

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2018

## SCOUT SUNDAY

8:30 am Morning Refreshments  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am New Bible Study  
9:25 am Worship Huddle  
9:45 am Kid's Worship  
10:00 am Traditional Worship  
11:00 am Thrive Worship  
5:15 pm Youth Worship  
6:00 pm Precious Memories  
6:00 pm SonRise (Parlor)

Monday, February 19, 2018

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Alpha Circle

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Faith Joy Circle  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Discovery Circle

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:00 am Clothes Closet & Food Pantry  
4:00 pm Youth Band  
5:30 pm W.E.A.C.  
6:00 pm Group Life  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22, 2018

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
9:00 am Clothes Closet & Food Pantry  
1:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Yoga  
6:00 pm NEW SMALL GROUP  
Painting Class (Disciple Room)

NEW BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

THE WESLEY CHALLENGE

9:00 am

First United Methodist Church  
110 Sunset Drive  
Hueytown, Alabama  
(Return Service Requested)

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Hueytown, Alabama

### Connecting Points

Yesterday's sermon and this series was a struggle for me. It felt like I was going to the gym to coach others on how to work-out while seeing my unfit reflection in the mirror. We preachers are called to be truth tellers regardless of being truth lovers. I've heard preachers be criticized and called hypocrites because they didn't live what they taught. My thought is if I lived all that I taught I would be Jesus. My other thought is we all need to hear the truth regardless of how we are doing in living it out. Let's remember it's about progress not perfection. Having said that at times I think my life is nothing like Jesus' and that's not just because we are separated by more than 2000 years. I have no doubt Jesus had a deeper life and was free because he practiced spiritual disciplines like simplicity, solitude, submission and service. Here is a thoughtful piece written many years ago about Jesus for us to consider as we prepare for Lent.

### One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village the child of a peasant woman  
He grew up in another obscure village  
Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty

He never wrote a book

He never held an office

He never went to college

He never visited a big city

He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born

He did none of the things

Usually associated with greatness

He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty-three

His friends ran away

One of them denied him

He was turned over to his enemies

And went through the mockery of a trial

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves  
While dying, his executioners gambled for his  
clothing the only property he had on earth

When he was dead

He was laid in a borrowed grave  
Through the pity of a friend

Nineteen centuries have come and gone

And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race  
and the leader of mankind's progress

All the armies that have ever marched

All the navies that have ever sailed

All the parliaments that have ever sat

All the kings that ever reigned put together

Have not affected the life of mankind on earth

As powerfully as that one solitary life

Dr. James Allan © 1926.

## Remember In Prayer

### HOSPITALIZED

#### SHELBY RIDGE REHAB CENTER

Floy Spencer, Rm. 223B  
 Frances Gilmore, Rm. 252B

#### GRANDVIEW

Richard Clark, ICU

#### Upcoming Surgeries:

Jerry Champion, 2/13

#### Recovering at Home:

Dot Moran, knee surgery  
 Dale Sellers  
 Betty Stewart

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Beverly Seale, dialysis  
 Wayne Mink  
 Mary Clyde Moore  
 Christian Byars  
 Leigh Edmonson  
 Charles & Patricia Pate  
 Quincey Freeman

## Attendance & Contributions February 11, 2018

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Thrive Service</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Evening Services</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Received this Sunday</b>	<b>\$8,280.55</b>
<b>Received for February</b>	<b>\$ 20,926.55</b>
<b>Total Received 2018</b>	<b>\$ 50,280.87</b>



**THE  
 2018  
 FLOWER  
 CALENDAR**

. . . is on the  
 Bulletin board outside the church office. It's  
 a great opportunity to honor or remember  
 someone you love.

Thanks, Gayle Hager (907-0138)

W.E.A.C.  
 FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>

MENU:  
*Meat Loaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,  
 Slaw, Cornbread,  
 Chocolate Layered Dessert*

*Cub Scout Pack 322  
 Magic of Scouting  
 Blue and Gold Banquet*

Tuesday, February 27, 2018  
 6:30 p.m. (First UMC Fellowship Hall)

Dinner will be served  
 Tickets \$3.00 per person

Deadline to purchase:  
 Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
 See Mrs. Joy Holloway or Cubmaster Doug  
 Williamson

Special Guest: Magician Brian Reaves

## CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

### PARLOR KITCHEN FUND

In Honor of Dot Moran  
 By Chancel Choir & Handbelll Choir  
 In Honor of Berthelle Waid Class  
 By Phyllis Holloway

In Memory of Marilyn Cannon  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### SANCTUARY WINDOWS

In Honor of Beverly Seale and  
 Leo and Carol Madderra

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

In Honor of Lacie Oden  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### PIPE ORGAN

In Honor of Frances Gilmore  
 By Chancel Choir & Handbelll Choir

### CHOIR

In Honor of Dot Moran  
 In Memory of Bob Moran  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### HANDBELLS

In Honor of Jack and Nancy Moon  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### CLOTHES CLOSET

In Honor of Mary Frances Bell, Peggy Hendricks  
 & Workers  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### ST. ANDREWS

In Honor of Phil and Carolyn Vines  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### YOUTH

In Honor of Cat, Nick, Lawler and Chris on their  
 Birthdays  
 by Sue Sue and Papa Doug

### MISSION SUPPORT

In Honor of Dot Lowery, Penny Berry,  
 Kate Richardson and Peggy Horne  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

### FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of Becky Horne and all Workers  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

In Honor of Dot Moran and Beverly Seale  
 By Terry and Peggy Horne

### BUDGET

In Honor of Bruce and Tammy Carpenter  
 and Don Hubbard  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

In Memory of Marilyn Cannon  
 By John and Lynda Swiney

In Honor of Dot Moran  
 By Doug and Sue Douglass

### YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEKEND

In Honor of Stacy Ezell  
 By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

Save The Date  
 Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

The First Annual  
 Inspire Women's Conference  
 At Hugytown UMC

Speakers Include:  
 Bargainomics Lady Judy Bates  
 Inspirational novelist Vanessa Griggs  
 Blogger and author Karmen Smith  
 SEC Network analyst Lauren Sisler

Snacks, Lunch, Music, Vendors & Door Prizes  
 Watch for more news and updates, and plan  
 to be there and bring friends!