

Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 13, 2023

REAL



Thank you for joining us today!



THANK YOU FOR VISITING CANTERBURY!

We are so glad you are here, and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/guests
We look forward to connecting with you!

- Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson
- Pastor** - Rev. Hill Carmichael
- Pastor** - Rev. Tori Hastings
- Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan
- Pastor** - Rev. Sheryl Thornton
- Pastor** - Rev. Sam Williamson
- Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery
- Children's Pastor** - Rev. Ruth Grissom
- Youth Pastor** - Rev. Seth Moon
- High School Pastor** - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright
- Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson
- Director of Contemporary Music** - Natalie Moon

REAL GRACE LOVE LIFE

Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ. Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

Upcoming Events

Kickoff Sunday | Today | 5-7 PM

Join us for the fall kickoff event in the Canterbury parking lot from 5-7 PM. ALL AGES are invited to enjoy Bingo, water inflatables, food trucks, a photo booth, and a Cornhole Tournament!



JUMP IN

KICKOFF SUNDAY • AUGUST 13 **5-7 PM**

DON'T MISS

- FOOD TRUCKS
- INFLATABLES
- GAMES
- PHOTO BOOTH
- SWAG
- CORNHOLE

Guest Speaker, Kristi Bush | August 16 | 5-6 PM Children | 6-7 PM Adults

Wednesday nights return this week and we will kick things off with a guest speaker! Kristi Bush is a national education consultant and social media safety advocate. As a mother, she has both a professional and personal appreciation of the power...both positive and negative...associated with social media. The night will be divided into two parts. Our children, 3rd-6th grades, will gather in Wesley Hall at 5 PM for a session tailored just for them (pizza will be served). Register your child at www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents. From 6-7 PM, adults will hear from Kristi in Wesley Hall.



GUEST SPEAKER KRISTI BUSH AUGUST 16

Helping Parents Navigate Social Media

Children 5-6pm | Adults 6-7pm
WESLEY HALL

Fall Small Groups & Wednesday Night Studies | Begin August 23

REGISTER NOW! There is something for everyone this fall at Canterbury. Jump in to an adult small group or Wednesday evening study. Session One begins August 23! For a full listing of options and to register, visit: www.canterburyumc.org/adultbiblestudy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

We Gather In God's Presence

Glorious Day

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

Blessing Of The Teachers

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

All About You

Starlight

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Thank God I Do

We Listen For God's Voice

Romans 12:9-17

Jump In

My King Forever

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

Robert A. Rives (Mark Rives' father).....August 4, 2023

William Carl Posey (Carlton Fountain's father).....August 7, 2023

“Love Again Toys” Collection | August 13 - September 10

New Outreach Opportunity! Love Again Toys is a new charity founded in conjunction with Canterbury UMC. Love Again Toys is currently accepting gently used children's toys, clothes, books, and riding toys (such as bikes, scooters, and helmets); additionally, they are accepting gently used books and clothes for teens. Love Again Toys is partnering with a few other nonprofit organizations in central Alabama, specifically in Wilcox and Lowndes counties. On the Birmingham end, they will collect the toys and deliver them to sister charities; they will sort and distribute the items to their families most in need. All of the donations will be tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at Canterbury starting this Sunday through September 10. A pod will be in the Chapel parking lot and you can visit the round desk at the main entrance for the lock combination and your tax donation form. Please join us and help make this first year of Love Again Toys a success, and be on the lookout for future donation opportunities each summer around the beginning of school. Questions? Contact Rachel Estes at rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

Happening at Canterbury

Confirmation Parent Meeting | August 13 | 11:30 AM

For parents of upcoming 7th graders, we will have a very important meeting this morning at 11:30 AM in the Youth Center to go over the upcoming year as our 7th graders are not only joining the YAC youth program, but also, will be walking through the Confirmation experience. 7th grade parents will need to register their students for the Confirmation year. Please do so by visiting: www.canterburyumc.org/confirmation

YAC MidWeek | Returns August 16 | 6-7 PM

MidWeek is an instrumental event in the life of our YAC program. We can't even begin to tell you how many of our students plug into the youth group because of MidWeek. We all gather at 6pm in the Youth Center, and then our Junior High students will head down to M-118 for their time, while our Senior High students will remain in the Youth Center for a time of incredible discussions.

Community Grief Support: Unmasking the Complexity of Suicide August 17 | 6 PM | Canterbury Center

It's not easy to talk about, think about, or cope with suicide. A free, open-to-the-public conversation about suicide is happening on Thursday, August 17 at Canterbury. Join us to hear from key speakers, Cheryl Dodson and Noah Galloway, as we learn how to help and make a difference. Check in is at 6 PM, program is from 7-9 PM. Deadline to register is August 14. To register: www.communitygriefsupport.org/unmasking-suicide-registration/

RISE Ministry 5th & 6th grade Parent's Meeting | August 20 | 5-6 PM

There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 20 from 5-6 PM in Wesley Hall for the parents of our 5th and 6th graders. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet your child's Sunday school teachers, to learn what your child will be learning in Sunday school, to see what activities are offered for your child, and learn how to help your child grow in their faith and relationship with God this year. Questions? Contact Davis Kinchler at davis.kinchler@canterburyumc.org.

Legacy Luncheon | August 22 | 12 Noon

Join us as we welcome our wonderful volunteers of Canterbury's heartfelt ministry, Books to Prisons. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes of this ministry and so many lives touched by the kindness of others. Our volunteers will share their stories with us. Enjoy a fabulous lunch by Debbie (\$5) and of course sharing good times with friends. Please RSVP by August 17 by emailing valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Encore Volunteer Training | August 28 | 9 AM-12 Noon

For new and seasoned volunteers, Encore will hold a Volunteer Training and Refresher Course on Monday, August 28th from 9-12 in the Encore Room at Canterbury (2nd floor). Light breakfast munchies and coffee will be served. Please email Patti Williams by August 21 at encorepatti@gmail.com to RSVP.

Third Grade Bible Presentation | September 17 | 10:30 AM

It is a tradition at Canterbury to give a personalized Bible to our third graders each year. If you are a member of Canterbury or consider Canterbury your church home, we want to make sure that we have a Bible for your child. Bibles will be presented to the children in the Sanctuary on September 17 at 10:30 AM. To reserve a Bible for your child, please visit www.canterburyumc.org/childrensevents.

Welcome to Canterbury

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!

We want you to feel at home. Through close relationships, the study of scripture, education, and caring for others, our goal is to connect you to God, each other, and His world in a real and meaningful way. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. You will find a community of real people, led by leaders who express their real experiences to help renew and empower you to follow Him. So no matter where you are in life, we invite you to come as you are and to live for something greater. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

WORSHIP:

Children in Worship All children are welcome in worship! The sights, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. Worship Activity bags, Sensory bags and other resources are available as you enter. If you have a child with sensory challenges who might need a break from worship, we have a Sensory Room located on the 2nd floor of the Children's Building that is staffed with knowledgeable caregivers. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

Watch Online We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

Things to Know:

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack on the wall in Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

NEXT STEPS

If you are new to Canterbury, this is a great class for those who want to learn more about our church. Held on Sunday mornings, it provides an overview of what makes Canterbury thrive. You can find out more about the church, ask questions, and make personal connections. Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Dining Room. For questions or to sign up for the next session, please contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org.

MEET WITH OUR PASTORS:

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact Matthew Montgomery at matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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