participants will be given a link to view the videos at home. RSVPs will be welcome through the church office, but not required.



Sanctuary Open for Prayer Time

Our church sanctuary is open on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 until 8:00 during the season of Lent for prayer and meditation. Come and go as the Lord leads you. Prayer guides will be provided as an optional resource. The pastor will be present and available for anyone who requests prayer or support. You may want to plan a prayer time with your discipleship band, class, or circle of friends. It is all as the Spirit leads.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	4 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting	5 6-8 pm Sanctuary open for Prayer	6 12:00 pm Lenten Lunches 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells	7	8	9 10:00 am Safety Team 2:00 pm McDonald/Mendoza Wedding Shower Deen Building
10 8:00 am Methodist Men Bring Your Own Breakfast Meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	11 5:00 pm Day School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	12 6-8 pm Sanctuary open for Prayer	13 12:00 pm Lenten Lunches 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells	14 9:00 am Games in the Deen Building	15	16 9:00 am Crafting with Christ
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	18	19 6-8 pm Sanctuary open for Prayer	20 12:00 pm Lenten Lunches 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice	21 9:00 am Games in the Deen Building	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	25	26 6-8 pm Sanctuary open for Prayer	27 12:00 pm Lenten Lunches 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice	28 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	30
31 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service						

Coat/Shoe Shopping

When you are out and about shopping, keep a look out for clearance sales on coats and shoes. The Angel Tree is stocking up on these items for next Christmas. We will take any sizes and styles! Thank you for your help. Bring your items to the church and we will store them.



Communion Rail Offering

The communion rail offering for the month of March will go to our friends with Gospel for Myanmar. This is the organization David and Debi Carroll spoke with us about in February. Please consider donating if you are able.

Connect



Connect with us through our church app. Scan the QR code to access our home page where you can leave contact info, access videos, and find general information about the church. You can bookmark the page to your

Home Screen and use it as a web app on your device.

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



We have a small church library started in the Choir Room of the church building. We have a limited selection of books at this time, but are looking to grow our catalog. If you are interested in checking out a book, please come in and take a look!

Remember in Prayer:

Family of Fran Maloney
Family of Richard Moore
Family of Peggy Slack
Family of Kay Stutts
Family of Dorcie Youngblood
Read Family
Family of Dianna Perry
Family of Kell Clapton
Family of Jody McPherson
Family of Helen Liston
Family of Cindy Manion
Alice Kolb
Anita Hullum
Arthur Galope, Jr.
Bernadette Kolb
Beth Randolph
Betty Howe
Betty Manning
Billie Cade
Bruce & Margie Evers

Bruce Lacy
Carol McDermott
Charles & Wynona James
Cheryl Bradley
College Students
Craig Griffith
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Darian Richardson
Denny McCormick
Donna Neely
Elizabeth Cockerham
Eric Johns
Frances, Frank, Marguerite &
Robby Groover
Fausto Sanchez
The Fleming's
Frances Bryant
Gail & Shane McBride
Grace
Harrison Mayone
Herschel LyBrand

Isaac Bullard
Jeff D'Amico
Joan Peck
Justin Baas
Marigrace & Mike Lang
Mark Brown
Mary Bullard
Randy Scott
RMMC Staff
Robin & Lorelai
Sandy Doty
Scrub
Students, Teachers,
Administrators & Staff
Sunday School & Church
Tom Prock
Tyler Lang

Memorials

In memory of
Kay Stutts
Given by

Fritz Gilbreth, Sandra & Mike Howard,
Christy McCaffity, Will & Linda Dennis,
Betty & Brett Maisel and
Jim & Barbara Lamb.

In memory of
Richard Moore
Given by

Larry & Theresa Turner,
Jim & Barbara Lamb, Darlene Kelley,
Fritz Gilbreth, Russell Webb,
And Will & Linda Dennis.

In memory of
Richard Moore
A leaf has been given by
John & Jennifer Ross.



Russell Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
John Ross, Minister of Music
Vanna Duda, Pianist
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator

Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Shane McBride, Youth Director

Join us Sunday Morning!

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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