

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:30 am Morning Fellowship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Kid's Worship  
10:00 am Traditional Worship  
11:00 am Thrive Worship  
5:15 pm Youth Small Group  
6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long

## Monday, August 13, 2018

9:30 am Koinonia Circle  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, August 15, 2018

6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
6:00 pm Painting Class

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Hueytown, Alabama

### John's Journal

August 7, 2018

Greetings Friends in Christ! I recently read a story about a husband and wife that were caught in a winter snow storm in their city (a story to get our mind off the heat). The snow storm was so heavy that the husband and wife lost their bearings of direction in their own city. As they drove and slide their way down a street, much to their relief, they saw a snow plow to the side of their car. They carefully made their way behind the snow plow and began to follow.

After following the snow plow, they were becoming concerned because they were not finding any familiar landmarks along the path they followed. The plow came to a stop, and out of the blowing snow the driver appeared to the husband and wife. Opening the driver door to the plow driver, the plow driver said to the husband and wife, "I noticed you've been following me for a good while. I just wanted you to know we have been driving in circles as I clean off the grocery store parking lot."

In our spiritual lives, we can become so routine and in such a rut that we find ourselves blinded by daily life ebb and flow. Before we know it, we too follow the first thing that comes our way like the couple above. We end up riding in circles not recognizing it. There is a true saying that goes, "if you don't know where you are heading, the world is more than willing to take you on its path."

I am a huge proponent of Christian Study. If we are truly seeking God's Will in our lives, it should begin with study. Romans 12:1-2 tells us, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Study for Christians comes in many wonderful formats: scripture, true stories of spiritual transformation, devotionals, Holy Spirit Filled writings of others. I am equally a proponent of Small Group Study Groups. They offer friendship, connection, fun, accountability, laughter, care, growth, confidentiality, and much-much more. As we move into Fall of 2018, I will be encouraging our congregation to begin gathering into Small Groups. It is a very Wesleyan practice – Small Groups! John Wesley held daily Small Groups with believers.

Over the next few weeks, I am going to be working to establish a practice of gathering in Small Groups for Christian Study and Spiritual Growth. Be on the lookout for different types of study and groups to be a part of. Let's continue to discover God's Will for our lives, and the life of our church TOGETHER!

To Christ's Glory,  
Bro. John V.

## Remember In Prayer

### HOSPITALIZED

#### HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

Tom Cale, stint (Ruth's son)

#### Upcoming Surgery:

Cindy McCormick, back surgery 8/17

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Ruth Bryant  
 Peggy Hendricks  
 Susan Rheuby  
 Patricia Pate  
 Mary Clyde Moore  
 The Don Colburn family  
 Michael Farington Richards (cancer)  
 Sandra & Bobby Bracknell  
 Wayne Hayes, cancer (LaWayne's nephew)  
 James Malone (Cheryl Ingels father)  
 Don Thornley (VA Hospital, Tuscaloosa)  
 Richard Norton (Vicki Parson's brother)  
 Ann Winslett, broken hip, rehab (TN)  
 Lindsey Phillips, the Mink's niece (car accident)  
 John Michael Cunningham (Robin Sparks brother)  
 James & Nelda Patterson (Maria's parents)  
 Frank Wegent (Maria Williamson's cousin)

## Attendance & Contributions August 5, 2018

Sunday School	66
Morning Worship	160
Thrive Service	25
Sunday Night	17
Received this Sunday	\$14,559.70
Received for August	\$14,559.70
<b>Total Received 2018</b>	<b>\$255,303.24</b>

**DAVID BAGGETT**  
July 28, 2018

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Laurie McCombs and Family on the loss of her precious father.

**JERRY CHAMPION**  
August 1, 2018

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Becky, Blake and Sam Champion and their families on the loss of their beloved husband, father and grandfather.

### **THANK YOU:**

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so very much for the Beautiful basket of plants sent ot my house. Thank you for all the many prayers during this time of sadness over my Father's passing.

Sincerely,  
Laurie McCombs



## AWESOME AUGUST



August 12<sup>th</sup>

Guest: Maegan Roper  
 Mission: School Supplies  
 (Elementary age)  
 Ex. Composition Notebooks,  
 Pencils, Glue Sticks,  
 Crayola Crayons (24 pk.),  
 Wide Rule Notebook Paper, etc.

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August 19<sup>th</sup>: Edmonson Boys  
 Day Care:

Baby Wipes & Tissues  
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August 26<sup>th</sup>: SonRise  
 Missionary Offering for  
 Rhett Thompson  
 in Panama



The mission of the Society of Saint Andrew is to introduce people to God's grace in Jesus Christ through meeting their hunger.

Remember...YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Carolyn Vines

**Is anyone interested in starting a church Softball Team?**



**CALL THE  
 CHURCH  
 OFFICE  
 491-3421**

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

That like at your home, something always needs to be repaired (and that the repairs always cost more than you plan for)? **THE CHURCH HAS THE SAME PROBLEM!**

**MORNING FELLOWSHIP  
 AUGUST  
 BERTHELLE WAID CLASS**