

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Homecoming Sunday

October 13, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Job 23:1-9;; 2:1-10; Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

\***Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

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

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

\***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

**Youth Message** "How Do We Get Rich?"

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

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

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

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

**Special Music:**

**Message:** "Thinking Outside of the Box"

**Scripture:** *Mark 10:17-31*

\***Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

\***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Are you sure, Jesus, that with God all things are possible?

That we are not just wistful? The ideals you offer are high. You call us to stretch to our finest. No one can be that good all the time.

**Prayer of Confession: Strengthen us when we become disheartened, O God. Stand by us, you who calls us to accept the challenge of being Christian. In case you are right, that we can raise the level of human relationships, let us practice justice, doing what is right, and being truthful. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *Homecoming, dinner after the service*

**October 14<sup>th</sup>:** *Church Conference, 6:00 pm, St. Paul's UMC*

**October 31<sup>st</sup>:** *Trunk-or-Treat*

**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, all of those affected by the storms, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Family & friends of Paula Cooksey; Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau; Savannah Lantz; Nan Lindsey; David Plate; Tina Rucker; Melanie Worley Sanders; Don & Pat Singletary; Paul Sawyer; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard & Ruth Zody*

*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

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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



Russell Bean  
1979-1982



Jesse Baker  
1975-1978



John Wolfe  
1968-1970



Calvin  
Williams  
1958-1963



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



Glenn  
Mitchell  
1982-1983



Ray Honaker  
1983-1984



David McKelder  
1984-1985



Joseph R.  
Stiles  
1985-1992



Barbara Stiles  
1992-1994



Richard Fife  
1972-1975



Alex  
Knight  
1994-1998



Magrey  
Devega  
1998-2000



Lucene  
Williams  
1963-1965



Laura Beth Fisher  
2000-2002



Steven T.  
Riddle  
2002-2006



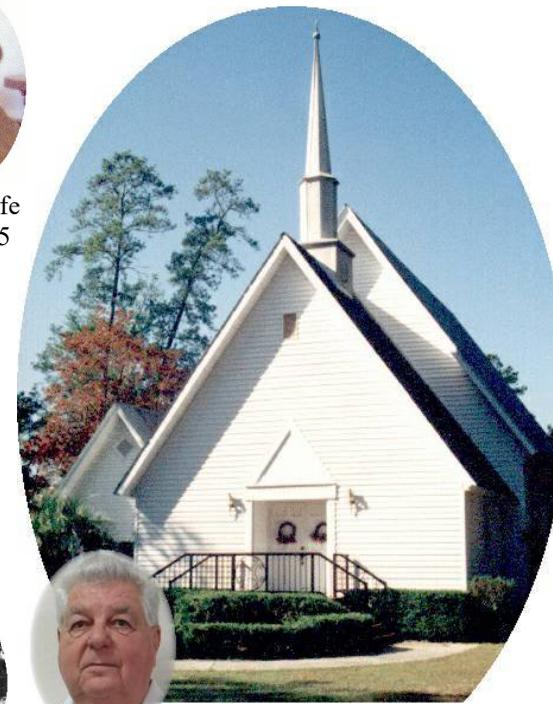
W.F. Dunkl  
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1944-1948



George Potter  
2006-2014



Karen Alford  
2014-2016



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

**Bethel U.M.C.**  
*Celebrating 190 Years of Ministry*