

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

## Sunday, March 12, 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 Confirmation Class  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
10:15 am Kid's Worship  
11:30 am Emmaus Sponsored Luncheon (FH)  
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)  
5:15 pm Youth (Library)  
6:00 pm Precious Memories Sing-a-Long (FH)

## Monday, March 13, 2017

9:30 am Koinonia Circle (parlor)  
5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study (Disciple Room)  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

## Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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

## Wednesday, March 15, 2017

4:00 pm Youth Band  
5:30 pm WEAC MEAL!  
6:00 pm WEAC STUDY  
6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Children's Activities  
6:00 pm Handbell Practice  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, March 16, 2017

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study (Disciple Rm)  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts

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*Hueytown, Alabama*

## Connecting Points

Today is my 58th birthday and I feel like my mind has 58 thoughts (maybe more) running through it at the same time. I am thankful for this journey we call life and know that it's a gift. Birthdays for me are about celebrating God as the ultimate life giver and my mother as the one whose labor of love gave birth to me. This Sunday we will hear the familiar passage from John's gospel about being born again. It's interesting that scripture doesn't use that language much but many Christ followers do and even use it as a way to define who is in their spiritual camp. Have you been born again? Have you been born from above? Have you had a spiritual birth? Sometimes, I think our need to capture spiritual realities with our words does us more harm than good. I have discovered that people experience the mystery of God's life giving Spirit in numerous ways. I have also had life giving encounters and experiences that were totally unexpected and outside the bounds of the church walls. We are reminded that Jesus said the wind blows wherever it pleases and you don't know where it came from or where it's going. You just know those moments when, out of the blue, something happened and you felt connected with the life giver and all of life in such a way that loneliness or isolation or separateness became oneness. In that moment nothing changed and everything changed. You become one with God and all that is and in doing so, experienced a birthday. So each and every birthday reminds of becoming...one (again); no matter how old we are.

Pastor Dean

## Remember In Prayer

### OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

#### GRANDVIEW

Larry Murphree (Donna Moses' brother)

#### Recovering at Home

Shirley Barron

Esther Towers

Becky Horne

Sue Douglass

Sarah Kate Higgins (jaw surgery)

#### UPCOMING SURGERY

Barrett Ezell (March 9<sup>th</sup> in West Palm Beach, Fl)

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Robert England

W. T. Bell

David Burrage

Tammy Campbell

Raymond Beach

Leon Joyner

Marie Thrasher

Susan Rheuby

Ricky Parsons

Richard Clark (Ann's son)

Nonie Holmes (Kay Karr's mother)

David Baggett, Self's Rm. 5217

## Attendance & Contributions March 5, 2017

Sunday School	74
Morning Worship	185
Evening Groups	
Received this Sunday	\$ 13,287.11
Received for March	\$ 13,287.11
<b>Total Received 2017</b>	<b>\$ 85,089.84</b>
Pledge Total 2017	
Budget for 2017	\$ 499,297.60

## CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

### BUDGET

In Honor of Sharon Sellers

By Dot Moran

In Honor of Becky Horne, Larry Murphree,  
Shirley Barron and Esther Towers  
By Scott and Lisa Edmonson and Boys

In Honor of Becky Horne, Esther Towers and Dean  
Bowers on his Birthday  
In Memory of Kathie Hilbert  
By Betty Jane and Buster Kornegay

In Honor of Dean Bowers  
By Jane Coleman

### HOOKS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
By C. H. Chen

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
By Gusty Yearout

In Memory of Dr. Tom Hooks and Mary Hooks  
By Richard Norton

## Greeters for March 2017 Worship Services

Lucille Ogletree, Roy Vines,  
Gerry Widener & Jayne Hornsby

## FEBRUARY CLOTHES CLOSET REPORT

83 FAMILIES SERVED  
for  
180 PEOPLE

## W.E.A.C. Lenten Study

"5 Things We Cannot Change"

March 15 - Things do not always go  
according to plan.

22 - Life is not always fair.

29 - Pain is part of life.

April 5 - People are not loving and  
loyal all the time.

We will pray the Serenity Prayer  
throughout Lent and look to God and  
Scripture to accept what we can't  
change; but can accept with the grace  
of God.

W.E.A.C. MEAL  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Meal: 5:30

MENU: Chicken Spaghetti,  
Tossed Salad, Italian Bread,  
Strawberry Cake

W.E.A.C. LENTEN STUDY  
6:30 P.M.

Call the office or sign the Connection  
Card Sunday morning for  
Reservations.

Coming up . . .  
. . . Safe Sanctuary  
refresher training.  
More details soon.

## SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy the refreshments and comradery  
around the room at our weekly Sunday  
Morning Fellowship hour from 8:15 –  
8:50 a.m. every Sunday morning. Please  
come to enjoy and join in with us. It will  
brighten your day and get the week off to  
a great start!

**MARCH HOSTS: Adult Fellowship Class**

**APRIL HOSTS: Berthelle Waid SS Class**

Also, thanks to our hosts for doing such a  
good job.

Jayne & Bill Hornsby



Join us on our  
**Red Bird Mission Trip**  
to  
Beverly, Kentucky  
the week of  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

We would love to have you!