

# 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 19, 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  
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)  
5:15 pm Youth (Library)  
6:00 pm Precious Memories Sing-a-Long (FH)

## Monday, March 20, 2017

5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study (Disciple Room)  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Alpha Circle

## Tuesday, March 21, 2017

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Faith/Joy Circle

## Tuesday, March 21, continued

6:00 pm Missions Committee (Disciple Room)  
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
6:30 pm Fine Arts (Parlor)  
7:00 pm Discovery Circle

## Wednesday, March 22, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
4:00 pm Youth Band  
5:30 pm WEAC MEAL!  
6:00 pm WEAC STUDY  
6:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training  
6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Children's Activities  
6:00 pm Handbell Practice  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, March 23, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study (Disciple Rm)

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## Connecting Points

I spent this weekend, for the most part, grieving. It wasn't on my calendar or my to do list but it was in my heart. I could have denied my feelings or ignored them and thought not only does life go on but so does mine. But that was not my choice. I stayed home. I cried. I cried because my house feels so empty now and my life so different since Toney is gone. I make no bones about it, I loved my fur child; and he was my child. But I also try to realize that life does go on and one of the ways it does, is the use of humor. Perhaps you just caught my play on words using something dogs love so well to talk about loving Toney. Actually, Toney wasn't big on bones but loved greenies. He loved walks, routine, and people. He met me when I got home and he was sad to see me go... on those mornings he didn't travel with me to the church.

It has been said that grief is the price we pay for loving and that grieving is the result of running out of time with those we love. All of us do it. It's not fun but a necessary part of life and living. It's how we say goodbye and deal with loss. Many of you have connected with your own times of grief because of mine and the truth is grief connects us with other people. It also connects us with God. Jesus wept is a scripture we all remember. Lent is also a time we not only journey with Jesus toward his passion and cross but also a time we grieve for him and what he experienced and even his death. But as Christ followers, our story doesn't end there and we believe "it ain't over when it's over." We are resurrection or Easter people...even during Lent and especially in the face of grief. "We do not grieve as those who have no hope." Thanks be to God!

Pastor Dean

## Remember In Prayer

### OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

#### WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Barrett Ezell (March 9<sup>th</sup>)

#### UNIVERSITY

Melinda Bracknell Nix (March 13)

#### GRANDVIEW

Larry Murphree, NICU (Donna Moses' brother)

#### Recovering at Home

Shirley Barron            Esther Towers  
Becky Horne             Sue Douglass

#### UPCOMING SURGERY

W. T. Bell (March 28, back)

Nancy Moon (March 23, gallbladder)

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Jason Coleman (polyp surgery in two weeks)

Robert England

David Burrage

Tammy Campbell

Raymond Beach

Leon Joyner

Marie Thrasher

Susan Rheuby

Ricky Parsons

Richard Clark (Ann's son)

David Baggett, Self's Rm. 5217

## Attendance & Contributions

March 12, 2017

Sunday School	67
Morning Worship	145
Evening Groups	45
Received this Sunday	\$ 8,128.55
Received for March	\$ 21,415.36
Total Received 2017	\$ 93,218.39
Pledge Total 2017	
Budget for 2017	\$ 499,297.60

## CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

### HOOKS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
by Lisa Deerman and Tom Smith

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
By Marvin Berke

### FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Laura Revello  
By The Richardson and Balent Families

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

In Honor of Pastor Dean  
In Memory of Toney  
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### YOUTH MINISTRY

In Honor of Kay and Danny Karr  
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### HERITAGE SANCTUARY

In Honor of Tom and Judy Foust and  
Joe and Donna Moses  
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In Honor of Lacie Oden and Workers  
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### TANNEHILL FUND

In Honor of Michael Oden and  
Sandra and Phil Oden  
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

## Greeters for March 2017 Worship Services

Lucille Ogletree, Roy Vines,  
Gerry Widener & Jayne Hornsby

## W.E.A.C. Lenten Study "5 Things We Cannot Change"

March 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Meal: 5:30 p.m.

MENU: Chili Stack, Chips,  
Sopapilla Cheesecake

WEAC LENTEN STUDY: 6:00 p.m.

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



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!

## Safe Sanctuary Refresher Training Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m.

*It's once again time for SS refresher  
training. The North Alabama  
Conference requires that this  
training be held annually; and  
that all those that have undergone  
the application process/background  
check must attend this training  
annually. It is also a "conference  
minimum SS policy" that  
background checks be updated  
every 3 years.*

*This training will be held following  
the W.E.A.C. meal and Dean's  
Lenten lesson (approximately 6:30  
pm) and should last no longer than  
30 - 45 minutes.*

*If you have any questions please  
contact Ellie Duncan, 529-7954 or  
Lisa Edmonson in the church office.*



## EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY  
APRIL 15TH

We Need Donations  
of Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.  
Boxes will be in the Narthex, West  
Entrance and Office.