

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, September 9, 2018

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

Monday, September 10, 2018

9:30 am Koinonia Circle (parlor)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

9:00 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Emmaus Cluster (FH)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
6:00 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Misused Bible Verses Small Group
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 13, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
10:30 am Study of Acts of the Apostles
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study
6:00 pm Painting Class

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP

Sunday, September 9 – Saturday, September 15

First United Methodist Church
110 Sunset Drive
Hueytown, Alabama
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

John's Journal

September 4, 2018

Greetings Children of God! I pray that each of us are back in the saddle of normal schedules this week as we have crossed the Labor holiday. The Labor Day holiday marks the beginning of our "routines" for the Fall season.

September also marks for Hueytown F.U.M.C. the beginning of our Fall Small Group studies. A reminder from Ephesians 4, the purpose of the church offering Spiritual Growth Studies is so that, "...we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Personally, I liken Spiritual Growth to Jesus' sharing about the Vine and the Branches in John 15:4-5, "**Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**"

It is my hope and prayer that each of our members be a part of a Small Group. You might ask, "What exactly is a Small Group?" You might also ask, "Why, and What do you want us to do?" Both very important questions. Galatians 5:22-24 tells me that my Christian disposition should be made up of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are virtues that just don't come easily in the world we live in... Amen?

What is a Small Group – in Christian terms, a Small Group is where Christ Followers, usually 6-15 in number, aim to attain the above by being in the presence of the Master TOGETHER. The Small Group is a place of confidentiality, acceptance, affirmation, accountability, support, and personal spiritual growth - all in the Name of Jesus Christ! Why Small Groups - Jesus taught a Small Group of twelve for three years. Jesus taught the Disciples how to live out the Torah in Love in their Small Group! They shared glory sightings, struggles, questions, and accountability in becoming like Jesus. Small Groups gives us the chance to stay in His word, as well as supports us in living in His example and teachings. Lastly, Small Groups are empowered to go and multiply – to start new Small Groups.

So, with all the above said, I am prayerful and hopeful that you will be intentional about either joining a Small Group, starting a Small Group, or hosting a Small Group this Fall. If you have questions, please let me know...I would be honored to help you find a Small Group, have you join either of my new two Small Groups, or help you start a Small Group of your own. I will begin a Small Group (Misused Verses of the Bible) on Wednesday night September 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., and another Small Group (Study of Acts) on Thursday morning September 13, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

I look forward to being a Branch with you on the Vine of Life – Jesus Christ!

To Christ's Glory,

Bro. John V.

Remember In Prayer

HOSPITALIZED

UAB-WEST

Laura Ashcraft

The Oaks:

Mary Clyde Moore

Special Prayer Requests:

Ruth Bryant

Peggy Hendricks

Susan Rheuby

Patricia Pate

Monique Sanders

Floyd Lunceford

Leigh Edmonson

Beverly Seale

Corey Allen

Tom Cale, Cardiac rehab (Ruth's son)

Sandra & Bobby Bracknell

Richard Norton (Vicki Parson's brother)

Attendance & Contributions September 2, 2018

Sunday School	55
Morning Worship	136
Thrive Service	30
Sunday Night	16
Received this Sunday	12,159.35
Received for September	\$12,159.35
Total Received 2018	\$272,564.91

DID YOU KNOW That the church has 32+ window air conditioning units?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Christmas Shoe Box Work Day

Sunday, September 16th
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

UMW Circles will gather to fill our Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World Children 2018.

Please bring donations of items to put in boxes. Suggestions include: hot wheel cars, small dolls, small balls, McDonalds toys, comb/brush, soap, washcloth, 1 pr. Flip flops, socks, toothbrush, pencils (4), 5 crayons, barrettes, bows, ponytail holders.

NO Candy, bubble gum or suckers!
Full instruction sheets are in the office.
QUESTIONS? Contact Cheryl Wray or Carol Ruth DeVore

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES FALL 2018

Mondays, 5:30 p.m. – Sisters Bible Study
(Contact Caryl Hadder)

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study Group
(Contact Bro. John S. or Joe Moore)

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – Misused Verses of the Bible (Contact Bro. John V.)
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – Study of Acts of the Apostles (Contact Bro. John V.)

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. – Golden Girls Bible Study (Contact Marilyn Brown)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

. . . Kevin and Kristin Douglass who were married September 1, 2018. Kevin is the son of Gala and Steve Douglass; grandparents are Stuart McCrorie and Sue and Doug Douglass.

FOOD PANTRY NOTE

We need bars of soap for the Food Pantry. Please consider helping this mission.

**Thank you,
Peggy Horne**

A opportunity for everyone!

Community Children's Christmas Party

At this time we are asking for donations to purchase gifts for the children in Hueytown that otherwise might not have a Merry Christmas. We spend \$50 per child on toys and purchase a new coat or jacket. Please consider sponsoring a child (or 2 or 3). I plan to meet with the new principal and counselor at Hueytown Elementary school soon. Once the counselor has the families list I will need volunteers to help fulfill the wishes of these children.

Donations can be placed in the offering or taken to the church office. Make checks to the church with attention to the party.

Thank you for your faithfulness to this project.

Caryl Hadder

NEW SMALL GROUP

Get Crafty!

Starting Saturday, September 15th

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Fellowship with friends as you work on your scrapbooking, cricut, painting, décor, Bible journaling, quilting . . . any sort of crafting project. We'll meet on Saturdays throughout the fall.

Contact Cheryl Wray,
cherylswrap@gmail.com

Or look on facebook for more info.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

OPEN DOOR CLASS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Begins September 11th @ 9:00 a.m.

In the Disciple Room

CONTRIBUTIONS

Memorials & Honorariums

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of David Baggett
By Cheryl Finch

CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Honor of Caryl Hadder
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

In Memory of Jane Post
In Honor of Mary Clyde Moore
By Jack and Nancy Moon

In Memory of Betty Rheuby
and Jerry Champion
by Cheryl Finch

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

In Honor of Joe and Mary Clyde Moore
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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

PARLOR/PATIO FUND

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Champion
By Dr. and Mrs. Jack Dabbs

In Memory of Dr. Champion
By Charlotte Nolan

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Champion
By Betsy Parker

FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of Carolyn Mitchell
On her 95th Birthday
In Memory of Jane Post
By Ruth Cale

In Memory of Jane Post
By Berthelle Waid Class

In Memory of Jane Post and Buddy Parker
By Cheryl Finch

BUDGET

In Memory of Jane Post and Buddy Parker
In Honor of Mary Clyde Moore
and Tom Cale
by Buster and Betty Jane Kornegay

In Honor of Bob and Sandra Bracknell
In Memory of Jane Post
By Jane Coleman

CLOTHES CLOSET

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

MISSIONARY SUNDAY

In Honor of Rhett Thompson
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

In Honor of Carolyn and Phil Vines and
Roger and Gene Moody
By Bobby and Sandra Bracknell

CHOIR FUND

In Honor of the Edmonson Boys
And the Edmonson Family
By Ruth Cale