

Idalou United Methodist Church

October 2022 Newsletter

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm & Wednesday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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Worship Sunday at 11:00 AM

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything." 1st Corinthians 6:12

On August 28th we had a church wide vote about whether to stay in the United Methodist Church or to leave. We voted at a percentage of 89.7% to leave. I later found out one vote against was a well-intentioned misunderstood vote to stay and would have been cast the to leave, so we could even bump that up a little. But officially, we voted to leave at 89.7%

Some folks will tell you, or you will hear some say, that we are turning our backs on certain people that we do not deem worthy of salvation. That is untrue. We believe every person is worthy of salvation. We believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God. Some will say the Bible is wrong and has been rewritten. That is untrue. The text from the Bible has been compared to the earliest writings we have found, some as early as the 1st century, and are true to our current Bible. Foot-noted discrepancies are nearly always due to various possible translations of a word from the Aramaic, Hebrew or Greek.

Because we believe the Bible to be God's Word, we live our lives according to its pages. We do not desire to override God's wisdom or act in ways that are in defiance of what the Bible teaches. Make no mistake, we sin. Most of us daily. But we approach God in repentance, confess our sin, and receive God's eternal forgiveness. Then we go about our day as forgiven people. Repentance is key.

The problem we really face is two-fold. One is that the Bible is clear on many issues. If it lists something specifically as a sin, no amount of human reasoning or compassion can override that. We can be compassionate, but we cannot condone sin.

There are those who would denounce the Bible in favor of human compassion and reasoning. I understand their point of view. But the question is, is there sin involved as set down in the Scriptures and are those involved in that sin repentant. The answer, generally, is no. That is a problem. Serving self over the will of God is the origin of sin. Adam chose self over God, and we continue to do so today.

What I will say next is controversial but here goes. You can be a sinner and be a Christian. But we have a responsibility to be sorrowful for our sin before God. Someone once told that he believed we live in a sea of forgiveness. I think that is right. God forgave all sin, past, present and future. But we still need to have regret for our sin and, in a sense, apologize to God for it.

When God confronted Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, He asked, ""Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" Adam and Eve both responded with finger pointing and blame toward someone else. What if they were repentant and apologized for their decisions? We don't know for sure because they didn't do it, but I think, given the subsequent history of God and His people, He would have given grace.

I'll close with this. In the Bible, Paul said,

"Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen." Romans 1:22-25

It seems to me that passage is even more relevant today.

In His love - Rev. Bass



Hoyt & LaFonda Stephens	School Staff/Students
Lexi Isom	Govt. Leaders
Peggy Boyd	COVID-19
Billy Simpson	Police & All First Responders
Donna Smith	The "United Methodist" Church
Tennie DeBusk	Ukraine
Betty Payne	RAIN
Avery Clark	Recovery Florida
Harlee Stewart	
Ben	
Children/Youth Ministry	



Brock Shelly

Chance Johnson

Emory Herrington

Brady Blackburn

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6



10/01 Kevin Belt

10/01 Lexie Isom

10/01 Lori Irwin

10/02 Corinne Choate

10/06 Peggy Boyd

10/06 Tracy Pounds

10/07 Casey Johnson

10/07 Carley Owen

10/09 Erin Cargile

10/09 Price McGehee

10/10 Kyle Williams

10/10 Scott Reed

10/14 Travis Isom

10/14 Hoyt Stephenson

10/14 Robin Porterfield

10/19 Debbie Beaty

10/25 Emily Sisk

10/29 Owen Isom

October Calendar



October 20th

6:45 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

First Responders are welcome to join the men as guests. Donations are greatly appreciated.

October Kitchen Committee

Rhonda Blackburn, Chair & Maxine Reid



Wednesday Night Meal and More 6:15 pm! Menu is potluck. Bring enough for your family and some to share. We will begin a video study. We need a volunteer for birth through 4th grade. If you are interested let Larry know. Caleb will teach 5th-8th grade. Come join us for fellowship and study!

****For any use of the kitchen, please take used dish cloths and towels home to wash and return weekly after using the kitchen. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you! 😊**



Fellowship Meal

October 30, 2022 after Worship we will have our monthly Church Luncheon. Fried chicken is provided. Please bring salads, vegetables, other meat (if you like) or casseroles and desserts. Everyone is welcome!

Financial Snapshot:

Offerings: September 2022 \$9,895.00

Expenses: July 2022 \$11,178.89

Net Income **-\$1,283.39**

YTD:

Offerings: January -July 2022 \$ 92,319.77

Interest Paid \$ 15.02

SWAG Income \$ 300.00

Total Income \$ 92,634.79

Expenses: January -July 2022 \$104,268.50

Net Income: **-\$11,633.71**

The United Methodist Church Dates:

2020 General Conference
postponed until 2024

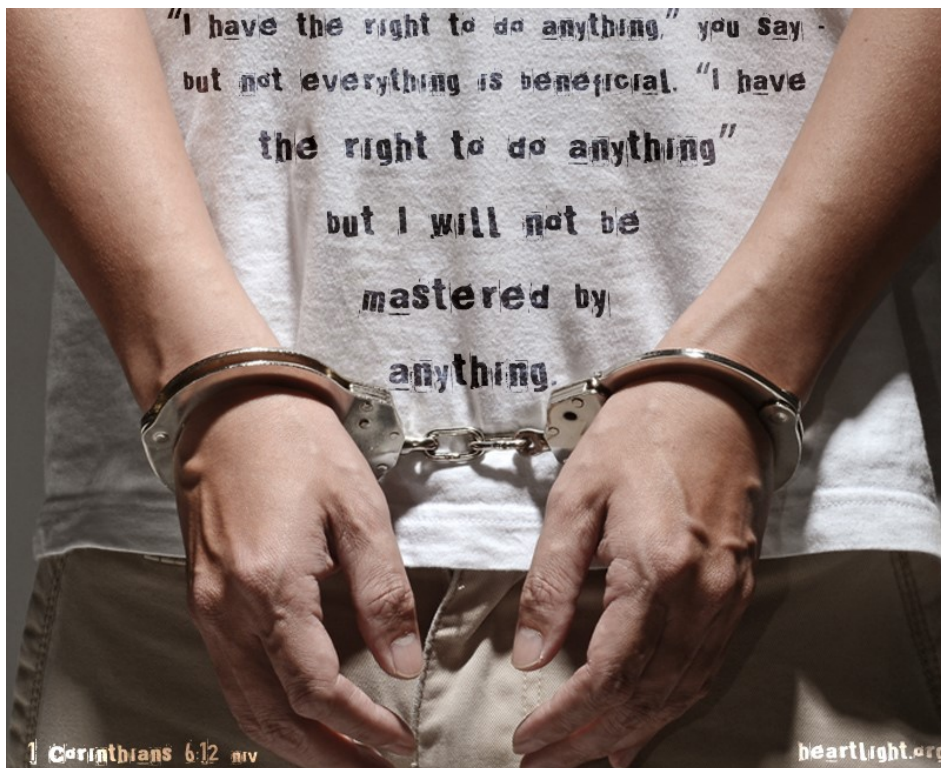
South Central Jurisdictional Conference
Houston, TX
November 2 - 5, 2022

Thank You

To Shannon for providing a trailer and pulling our float in the Cotton Fest Parade. We won third place and received a \$25.00 gift card! Thank you to all who helped decorate the float, provide candy and ride on the float!



"God knows all our sins 'cause they're stored in His cloud."





IDALOU WILDCATS



2022 Football Schedule

VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	VARSIITY
AUG. 12	LEVELLAND (Scrimmage)	Away	6:00
AUG. 18	SEMINOLE (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00
AUG. 26	SWEETWATER	Home	7:00
SEPT. 2	NEW DEAL [^]	Home	7:00
SEPT. 9	HOLLIDAY	Away	7:30
SEPT. 16	VERNON	Away	7:00
SEPT. 23	SHALLOWATER	Away	7:00
SEPT. 30	OPEN		
OCT. 7	ABERNATHY*	Home	7:00
OCT. 14	COAHOMA*	Home	7:00
OCT. 21	ROOSEVELT*	Away	7:00
OCT. 28	LITTLEFIELD*	Home	7:00
NOV. 4	STANTON*	Away	7:00

* District Game [^]Homecoming

JUNIOR VARSITY / FRESHMEN

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	9th	JV
AUG. 12	LEVELLAND (Scrimmage)	Away	5:00	5:00
AUG. 18	SEMINOLE (Scrimmage)	Home	5:00	5:00
AUG. 25	SWEETWATER	Away	5:00	6:30
SEPT. 1	NEW DEAL / 9th TBA	Away		6:00
SEPT. 8	HOLLIDAY / 9th TBA	Home		6:30
SEPT. 15	VERNON / 9th TBA	Home		6:30
SEPT. 22	SHALLOWATER	Home	5:00	6:30
SEPT. 29	OPEN			
OCT. 6	ABERNATHY / 9th HEREFORD	Away	5:00	6:00
OCT. 13	COAHOMA / 9th WELLINGTON	Away	5:00	6:00
OCT. 20	ROOSEVELT / 9th RIVER ROAD	Home	5:00	6:30
OCT. 27	LITTLEFIELD / 9th TBA	Away		6:00
NOV. 3	STANTON / 9th Lubb-Cooper	Home (JV)	5:00 Away	6:00

7TH / 8TH GRADE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	7TH	8TH
SEPT. 8	HOLLIDAY	Away	5:00	6:30
SEPT. 15	VERNON *	Away	5:00	6:30
SEPT. 22	SHALLOWATER *	Away	5:00	6:30
SEPT. 29	OPEN			
OCT. 6	ABERNATHY	Home	5:00	6:30
OCT. 13	COAHOMA	Home	5:00	6:30
OCT. 20	ROOSEVELT	Away	5:00	6:30
OCT. 27	LITTLEFIELD	Home	5:00	6:30
NOV. 3	STANTON	Away	5:00	6:30

*B Team(s) Scheduled

2022 Volleyball Schedule

High School MS

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	JV Gold	JV Green	Varsity
Aug-1	Mon	First Day of Practice	Wildcat Gym	7:30-9:30/12-2	7:30-8:30/12-2	7:30-9:30/12-2
5	Fri	Plainview Scrimmage	Plainview	9, 10:30, 12	9, 10:30, 12	9, 10:30, 12
6	Sat	Brownfield Scrimmage	Brownfield	11, 12	12, 1	1, 2
9	Tues	Plains	HOME	4	5	6
Aug. 12-13	Fri-Sat	Shallowater V Tournament	Shallowater	x	x	TBA
11 & 13	Thur & Sat	Lubbock JV Tournament	Lubbock	TBA	TBA	x
16	Tues	Wellman	HOME	x	5	6
19-20	Fri-Sat	River Road V Tournament	Amarillo	x	x	TBA
19-20	Fri-Sat	Littlefield JV Gold Tournament	Littlefield	TBA	TBA	x
23	Tues	Seminole	HOME	4	4	5
25 & 27	Thur & Sat	Denver City V Tourney	Denver City	x	x	TBA
30	Tues	Southcrest	HOME	4	5	6
Sept. 3	Sat	Denver City/Talkington	HOME	10, 11	10, 12	11, 12
6	Tues	Snyder/Greenwood	Greenwood	TBA	TBA	TBA
9-10	Fri-Sat	Denver City JV Tourney	DC	TBA	TBA	x
10	Sat	Lamesa	Lamesa	x	x	11
13	Tues	LCHS	HOME	4	5	6
17	Sat	Estacado	HOME	10	11	12
20	Tues	Plainview	HOME	4	5	6
24	Sat	Shallowater	HOME	11	11	12
27	Tues	Littlefield	Littlefield	5	5	6
Oct - 1	Sat	LBK Titans	HOME	?	11	12
4	Tues	Tulia	HOME	5	5	6
8	Sat	Childress	Childress	x	11	12
11	Tues	Shallowater	Shallowater	5	5	6
15	Sat	Littlefield	HOME	11	11	12
18	Tues	River Road	HOME	4	5	6
22	Sat	Tulia	Tulia	11	11	12
25	Tues	Childress *Senior Night	HOME	x	5	6
29		District Certification				
						7-30-22