

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9am-1pm

## Sunday, February 14, 2016

- 8:30 am Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
- 8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments
- 9:00 am Campus Groups/SS
- 9:00 am Kid's Small Group until 9:50
- 9:25 am Worship Huddle (Hospitality/Parlor)
- 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 10:15 am Kid's Worship
- 6:00 pm Children's Student 252
- 6:30 pm Youth Super Bowl Party

## Monday, February 15, 2016

- 5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm Alpha Circle

## Tuesday, February 16, 2016

- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Faith/Joy Circle
- 6:00 pm Fine Arts Meeting
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm Discovery Circle

## Wednesday, February 17, 2016

- 5:30 pm W.E.A.C. Meal
- 6:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Refresher  
Training (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm Workshop for Ushers  
(Seekers Classroom)
- 6:00 pm Children's Activities
- 6:00 pm Youth Collision Experience
- 6:00 pm Handbell Practice
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, February 18, 2016

- 9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
- 1:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00 pm Band Practice (FH)

## Friday, February 19, 2016

- 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Youth 7/Eleven  
Hangout (food, games & movie)

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Hueytown, Alabama  
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*Hueytown, Alabama*

## Connecting Points

There are a lot of stories in the Bible that leave me scratching my head and wondering how to interpret them. Sometimes, I don't know what to make of them, and so, I reach for a commentary and see what someone else thinks is going on and what in the world this story can be about. These sources can offer some insight and perhaps some background information that I don't have or don't know. After studying their words and pondering them, I'm still left to draw my own conclusions. How do I interpret this story or these words? Sometimes, after mulling it over, I come to the conclusion that I really don't know what happened or how it happened or if it happened or even why it happened. In that moment, I remember a word that, mysteriously, we don't use very much and that's the word mystery. Life is full of mystery and mysterious things that can make us feel inadequate or uninformed. It is so hard to admit that we don't know something and so, sometimes, we err on the side of saying too much, rather than saying too little. Sometimes, we think because we have labeled something, or someone, that it is settled and the case is closed. Take for example, the word grief. Someone experiences loss and is discombobulated to the point that they have become a mystery to themselves and to us. And so, instead of saying we really don't know what is happening inside of them or to them and being willing to sit in the silence or in the cloud of unknowing, we explain it with one word. Grief. They are grieving. There! That takes care of that. But does it really?

People who know it all bother me and people who hold too tightly to their perceptions of reality not only seem arrogant but also out of touch with mystery. I once heard a preacher preach a short sermon. (There's a mystery to unravel!) He said, that's really all I have to say about this text because it's all I know to say. Then he said, I know my job is tell you what it means and I studied and I don't really know what it means other than what I've already shared and I'm not sure any of that is correct. So, we closed out the service and all went home surrounded by a cloud of unknowing called mystery.

Pastor Dean

## Remember In Prayer

### NO KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

### Special Prayer Requests:

Phil Vines  
 Joree Vance  
 Bettye Parker (daughters)  
 Carolyn Mitchell (South Haven)  
 Tammy Campbell  
 Beth McCarty  
 Leon Joyner  
 Patsy Crump  
 Floyd Lunceford

## Attendance & Contributions February 7, 2016

Sunday School	91
Morning Worship	175
Pledge Total 2016	\$344,840.00
Budget for 2016	\$489,305.00
Needed for January	\$ 40,775.00
Received this Sunday	\$ 13,996.55
Received for February	\$ 13,996.55
Total Received 2016	\$ 51,102.58
Building Fund 2016:	55.00

**W.E.A.C. 2016**  
**Wednesday's**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meal 5:30 p.m.**  
*Call the office or sign the*  
*Connection Card on Sunday*  
*morning for reservations.*

## REMINDER

Safe Sanctuary Refresher Training  
 Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Hall

This refresher training is required for all those who have undergone the application process/background check, however, any and all church members are welcome **A makeup training session will be held on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:15 in the Chapel.** Please plan to attend one of these scheduled sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Ellie at 529-7954.

## WORKSHOP FOR USHERS

During W.E.A.C. February 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

For all current ushers and anyone wishing to usher, you are invited to attend. We will meet in the Seekers Classroom and we promise that these sessions will not be boring!



September  
 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

## 2016 Work Camp

Team leader: Danny Richardson

Call the church office to volunteer.

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Each month 4 people are needed to serve communion. If you have a desire to help serve, please contact Kay or Danny Karr (497-0986)



for  
 Widow's &  
 Widower's  
 Saturday,  
 February 13<sup>th</sup>  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hall

VALENTINE  
 BANQUET

FUMCH  
 GIRL SCOUT  
 TROOP  
 31300



Cookies: \$4

On Sale now through March 18<sup>th</sup>

The troop will be selling on site at Bessemer Lowe's and Hueytown Autozone on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12pm.

Thank you for supporting our Girl Scouts!

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

It was such a blessing to receive the many calls, cards, messages, and visits during the loss of our Mother. The many prayers and the wonderful meal were a great comfort to our family. Thank you also for the beautiful cross arrangement. Special thanks to Bro. Dean and Bro. John for her special service and their love and support. We are truly humbled to have such a caring and loving church family.

Love you all,  
 Lindell, Mary and Patti  
 and the entire Helen Syx Family

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From: SonRise

Dear Church Family,

Wow! We are just blown away by your support and especially your love. You are very much part of the SonRise ministry. Your love and prayers are felt when we are out on the road. Thank you and we love each and every one of you. God is good!

Hugs to all!  
 Leigh

## NOTICES:

**UNCLAIMED DISHES:** Please check the Fellowship Hall for dishes that have been brought for funeral meals.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Bars of soap are needed for the food pantry. Please bring your donation by the church office.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

## Memorials & Honorariums

### MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Helen McCormick

In Memory of William P. Winslett  
By The Genesis Sunday School Class  
in Boerne, Texas

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Mr. and Mrs. James Travis

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Holly and Richard Grimes

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By William and Rebecca Hasty

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Pat and Anita Day

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Jack, Bonnie and Sophie Dabbs,  
Melissa Lunceford and Chad Mims,  
Rick and Kaye Moyer,  
Jack Jr. and Connie Dabbs

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Robert and Wanda England

### FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Joyce Cameron and Tim Geeslin  
In Honor of Joree Vance, Bettye Parker,  
Chris Cater, Jeanne Mason, Marion Abernathy  
and Phil Vines  
By Kay and Danny Karr

In Honor of Alan Brown, Harold Caine, Bill Crump,  
Doug Douglass and Buster Kornegay  
By Bruce and Anne Thompson

### SONRISE

In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Honor of Lindell, Mary Ann and Patti  
By Annette Waters and daughters,  
Suzanne, Nancy, Jan and Joy

In Memory of Tommy and Helen Syx  
By Mary Clyde and Joe Moore

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Holly Grimes

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Gladys Golden

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Cheryl Finch

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Buster and Betty Jane Kornegay

In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Honor of Lindell, Mary Ann, Patti  
and their Families  
By Dianne Harrison Fleming

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Carolyn and Phil Vines

In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Honor of Lindell, Patti and Mary Ann  
By Debbie Bishop

In Memory of Tim Geeslin  
In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Hugh and Nell Hudson

In Memory of Helen and Tommy Syx  
In Honor of the Syx Family  
By Ruth Cale

### SONRISE

In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Honor of Lindell, Patti, Mary Ann and Families  
By Kay and Danny Karr

In Memory of Helen Syx and Margaret Wright  
By Carolyn and Ricky Grimes

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Johnny Harrison

In Memory of Helen Syx  
By Tammy Carpenter

### BEREAVEMENT MEAL FUND

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
In Honor of Floyd, Gayle, Gene,  
Cindy, Sandy and Families  
By Kay and Danny Karr

### SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

In Honor of Phil Vines on his Birthday  
By Jeri and Jimmy Harris

### HERITAGE CHAIR FUND

In Memory of Sara Lee Nichols  
In Honor of J. D. Nichols  
By David and Barbara Nichols

In Memory of Sherry Towers  
In Memory of Judy Owens  
In Honor of Esther Towers  
By Jan Towers

In Honor of our Grandchildren, Will and  
Mary Katherine Northcutt and  
Allie and Brant Simmons  
By John and Nancy Simmons

### CLOTHES CLOSET

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Mary Hooks

### BUDGET

In Memory of Perry Winslett, Tim Geeslin and  
Joyce Lunceford  
By Buster and Betty Jane Kornegay

In Honor of Dillie Culberson, Johnny Harrison,  
Annette Waters,  
Nancy and Linda Hayley and Ruth Cale  
In Memory of Judy Owens and Pat Dunn  
By Dianne Harrison Fleming

In Memory of Helen Syx, Jay Lunceford  
and Tim Geeslin  
By Lisa, Scott, J.T., Michael and Joshua

In Honor of Catherine, Nick and Chris  
on their Birthdays  
By Sue Sue and Papa Doug

In Memory of David Pandelis, Joyce Cameron,  
Tim Geeslin, Judy Owens, Sherry Towers  
and Patti Lacy  
By Johnny Harrison

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
By Jeri and Jimmy Harris

In Memory of Helen Syx  
In Honor of the Syx Family  
In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
In Honor of the Lunceford Family  
By Doug and Sue Douglass

In Memory of Helen Syx and Joyce Cameron  
In Honor of Jennifer and Ronald Clements  
On their 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
By Jane Coleman

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford  
And Helen Syx  
By Jim and Ann McCain