

The VINE

The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church



“The Chosen” is a television series worth your time

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to walk with Jesus during his time on earth? Have you ever thought about what happened to Jesus and the disciples *in between* the gospel stories? I’m sure we all have. And now you can get a taste of how those questions might be answered through a new series called “The Chosen.”

Distributed through Angel Studios, “The Chosen” is the first-ever multi-season television series about the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. It’s biblically and theologically sound, drawing upon the exact texts of the four gospels. Since it’s told through the eyes and lives of the disciples, there’s a lot of background and backstory that *isn’t* in the Bible. For example, we know from Luke 4:38 that Simon Peter had a mother-in-law, which means that he was married. However, the Bible is silent about Simon’s wife. We know nothing about her. In “The Chosen,” she’s called Eden and we get to see how she deals with Simon’s call to follow Jesus, her own faith, and what all that means to their domestic life together.



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From Pastor Todd, continued

This means that the filmmakers have used artistic license to develop backstories about the disciples and other people in the gospels, such as Nicodemus, Jairus, and Mary Magdalene. It presents *possible* interpretations of characters, settings, and situations. But there's nothing that goes against Scripture in all this background. It's fundamentally solid, believable, and possible.

Everything about the series is of the highest quality: production values (which makes you feel like you're in a Capernaum market or a Nazareth synagogue), writing, directing, acting (the cast is fantastic!)—all the things that we've come to expect from television series such as “Game of Thrones,” “Law & Order,” or “Mad Men.” But *without* all of the Hollywood social and political agendas.

The reason for this is because everything about “The Chosen” has been crowdfunded. If you're not familiar with that term, it's a new way for artistic projects—from films to games to books and more—to get made with the financial support of individual people. In this case, instead of big Hollywood producers and production companies, people have made financial donations to make “The Chosen” a reality. So there's no big-name producer with a political or social agenda to inject in the series.

The people behind Loaves & Fishes, the group making the series, and Angel Studios, who distributes it, are Christians. They have a high and reverent respect for the Bible and Jesus, which becomes apparent as you watch each episode.

At the beginning of Episode 8 (season one), creator, co-writer, and director Dallas Jenkins says that a total of seven seasons are planned which will go up to the resurrection of Jesus. Currently, the first three seasons are available.

And the best part? ***It's all FREE!***

That's right, there's no charge to stream all of “The Chosen.” In order to view it, you need to download the app (simply called “The Chosen”) from your operating system's app store. The app looks like this: →
Open the app and connect it with your smart TV (or view it directly on your tablet or phone). Each season consists of eight individual episodes so it's just as easy to “binge” it as it is any series on Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon. You can also access the app and the series through the Amazon Fire Stick, Roku, or other digital media player.



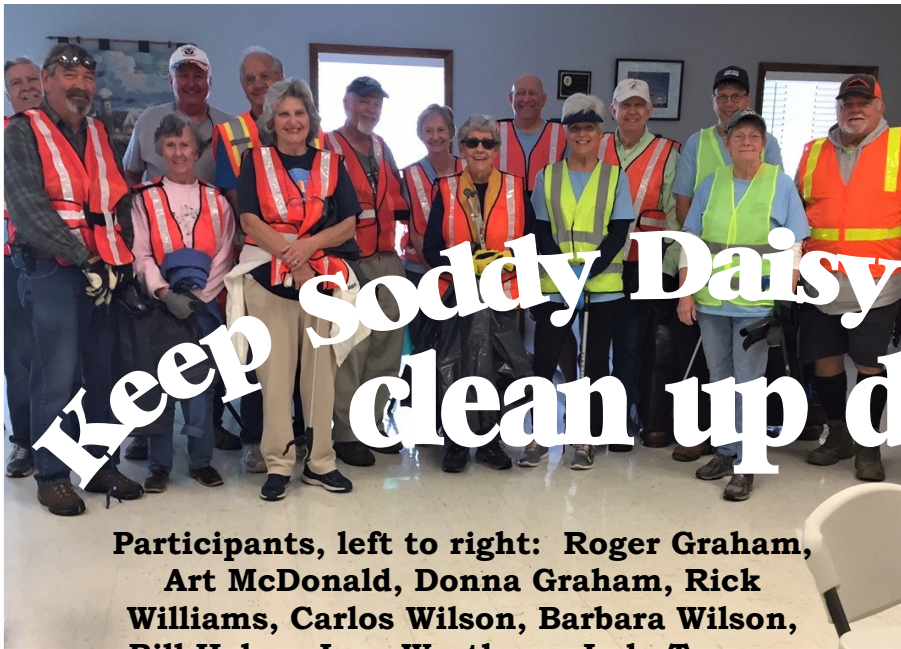
I can't recommend “The Chosen” highly enough. If you can access it, you should watch it. You'll find a warm, beautiful, humorous, poignant, authentic depiction of Jesus and those he called to follow him. And in the process you'll probably see yourself somewhere among...the chosen.

To find out more visit <http://watch.angelstudios.com>

**NOTES
from**

the OUTREACH TEAM

Many thanks to our team who participated in the Keep Soddy Daisy Beautiful Cleanup Challenge on Friday, April 21. That morning the team cleaned the area around the church and up to the Soddy Daisy Food Bank warehouse. That afternoon Marylu McDonald and her granddaughter, Payton Scoggins, did a cleanup at the Soddy Pavilion and baseball fields. This was part of our community outreach.



**Keep Soddy Daisy Beautiful
clean up day**

Participants, left to right: Roger Graham, Art McDonald, Donna Graham, Rick Williams, Carlos Wilson, Barbara Wilson, Bill Haley, Jean Wortham, Judy Teague, Todd Kingrea, Kathy Jones, Steve Wortham, Alan Gram, Suzie Weber and Mitch Weber.



**Payton Scoggins,
Art & Marylu
McDonald's
granddaughter**



As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ.

**2 Corinthians 8:23
NIV**

May Birthdays

7	Ray Woodall	25	Donna Graham
8	Karen Yeatts	28	Charles Bain
9	Mike Parrott	29	Vivian Stulce
11	Steve Wortham	31	Rebecca Musgrave
12	Carson Wood		
13	Marion Wood Wagner		
20	Evelyn Caldwell		
21	Britany Posey		
24	Annaliese Mullins Aiden Mullins		



May Anniversaries

23	Tripp & Kathryn Mullins
27	Matt & Jessica Lyon

June Birthdays

4	Jim Mulkey	28	Matt Lyon
6	Sue Hultgren	29	Kellsea Hendrix
9	Sid Parrott		
11	Becky Stulce Hannah Musgrave Kathy Vinyard		
12	Marti Hendrix Bennett Hendrix		
14	Ron Reahard		
15	Marie Musgrave		
17	Carl McLaughlin		
24	Matthew Kingrea		

June Anniversaries

4	Charles & Gena Bain
6	Arnie & Becky Stulce Doug & Karen Yeatts
17	Jeff & Karen Ward
24	Vic & Sharon Rogers



2023 HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT SCENIC SOUTH DISTRICT



HOME BUCKETS FOR ZIMBABWE



- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 stick deodorant (3 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of shampoo with conditioner (15 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of dish liquid (25 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (10 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle liquid toilet cleaner (24 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle antibacterial hand soap (10 oz. or less)
- 1 laundry detergent (liquid OR powder, 40 loads or less)
- 1 set of silverware



NOTE:
A \$5.00
donation for
packing and
shipping is to
accompany
each kit.



PACK ALL ITEMS IN A NEW 5-GALLON BUCKET WITH LID.

**PLEASE LEAVE COMPLETED KITS
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
ALL KITS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY, MAY 28th!**

Easter Egg hunt!



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May



Tuesday, May 2nd

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Wednesday, May 3rd

Potluck dinner (5:30 PM)

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 7th

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Labor And Lost Love"

HANDS-ON MISSION KIT BUCKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Tuesday, May 9th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Wednesday, May 10th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 14th

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Mother's Day

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Poverty And Pain"

Tuesday, May 16th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

United Methodist Women (12:00 PM)

Wednesday, May 17th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 21st

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Satan And Sin"

Tuesday, May 23rd

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Wednesday, May 24th

Choir practice (6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 28th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Judgement And Jezebel"

ALL HANDS-ON MISSION KIT BUCKETS DUE

Monday, May 29th

MEMORIAL DAY



Tuesday, May 30th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Wednesday, May 31st

Choir practice (6:30 PM)



NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY POT LUCK DURING JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

Sunday, June 4th

GUEST SPEAKER Rev. Craig Paul

June 4th - 7th

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, May 6th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Sunday, June 11th

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Life Support And Loyalty"

Administrative Board meeting

Tuesday, May 13th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Sunday, June 19th



FATHER'S DAY

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Perseverance And Protection"

Tuesday, June 20th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

United Methodist Women (12:00 PM)

Saturday, June 24th

SENIOR GAME NIGHT

GAMES! FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

The Outreach Team will be hosting this event for all seniors in the community.
This is the tentative date.

Sunday, June 25th

NAVIGATING REVELATION: SE7EN

"Bland And Boastful"

Tuesday, June 27th

Marthas & Marys Bible study

