

UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9am-1pm

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:30 am Prayer Time
8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments
9:00 am Campus Groups
9:00 am - 9:45 am Kid's Small Group
9:25 am Worship Huddle (Hospitality Rm)
10:00am Morning Worship
10:15 am Kid's Worship
4:00 pm New Youth Choir (Chapel)
5:15 pm Youth (Library)
6:00 pm **Children's Christmas Play Rehearsals**
6:00 pm Contemporary Service

Monday, November 28, 2016

5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Church Council (FH)

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

9:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

4:00 pm Youth Band Practice
6:00 pm **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY Rehearsals**
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Food Pantry Delivery
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Band Practice

Friday, December 2, 2016

6:00 pm Seekers Class Party (FH)

Saturday, December 3, 2016

6:30 pm SonRise Opening Concert for
7:00 pm Blackwood Brothers in Concert

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Connecting Points

One of the most stressful times in life is Thanksgiving. You would not expect that unless you have family. Families come with expectations and they are not all the same. Sometimes, meeting one set of expectations is to disregard another set. Each family member gets to decide if they are even going to try to measure up or please the others. You show up and there's tension in the air and perhaps you had an unpleasant trip over only to remember immediately why you have a love hate relationship with this day each year. It's like a sign at the front door that announces how everyone who visits here makes us happy; some by coming and some by leaving. Let's face it, someone in the family is going to be late and normally they bring the turkey. The other thing that makes Thanksgiving so challenging is many people have to make two stops so that both sides of the family are happy. Thanksgiving can be a stressful day that kicks off a stressful season. Some people can't wait to see the New Year arrive because they can return to their normal routine. How can the church acknowledge this reality? How can we not be part of the problem but rather, part of the solution? We can de-clutter Thanksgiving and the season of Advent. We can remove as many expectations as possible and just enjoy being in each others presence. We can remember that what matters most is the presence of God in our hearts and lives and allow others to be who they are and do what they do. We can smile more and use the medicine of laughter and we can focus on those things that we are grateful for and seek to make others thankful we are a part of their lives. We can decide now that we are going to enjoy (not endure) this season. We can determine what kind of presence we will have with others and allow God's Spirit to guide our words and deeds. In doing so, we will move beyond Thanksgiving to thanks-living.

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Upcoming Surgery:

Gil Higgins, November 28th heart surgery

Recovering at Home:

Delores Shoemaker

Special Prayer Requests:

Tammy Campbell
 Raymond Beach
 Leon Joyner
 Marie Thrasher
 Roger Moody
 Susan Rheuby
 Ricky Parsons
 David Baggett
 Richard Clark
 David Burrage
 Irene Gandy at Self's rehab
 Charlie Faye Wilson (Mary Frances Bell's sister)
 George Crews (Maria Williamson's uncle)
 Jimmy and Nonie Holmes (Kay Karr's parents)

Attendance & Contributions November 20, 2016

Sunday School	77
Morning Worship	127
Contemporary Service	39
Pledge Total 2016	\$ 344,840.00
Budget for 2016	\$ 489,305.00
Needed for November	\$ 40,775.00
Received this Sunday	\$ 4,021.08
Received for November	\$ 24,326.09
Total Received 2016	\$ 407,123.34
Total Needed to Date:	\$ 443,265.66

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

In Memory of Cleo Gray
By Carolyn and Phil Vines

RED BIRD MISSION

In Honor of Carol Ruth DeVore
on her 75th Birthday
by Cheryl Finch

NOW UPDATING THE
BIRTHDAY CALENDAR
FOR 2017
CALL THE OFFICE
(49-3421)
TO ADD SOMEONE

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

We still need donations to purchase gifts for the children. We spend \$50 per child. Please consider sponsoring a child (or 2 or 3). I hope to get the list from the elementary school this week. Once the list is received I will be looking for shoppers to fulfill the wishes of local children.

Donations may be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office.

Make checks to the church with attention to the party. Thank you for your faithfulness to this project.

Caryl Hadder



BLACKWOOD BROTHERS IN CONCERT

Saturday
December 3rd
6:30 p.m.

Opening
by SonRise

“A Love Offering will be taken”

NEEDED FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Friday December 9th



Slightly used or new
Children's Coats for K- 12
ALL SIZES

THANK YOU

To Danny & Kay Karr,

Thank you for having the Fellowship Hall doors and the closet doors painted. Your church family appreciates and thanks you for all you do.

Church Council Team

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A thank you letter was received from Birmingham-Southern College for allowing students to come and raise funds for their “Loafing for Community Engagement” mission. Our congregation contributed \$283.00 in support of community service projects.