

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Bethel Homecoming

October 10, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mk 10:17-31

**Next Week:** Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps 104:1-9,24,34c; Heb 5:1-10; Mk 10:35-45

**Prelude:** "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)" W&S 3104

**\*Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patria**.....UMH 71

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 95

**OT Scripture Reading:** Psalm 22:1-15

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music** "My God is Real" Travis & Judy

**Message:** "Exposed and Expunged"

Scripture: Job 23:1-9 and Mark 10:17-21

**\*Hymn:** "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108

**\*Closing Chorus & Benediction** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who will, enter the House of the Lord and worship!

**People:** May the poor and lonely enter into God's Kingdom?

Leader: Especially the poor and lonely are welcome before the Lord.

**People:** May the rich and the powerful enter this Holy place?

Leader: All who have given their lives and all they possess to God may enter.

**Prayer of Confession:** O God, the wealth and the comforts the world offers have blinded us so often to Your call on our lives. You had no pillow upon which to lay Your head, yet we risk our souls so we might have mansions. You and the Disciples knew rejection and death, yet we fear merely that anyone should not like us. Forgive us, Lord, and give us Your courage in life. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** Homecoming, celebrating 187 years of service in this community

*Dinner after in fellowship hall*

4:00 pm - Charge Conference – by zoom at <https://us06web.zoom/j/84406073634>

**Next Sunday :** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**All Week:** Keep Safe and Pray

### Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page

### Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, David Trimble, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright

*Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin*

**Devotionals:** *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

**Bethel Website:** <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

**Heifer Fund:** "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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1940's



1960's



Today

## The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshippers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

*(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)*



*"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God"* Genesis 28:16



Les Jackson  
1978-1979



Glenn Mitchell  
1982-1983



Ray Honaker  
1983-1984



David McKelder  
1984-1985



Jesse Baker  
1975-1978



Russell Bean  
1979-1982



Joseph R.  
Stiles  
1985-1992



Barbara Stiles  
1992-1994



John Wolfe  
1968-1970



Richard Fife  
1972-1975



Alex  
Knight  
1994-1998



Magrey  
Devega  
1998-2000



Calvin  
Williams  
1958-1963



Lucene  
Williams  
1963-1965



Laura Beth Fisher  
2000-2002



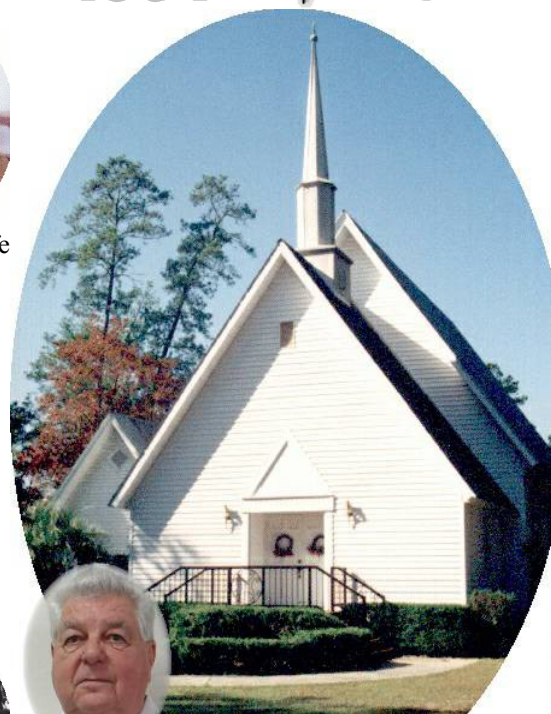
Steven T. Riddle  
2002-2006



C.C. Smith  
1921-31, 1933-34



W.F. Dunkle  
1944-1948



*Pastor Ralph Wrightstone  
and the congregation of Bethel  
Welcome you to Homecoming*



George Potter  
2006-2014



Karen Alford  
2014-2016

**Bethel U.M.C.**  
*Celebrating 187 Years of Ministry*