



# The Weekly Connection

APRIL 26 – MAY 2, 2024

## **PASTORS' PARAGRAPH:**

We are truly grateful for the teamwork and unity that was on display this past Sunday as we were away for the Gateway Annual Conference. We have heard from several who said that our guest speaker, James Harrell, did well in providing a timely message and all went as planned. It made us think of **Psalm 133:1**, "*How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!*" Our sincere thanks to all of you who helped by opening up the church, leading worship, reading Scripture, and ensuring the service was "just right" to include shutting things down and locking up. It was definitely a testament to the fact that it is a great time to be a part of Clever Free Methodist Church! We enjoyed our time representing the Church at Annual Conference. One of the big "take-aways" was hearing from our Bishop, Keith Cowart, who reappointed us as your pastors for the next year. It is quite a blessing to start our third year together. Let's keep moving forward as we anticipate the upcoming Summer schedule! Let us keep reaching Clever for Jesus! – **Pastors Charles & Jennifer**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Discussion-based learning with Pastors Charles and Jennifer in the **book of Habakkuk**. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and learning at **9AM!**

**NEXT THURSDAY - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (5/2):** The Clever Ministerial Alliance is hosting the *National Day of Prayer* for our community at **Noon in the Fellowship Hall**. A light-lunch will be provided. For more information on this national event, click: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about>

**NEXT SUNDAY (5/5):** We will celebrate **Holy Communion** during the 10AM service and join together for our monthly **Pot-Luck Lunch** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):** *Mark your calendar!* The Clever Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a community Vacation Bible School **June 10-14** at the Christian Church (Carpenter St). *We'll need volunteers!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY:** **May 12:** *Mother's Day*; **May 19:** *Pentecost*; **May 26:** *Trinity Sunday*; **May 27:** *Memorial Day Holiday*.

## **PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**UNSPOKEN REQUESTS:** "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people*" (1 Timothy 2:1).

**FIGHTING CANCER:** Mike Bell, Suzi Cernelison, Frankie Flood, June Hobbs, Bob Woods, Bill Wright.

**KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:** Beverly Barge, Wilma Cowan, Lonnie & Cheryl Harless, Tom Rantz, Gary Shaffer, Dale and Sue Stafford, Thelma Sweeney, Jerry Thomas, Rafe & Christine Thomas, Patty Tracy.

**OTHERS:** Mayor Scott Hackworth – Clever City Council, Police Chief Jeff Lofton, Superintendent Brian Breeden and Clever Schools, Fire, first responders, and medical personnel, Pastors Charles & Jennifer, FM Bishops: Keith Cowart, Kenny Martin, and Kay Kolde, Gateway Conference Superintendent Ben Tolly, FMC Ozark Church Alliance, Men's Ministry International, Israel - Palestine/Hamas/Iran, Immigration crisis, Haiti, Bridge collapse in Baltimore, MD, Taiwan (earthquake).

## **CHURCH - COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**SUNDAY: BIBLE STUDY:** 9 AM – **WORSHIP:** 10 AM.

**THE LITTLE CHURCH BAND:** Music Ministry: Practice Wednesdays 4:00 PM (Sanctuary).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, **May 11**, Cook at 8AM. Eat at 8:30. Food provided. Please, come!

**SCOUT TROOP #173:** Fellowship Hall: **Cub Scouts:** Mondays; 6PM; **Boy Scouts:** Tuesdays, 7PM

**CLEVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Monthly meetings. **May 9, 11:30 am.** Fellowship Hall

**CLEVER HS FISHING TEAM:** Thursday, **May 30;** 6:30PM – Fellowship Hall. Visitors welcome!

**MISSIONS and BENEVOLENT Ministries:** Local, regional and world support for organizations and individuals: Free Methodist World Missions; “Least of These” Food Pantry (Ozark); Pregnancy Resource Center (Republic); Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks; Tony & Trica Wood (ministry in a closed country).

***Blessings to all our "Connection" contributors!***

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**\*Please note:** Prayer requests will be posted for 2 weeks, unless otherwise requested. Fighting cancer and chronic need will stay posted. If you have prayer requests, please contact Pastors Charles and Jennifer by *calling, texting, or emailing* at **417-771-0806** or **CleverFMC@Outlook.com**.

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**OUR MISSION:** *“To Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples”*



### **Love God**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

(Matthew 22:37-38 NIV)



### **Love People**

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

(Matthew 22:39-40 NIV)



### **Make Disciples**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

(Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)