



TIM TALK

"On the Mount"

In 1990 I had the opportunity to travel to Israel with the bishop of the Western New York Conference. It was, to say the least, a mountain top experience that will never be forgotten. Not only did I get to walk the ancient streets of Jerusalem as I followed in Jesus' footsteps to the cross on the Via Dolorosa, I visited his tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. I witnessed a baptism in the Jordan River. I stooped as I paid homage to the Christ Child in The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. I was honored to preach on the very spot that Peter denied Jesus. I walked past the tomb of King David and took a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Like I said, these will be mountain top memories that I will forever cherish, but there is one location that stands out for me more than any other: the

mount from which Jesus preached the beatitudes. For me this jagged outcropping of rock overlooking the Sea of Galilee was the most surreal, for it was from that mount that almost everything Jesus taught, at least according to Matthew's Gospel was taught. Matthew devotes three of his chapters (Chapters 5, 6 and 7) to Jesus' sermon. Even after 30 years I can still envision myself sitting there as if Jesus were teaching me the most important lessons of discipleship; lessons like: salt and light, turn the other cheek, love your enemies, blessed are the peacemakers, the Lord's Prayer, knock and the door will be opened. Biblical scholar Charles Talbert says of these important life lessons; "Rather than laying down laws and calling us to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, the Sermon offers verbal icons through which we may see into God's will and be empowered for the moral life. Its call for radical obedience is not for conformity to legitimate external rules, but for the total transformation of a person." New Testament author and scholar Bonnie Thurston agrees. "To be obedient to Jesus is to become as he is, humble and gentle."

Throughout the season of Lent, we here at Oaklette Church will be visiting these pages of Matthew's Gospel as we experience what it means to be obedient to Christ. I invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at The River and our Traditional Service as we, together, learn more of what it means to live life as Jesus did: humble and gentle.

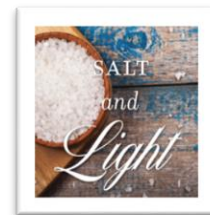
In the words of the Apostle Paul:
“Love from the center of who you are. Don’t Fake It!” (Romans 12:9)

Tim

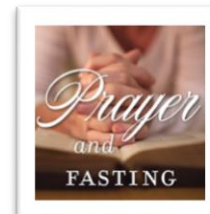
Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

LENTEN SERMONS SERIES FOR MARCH 2020
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
“Salt and Light”
Matthew 5:13–26 (NRSV)



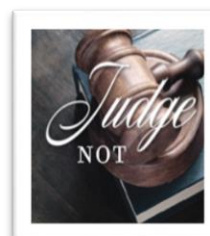
MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
“Prayer and Fasting”
Matthew 6:5–18 (NRSV)



MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
“Do Not Worry”
Matthew 6:25–34 (NRSV)



MARCH 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
“Judge Not”
Matthew 7:1–15 (NRSV)



MARCH 29, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
“Build on Rock”
Matthew 7:24–27 (NRSV)



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES
“Come to the river where you will thirst no more.”
Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

MAYBERRY CHURCH

Sunday at 6:30PM - Fellowship Hall

Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ. Using the Bible and classic episodes of “The Andy Griffith Show” Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- **March 1 – Episode:** “Don’t Miss A Good Bet” – A stranger comes to town with the goal of striking it rich. Claiming he has a map to a buried treasure he appeals to his investor’s hidden greed. **Theme:** Greed. **Scripture:** Luke 12:15 (MSG) – *“Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed.”*
- **March 8 – Episode:** “Howard’s Main Event” – After falling head-over-heels for the new woman at Mayberry’s bakery Howard backs off when he is bullied by her former boyfriend. **THEME:** Facing Our Fears. **Scripture:** Psalm 27:3 (ESV) – *“Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.”*
- **March 15 – Episode:** “The Inspector” – When a state inspector arrives in Mayberry to check the jail, Andy and Barney are shocked to discover he’s a by-the-book stickler for rules and regulations. Things look pretty grim for Andy’s future as sheriff until he is able to demonstrate the ‘Mayberry way of fighting crime.’ **Theme:** Going By the Book **Scripture:** Galatians 2:19 (MSG) –

"I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a 'law man' so that I could be God's man."

- **March 22 – Episode: "Opie's Drugstore Job"** – After taking a job at the drugstore Opie learns a valuable lesson about honesty. Theme: Honesty. Scripture: Proverbs 16:11 (MSG) – *"God cares about honesty in the workplace; your business is his business."*
- **March 29 – Episode: "Ellie Saves a Female"** – Taking pity on a shy tomboy Ellie is determined to give her a makeover – much to her gruff father's displeasure. Theme: Making Judgment Calls. Scripture: Romans 14:3 (CEV) – *"We must stop judging others. We must also make up our minds not to upset anyone's faith."*



BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER
BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)



BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In March that's Friday, the 13th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00 AM!



THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER OFFERING

Please remember to pick up your Thirty Pieces of Silver Bag for Lent. They are available in the Narthex, in the Coffee Area by the side entrance to the sanctuary, as well in the Fellowship Hall at The River. They are to be returned by Easter Sunday! Our goal again this year is to raise enough funds to provide 14,000 meals to Rise Against Hunger. Packaging of these meals will be done by us in late September.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

Virginia's Annual Conference is fast approaching and that means we need to gather our Kits for Conference. The kits that are being collected this year include Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Kits (formerly Flood Buckets), School Kits, Layette Kits, Birthing Kits, as well as Sewing Kits. Instructions for how each kit is to be assembled are available by contacting the church office. Kits can be placed in the Church Parlor across the hall from the Pastor's Office. All kits need to be at church by Sunday, June 14th.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Starting on Sunday March 8th Dr. Tim will be hosting a New Member Orientation in his office at 4:30 PM. Orientation will meet every Sunday through March 29th. New Members will be received into the church on Easter Sunday April 12th.



Life Line Screenings go
beyond regular checkups
to look inside your arteries
for signs of plaque build-up



Life Line Screening will be at Oaklette UMC on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

Cost is \$139. You may sign up online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.



JUNE 13 – 20, 2020
HOST CHURCH: Indian River Baptist Church

For the first time ever Oaklette Church, instead of hosting a Vacation Bible School, will be participating in SHRMP!

SHRMP, a full 7-day experience, focuses on transforming socially and economically disadvantaged communities through the love and power of Jesus Christ. This experience prayerfully builds relationships in the South Norfolk and South Hampton Roads areas through various activities like Vacation Bible Schools and Sports/Reading Camps. With your help, alongside other supporting churches and organizations, we seek to impact even more individuals' and families' lives.

How can you help? Volunteer to work in the kitchen or help with registration. Volunteer to lead a Bible Story, help with recreation, do crafts, read, lead worship, and/or be a crew leader. Volunteers will be needed for both the afternoon and evening sessions.

For more information on how you can volunteer please speak with Pat Cruz or call the church office. Registration forms must be submitted by May 1st! The only expense to you will be the purchase of a SHRMP T-Shirt (that is, if you desire one).

A Discussion about Behavior Challenges & Communication Techniques with Dementia will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Sponsored by United Methodist Women and presented by Joan Motley, Community Liaison with Interim HealthCare. Please sign up with Judy Litten or the Church Office if you wish to attend.

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley – (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter – (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow – (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Marcus Hincks – (Husband of Samantha McDonald and
Ann & Jimmy Lee's grandson-in-law)

Jared Meharg (Son-in-law of Dana & Don Moody)

Brian Miller – (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer – (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Major Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

Billy East
2701 Border Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Nell Cucinotta
1249 Davis Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Mary Guynn
Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Jackie Munden
3009 Mattox Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Marjorie Harrison
Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Mamie Whitehurst
c/o Cathy Albertson
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Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Pat Grover
1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Fleda Humphries
Kempsville Health/Rehab
5520 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Doris Doughten
Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Howard Combs
Autumn Care
Room 306
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Chesapeake, VA 23320

Evelyn Yount
4110 McNeal Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Lucille Payette
1408 Elder Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Joyce Richwine
2105 Johnstown Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

**March**

-1-
John & Tysh Basnight

-8-
Denise Morin
-15-

-22-
Joyce Gaston
-29-
Debbie & David
Rippard

**March**

-1-
Atha Wimmer
-8-

-15-
Jan Whitzel
-22-
Jerome Dickinson
-29-

Please sign up for altar
flowers and Food
Basket. There are
many, many blank
lines to fill!

**March Food Pantry
Workers**

-2-
Duane Johnstone
&
Emma Beggs
-9-
Lillian Everett
&
Brenda Hodsdon
-16-
Nancy Helsel
&
Mildred Walling
-23-
Helene Haluska
&
Theresa Magner
-30-
Connie & Richard
Tucker

Volunteers are needed
to work the Food Pantry
on Mondays. It is only
for two hours per shift
and usually only one
shift per several
months. Please contact
Barbara Bennett if you
are interested.

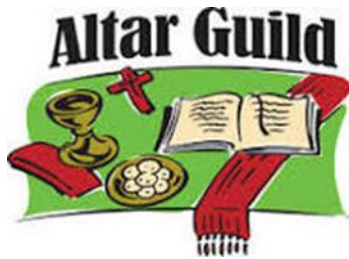
**March**

-1-
Jerome Dickinson
-8-
Jessica Weifert
-15-
Barbara Bennett
-22-
Jessica Weifert
-29-
Jerome Dickinson



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email address when
communicating with the
church:
oaklette@oakletteumc.org

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throughout the
building. The password
is blessing4u.

**March**

Barbara Bennett
&
Linda Tandy



-1-

Kady Grace Bailey

-2-

Grayson Basnight
Debra Kinn

-3-

Bob Bailey
Judy Litten
Linda Gallop

-4-

Charlotte Walton
Jessica Dawn Weifert

-5-

John Buchanan
Donna Bradley

-6-

Jacob Butler

-8-

Russell Poyner II

-9-

Cassie Weifert
Adam Blakely

-11-

Peggy Johnson

-14-

Brian McDonald

-15-

Janice LoBello

-16-

Susan Hamlin

-19-

Julian Baker
Joe Kasmark

-21-

Cathy Grubb

-23-

Jeannie Simpson
Jonathan Watson

-24-

Tim LoBello
Herbert Larkin

-26-

Betty Williams

-29-

Clint Driskill

-30-

Patricia Bennett-Cruz

-31-

Jackie Munden

There are no March
anniversaries.


CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**IHS**

This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHCOYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Jesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered."

**PADDLING THROUGH LENT – AND LIFE**

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright. That isn't a bad image for Lent – or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline falls now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!


- Adapted from Carlos
Wilton in *Homiletics*



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTETP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals, let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

*Kids
page*



Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus' answer?

- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

Answer on Page 11



Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Martha Riggan, who passed away February 5, 2020 and to the family and friends of Bill Lucy, who passed away February 24, 2020.



MEMBERS' ADDRESSES NEEDED

Jon Armstrong
Jackie Armstrong
Samuel Canford
Grace Currier
Jerry Currier
Valerie Carroll
Hillary Fauci
Danny Fussell

Jeffrey Kidd
Haleigh Miller
Kathy Morgan
Scott Myers
Angie Myers
Diane Nathan
Kimberly Pizer
Wanda Ryan

John Ryan
Richard Stevens
Tom Sherrick
Sarah Thompson
Michelle Thompson
Lynn Warren
Kelly Weller
Alice Weaver
Crystal Williams

Please let the church office know if you have any information regarding addresses for these members.

JOY SEEKERS

In northern Minnesota several years ago, some women formed a "joy circle." They settled into a routine of meeting every couple of weeks to share joys they've noticed. Their aim, amid our troubled world and chaotic lives, is to deliberately focus on the positive. The women don't simply hope to stumble upon good news among the outrage, bitterness and tragedy surrounding us; they actively seek out joy and report it to the group.

Joy is a fruit of the spirit named in Galatians 5:22-23. As Christians, we don't ignore or dismiss life's struggles and sorrows, and neither do joy-circle participants. But God promises that life is stronger than death, and Jesus' resurrection is proof. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can make a spiritual discipline of seeking and sharing joy – and thanking God for it.

- Heidi Mann

Answer to Bible Quiz: D. John 3:1-16

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERICKA LITTEN

Recipient of the Rountree Award

Good Morning! It gives me great pleasure to stand before you, recognizing this year's recipient of the "William Franklin Rountree" award. A few of us, now, will remember "Froggie". He was a man who gave many years of service to Oaklette. So, to bring recognition to those members who serve God by volunteering at Oaklette United Methodist Church, we have set aside a Sunday to put a "spotlight" to these hard working people.

Today, we celebrate someone who has been a member of Oaklette since 2010. Yet, when we see all the hard work this person has done, we assume they have been an active member for a lot longer than those 10 years.

This person has volunteered for numerous, unglamorous jobs, but she saw a need and agreed to take an active part.

On those Sundays when she isn't sitting next to her mother-in-law, Ericka Litten can be found in the temperamental "Audio Visual" cave, keeping everyone on point with the 11:00 AM service. There have been other times when she would leave the sanctuary and go help her sister, Sonya, with the "Royal Kids" service. And, on some Saturdays, when available, she would also volunteer her time with Oaklette's Movie Night.

Many of you have worked with Ericka at "Rise Against Hunger", scooping and packing those 15,000 meals. Once a year, she volunteers when Oaklette hosts "NEST", providing food, fellowship, fun, and shelter to the homeless. At Halloween, there were hundreds of children that had a frightfully, fun time, as she coordinated "Trunk-or-Treat" with her husband, Chuck. In addition, she has volunteered to assist with the community "Easter Egg Hunt" and "Vacation Bible School". Finally, she has helped with the "UMW Yard Sale", by pricing and tagging the "treasures" to be sold.

Ericka's most recent venture is one that is very important for Oaklette's future, as well as the local community. She has agreed to be a member of the church's "Strategic Planning Team." Her work on this committee, and her work as Oaklette's Website Master, will help Oaklette United Methodist Church remain a bright beacon and positive influence on the local community.

Our church is extremely fortunate to have Ericka Litten as a very ACTIVE member. And we want to thank her for her service, hard work, and dedication with this award.

God Bless You, Ericka.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 2:30-6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Mayberry Church	2 10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle of Love 6 PM SOTM Youth 6:30 PM Worship Team 7 PM Strategic Planning 7 PM HRM Band	3 Bulletin Articles Due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry	4 1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	5 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study	6	7 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
8 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Mayberry Church	9 10 AM Food Pantry 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band	10 Bulletin Articles Due	11 1 PM Bible Study @ Barnes & Noble 5:30 PM Staff Support Team 7 PM Choir Practice	12 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Model "A" Club	13 9 AM Breakfast @ Denny's	14 2-7 PM Tiffani Parks' Reception 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
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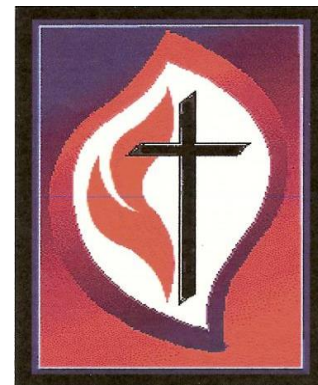
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