

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, January 8, 2017

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 (Hosp. Rm)
10:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Kid's Worship
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)
5:15 pm Youth (Library)
6:00 pm Contemporary Service
Monday, January 9, 2017
9:30 am Koinonia Circle (parlor)
5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

9:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
4:00 pm Youth Band
6:00 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, January 12, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study
6:00 pm SonRise (parlor)
6:00 pm Church Leadership Team Meeting

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

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110 Sunset Drive
Hueytown, Alabama
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

I'm staring at a blank screen. That's not an uncommon sight for us pastors who write articles and sermons. Our entire ministry consists of asking ourselves "What are you going to say?" or "What's your message?" and then attempting to put it into words. Our hope is that we have some help from the Spirit of God, as well as scripture, experience, reason and tradition. We also hope that people are listening and reading the things we have to say and that it causes them to consider their own perspectives in a deeper and more comprehensive manner. Another way to say that is that we desire not to be a megaphone of information, but rather messengers of change or transformation. We desire to be heard or else we are just talking to hear ourselves talk. But the thought that people may actually be listening to us and, even more, that our words may influence or impact their life in real ways is scary. It makes us take seriously this task of communicating about spiritual realities and God's Church.

All of this is true for you too as you begin this new year. People are watching and listening to the message of your life. What do you want your life to say in 2017 and how will you say it? Those two things go together; the what and the how. Each new day of 2017 you are staring at a blank screen and the question is the same. What's the message of your life today? How will you say it (or live it) in a way that causes or enables people to engage it or hear it?

Andy Stanley says that we preachers can do one of two things with our messages. We can impress people or we can impact them. May God help us to fill up the days of this new year with the gospel of Jesus so others can see and hear faith, hope and love and, in doing so, know that we know love is the greatest of these.

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

ST VINCENT'S

Dennis McCormick (Rick's brother)

Recovering at Home:

W. T. Bell

Beverly Seale

Upcoming Surgery:

Nancy Moon (Jan 9, gallbladder)

Special Prayer Requests:

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| David Burrage | Tammy Campbell |
| Raymond Beach | Leon Joyner |
| Marie Thrasher | Susan Rheuby |
| Ricky Parsons | Richard Clark |

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended . . .
. . . to Kate and Danny Richardson and family on
the death of Kate's mother, Kathleen Deparator
on December 31 in Pennsylvania.

Attendance & Contributions January 1, 2017

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| Sunday School | 47 |
| Morning Worship | 140 |
| Received for Budget Jan 1 | \$ 7,303.00 |

YEAR END 2016

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| Pledge Total 2016 | \$ 344,840.00 |
| Budget for 2016 | \$ 489,305.00 |
| Needed for December | \$ 40,775.00 |
| Received for December 31st | \$ 4,605.80 |
| Received for December | \$ 43,183.55 |
| Total Received 2016 | \$ 456,699.60 |
| Total Needed for 2016: | \$ 489,305.00 |

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN
IN YOUR 2017 PLEDGES!**

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

YOUTH

In Memory of P.E. and Rob Darden
By Don Hubbard

FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Sam B. Hayley Jr.
By Nancy, Linda and Sam III

In Honor of W.T. Bell
By Jack and Nancy Moon

WHITE CHRISTMAS

In Honor of Tammy Campbell
By Joe and Donna Moses

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

In Memory of Erin Walton Moses
By Joe and Donna Moses

BUDGET

In Memory of Preston and Rob Darden
In Memory of Idelle and Gwen Adams
In Honor of Sandra and Phillip Oden and Family
In Honor of W.T. and Mary Frances Bell
By Butch and Jeannie Pair

THE 2017 FLOWER CALENDAR

IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUR SPECIAL DATES!



EMILY RAE COSTIGAN was born on
December 24, 2016 to Fallon and
Lucas Costigan in Denver, Colorado.
She was welcomed home by big
brother Jaxon. Her proud grandfather
is Mishael Hiser; and her proud great-
grandmother is June Robinson.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEETING NOTICE:
Church Leadership Team
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
January 12, 2017
(Disciple Room)

Please let Dean know if you will not be
present.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for you prayers,
calls, cards and good wishes at my surgery
in November and during my recovery. I
have especially enjoyed the cards from our
children's department.

June Robinson

NEW SERMON SERIES JANUARY - EPIPHANY SEASON

Series: QUEST-IONS

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 pm: *Ministry Celebration
Worship & Ministry Updates

*Serves as Administrative Board Meeting