

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:00 am Sunday School
9:25 am Worship Huddle
9:45 am Kid's Worship
10:00 am Traditional Worship
Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Chicken Pot Pie
10:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Thrive Worship
Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Chicken Pot Pie
6:00 pm Precious Memories

Monday, April 23, 2018

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

9:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
10:00 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Youth Band
5:30 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 26, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study
6:00 pm Painting Class

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Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

One of the things, if not the thing, that helps energize and focus churches is purpose. You simply ask the question, “why do you exist?”. Once you have a solid God given statement that you call your mission or vision, you create some strategies so that it's more than a statement. It becomes a way of being or doing for the church. Then you move to creating goals from your strategy. It's obvious that your “what” flows from your “why.” That is, what you do (and don't do) as a church is governed by why you exist. If a church doesn't have a compelling purpose for being, there will be competing personal agendas that drive it. Sometimes the unstated purpose is to keep things the way they are by maintaining control. Some churches are personality driven instead of purpose driven.

The work of creating or discovering your purpose may sound easy but it's actually time and energy consuming. You spend time in prayer and Bible study. You spend time researching the community and even the culture. You spend time thinking through and claiming your denominational attributes and theological expression. All that is to say you do not create your statement in a vacuum but rather in relationship with God and others. But the work is well worth it and gives direction to all the other work you do together as a church. For example, if you have and know your purpose, it shows in your meetings. You don't chase after the wind. You don't get lost in thinking your reason for being is to keep the doors open, satisfy certain people or groups but rather to serve God's call in the world.

Purpose statements are scary and dangerous. They call us to lay down our idols and our preferences at the altar of God's higher purpose for being and doing. For a purpose statement to be more than words on paper or on a screen we must be transformed like Jesus and pray “not my will, but yours be done.” And now you know why many churches don't have a (real) purpose statement or a reason for being outside their own desires. It's hard work. It's life changing work. It's surrender work!

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

HOSPITALIZED
SHELBY RIDGE REHAB CENTER
Frances Gilmore, Rm. 216A

IN MEMORIAM
Alzayda Blair
April 14, 2017

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Milton and Sharon and Tab and Pam and their families on the death of their precious mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Upcoming Surgery:

Nonie Holmes, Heart valve replacement
Wednesday 4/18 (Kay Karr's mother)

Special Prayer Requests:

Susan Rheuby
Pam Blair (broken shoulder)
Larry Murphree
Richard Norton, broken shoulder
Oliver Hendricks, Jack & Peggy's great-grandson
Wayne Mink

Attendance & Contributions April 15, 2018

Sunday School	60
Morning Worship	145
Thrive Service	51
Sunday Night	54

Received this Sunday	\$5,850.02
Received for April	\$27,137.15
Total Received 2018	\$119,554.67

CONCERT BY *Bama Blu-grace*

Sunday, May 6,



5:00 p.m. Covered Dish Supper
(Meat and Drinks provided)

6:00 p.m. Concert

Love Offering Taken

Sponsored by Fine Arts

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

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

APRIL HOSTS
Berthelle Waid Class

MAY HOSTS
The Seekers Class

Inspire

The First Annual
Women's Conference
At Hazytown 1ST UMC

Saturday, May 19th
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TICKETS \$20

Please come in the west entrance



Mother's
Day
Roses

Cost: \$3.00

Red ___ # White ___ Total ___

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Presented by: _____

Deadline: Thursday, May 3rd

SonRise

Singing at Hazel Green UMC
Sunday Evening
May 6 at 6:30
For their church picnic.

It will be outside – bring a chair and join us.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCH

April 22 after church.
We will be serving homemade
Chicken Pot Pie

Please join us!

Mother's Day Banquet "Down Memory Lane"

Thursday, May 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$10

Age 10 & under \$5



Deadline May 7th

Tickets available in the church office or
from circle members.