

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, January 1, 2017

NEW YEAR'S DAY

NO EMMAUS LUNCHEON

10:00 am Morning Worship

10:15 am Kid's Worship

Monday, January 2, 2017

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

9:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Staff Parish Team Meeting
(Disciple Room)

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

4:00 pm Youth Band

6:00 pm Children's Activities

6:00 pm Youth Activities

6:00 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 5, 2017

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)

6:00 pm Girl Scouts



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Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

We finished the Homemade Gifts Series on Christmas Day with a message about allowance. We might not think this gift is as important as attention, acceptance, appreciation or affection but it is vital for the salvation of our relationships. It really means allowing others to be themselves instead of controlling, manipulating or dominating. It means we don't try to rescue or fix others. It means we don't try to make them in our image but rather, seek for them to live more fully in the image of God and who they were created to be. Relationships are challenging for many reasons including the fact that we are all different. Some of us are more different than others and our differences can create anxiety which invites us to try to get people to conform to our values, desires and style. It doesn't take long to discover that God is God and we're not. It may take longer to own that control is an illusion. I find it hard enough to control myself, much less others. There were those who tried to disallow who Jesus was and it didn't play out very well for them or Jesus. Peter's rejection of Jesus' mission led to him being called Satan and being told to take a backseat because he wasn't driving the purpose of Jesus. In the book "Inherent The Wind" we hear that we were made in God's image and being a gentlemen we returned the favor." That is, we even try to control and manipulate God. If it were up to us, the first people at the manger wouldn't have been lowly blue collar shepherds. The best thing we can do in our relationships with others is to give the green light, the thumbs up and nod of allowance. Stop trying to mold the clay of other people's lives and allow them to be who they are and do what they do. After all, the hymn sings it right when it says, "Have thine on way Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the potter and I am the clay."

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

BROOKWOOD

W. T. Bell (rehab for leg therapy)

ST VINCENT'S

Dennis McCormick (Rick's brother)

Recovering at Home:

Irene Gandy

Upcoming Surgery:

Beverly Seale (UAB-West, nodule on thyroid)

Special Prayer Requests:

David Burrage

Kathleen Deprator (Kate Richardson's mother)

Tammy Campbell

Raymond Beach

Leon Joyner

Marie Thrasher

Roger Moody

Susan Rheuby

Ricky Parsons

David Baggett

Richard Clark

Charlie Faye Wilson (Mary Frances Bell's sister)

Attendance & Contributions December 25, 2016

Sunday School	0
Morning Worship	126
Pledge Total 2016	\$ 344,840.00
Budget for 2016	\$ 489,305.00
Needed for December	\$ 40,775.00
Received this Sunday	\$ 5,366.00
Received for December	\$ 38,577.75
Total Received 2016	\$ 452,093.80
Total Needed to Date:	\$ 489,305.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

WHITE CHRISTMAS

In Memory of my Dad, Rev. Joseph Maples

By Joanna Maples Prickett

In Honor of Sharon Sellers

By Danny and Kay Karr

In Memory of Linda Williamson

By Doug and Maria Williamson

In Honor of Tammy Hudson Campbell

By Joe and Mary Clyde Moore

In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Mason

By Cindy and David Burrage

In Memory of Josh Racca

By Patrick and Tammy Campbell

BUDGET

In Honor of Faith-Joy Circle Leader and Co-Leader, Cheryl Wray and Betty Jane Kornegay
By Faith-Joy Circle

In Loving Memory of Daddy, Earl Clark, Jr.
On his Birthday, December 12th
By Debby Clark Douglas and Richard E. Clark

THE 2017 FLOWER CALENDAR

IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUR SPECIAL DATES!



NEW SERMON SERIES JANUARY – EPIPHANY SEASON

Series: QUEST-IONS

January 1: Risk or Certainty?

January 8: Vertical or Horizontal?

January 15: Humble or Arrogant?

January 22: Awake or Asleep?

Series: HIKING LESSONS

January 29: Bless Their Hearts!

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETINGS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

4:00 p.m.: Staff Parish, Trustees & Finance

5:00 p.m.: Lay Leadership

5:00 p.m.: Fellowship & Leadership Training

6:00 p.m.: *Ministry Celebration
Worship & Ministry Updates

*Serves as Administrative Board Meeting