

# 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, October 8, 2017

8:30 am Morning Refreshments  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:25 am Worship Huddle  
10:00 am Traditional Worship  
11:00 am Thrive Worship  
9:45 am Kid's Worship  
5:15 pm Youth (Youth Room)  
6:00 pm Sing-a-Long (FH)

## Monday, October 9, 2017

9:30 am Koinonia Circle (parlor)  
5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study  
6:00 pm Worship Meeting (parlor)  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, October 10, 2017

9:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts  
6:00 pm Trustee Meeting  
6:30 pm Finance Meeting (office)

## Wednesday, October 11, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
4:00 pm Youth Band  
5:30 pm **W.E.A.C. BEGINS!**  
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Play Practice  
6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Handbell Practice  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
1:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Yoga Classes Begin (Kids Thrive Room)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
SCOUTS**

**BUY POP CORN**

**NOW THROUGH OCTOBER  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A  
CUB SCOUT OR BOY SCOUT  
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**110 Sunset Drive**  
**Hueytown, Alabama**  
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*Hueytown, Alabama*

## Connecting Points

What gives you joy and what steals it from you? It's good to note that so many experts tell us that there is a difference between joy and happiness. You can google joy and happiness and you will find many articles that help you understand how they are related but not the same. Happiness is more a feeling and its fleeting. You can be happy one day and the next day not so much. Joy isn't dictated by outer circumstances since it's about our inner being. Joy is a by-product of our relationship with God and is connected with discovering and serving the purpose of our lives. As Christ Followers, we know that our joy comes from being fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. That means a bad day doesn't steal our joy. It means trials, struggles and even suffering doesn't rob us of our joy. Unless, of course, we allow it to. What steals our joy other than losing God's purpose is us. Many things and people can and do make me less than happy but since people don't give me my joy, they can't take it from me. Only I can do that by losing my focus on God and not seeking to become my best self. There are many reasons why I might lose my focus on God and the purpose of my life. I can become envious of someone else and try to emulate them and lose myself. I can also lose myself to lust, anger, sloth, or any of the other deadly sins. Sin has a way of stealing our identity which is tied to our purpose. It's spiritual disciplines and virtues that help me refocus on God and His desire for my life. Scripture has it right when it asks what does it profit you if you gain the whole world but lose your soul. Our soul thrives on finding and living out God's purpose for us individually and collectively. As that happens the cup of our lives overflows with the joy of God.

Overflow...Joy!

Pastor Dean

## Remember In Prayer

### HOSPITALIZED

#### SELF'S REHAB

Shirley Barron

#### Recovering at Home:

Jane Post

Terri Northcutt

#### Upcoming Surgery:

Dot Moran , knee replacement in January

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Ben Abercrombie, The Benson's grandson

Marilyn Cannon Rick Parsons

Mary Clyde Moore Randy Smith

Wanda Pitts Ann McCown

Barrett Ezell Jan Towers

Betty Rheuby Susan Rheuby

Mark Zito Robert England

Kathryn Cole Richard Clark

#### **Our Christian love and sympathy is extended**

. . . to Kathryn Cole and family on the death of her brother, Charles Lowery, who died Thursday, September 28.

### Attendance & Contributions October 1, 2017

Sunday School	46
Morning Worship	141
Thrive Service	63
Evening Services	35

Received this Sunday \$ 8,403.94

Received this month \$ 8,403.94

Total Received 2017 \$ 311,713.87

Budget for 2017 \$ 499,297.60

### CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

#### BUDGET

In Memory of Marie Thrasher  
By Chancel Choir & Handbells

In Honor of Jane Post, Beverly Seale,  
and Ricky Parsons

In Memory of Marie Thrasher  
By Jack and Nancy Moon

In Memory of "Uncle Bud" Williams  
and Marie Thrasher

In Honor of Jo Edmonson  
Love, Scott, Lisa, J.T., Michael & Joshua

In Memory of Bud Sellers  
By Nancy, Linda and Sam Hayley

In Memory of Bud Sellers  
By Terry and Peggy Horne

#### WINDOW RENOVATION

In Honor of Alex on his Birthday  
Love, Sue Sue and Papa Doug

In Honor of Bro. John and Nancy, Pastor Dean,  
and Our Church Family  
by Doug and Sue Douglass

In Memory of Bud Sellers  
By Jack and Nancy Moon

In Memory of Marie Thrasher  
By Jerry and Emma Benson

#### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Memory of Frances Spencer  
By Floy Spencer, Jr.

In Memory of Frances Spencer, Sherry Towers,  
and Okie Towers  
By Floy Spencer III

#### FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of Mary Clyde Moore, Sue Douglass,  
Betty Jane Kornegay and Beverly Seale  
By Carl Ray and Jerry Gober



### NEW YOGA CLASS

Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>

The class will meet in the Kids  
Thrive Room

From 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

#### GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Sandra Zito, John Chaffin, Carol Higgins,  
Jerry Gober, Marilyn Brown

#### SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

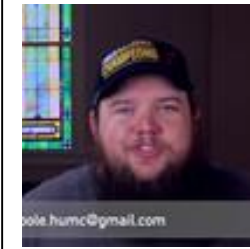
Enjoy the refreshments and comradery around  
the room at our weekly Sunday Morning  
Fellowship hour from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

#### OCTOBER HOSTS: The Seekers Class

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Stadium Park**



Please bring Donations of candy to  
the church office.



### OCTOBER LAUNCH WEEKLY SERVICE

**JEREMIAH TOOLE**  
**THRIVE WORSHIP LEADER**

**sunday @ 11am**



hueytown first umc (west entrance)  
110 sunset dr hueytown, al

### THANK YOU

Many thanks for the cards and donations made to the church in memory of my brother, Jim Everitt. As difficult as it was to lose him you have helped with your loving, understanding and caring hearts.

A very special thanks for all the prayers, donations and cards of encouragement for our grandson, Ben Abercrombie. He is making progress but faces a long recovery.

In Christs love,

Emma and Jerry Benson