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FRIDAY: Closed

Sunday, November 25, 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, November 26, 2018

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

12:00 Church office closed for Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Beginning Nov. 1st 2018, the church office will no longer be open on Fridays. Please remember that Bro. John Verciglio is reachable for emergencies, hospitalizations, surgeries, etc. You can contact him at the number listed to the left. Also, by text or email. The change will help us save money on what is normally a very slow morning at the church, with little to no contacts! Thank you in advance for your support of this decision.

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Hueytown, Alabama

John's Journal

November 25, 2018

Greetings Friends in Christ! I want to thank you the members and friends of Hueytown F.U.M.C. for your commitment to Pledge Sunday. While I don't have a preliminary number to offer at the Newsletter writing, Carol Madderra tells me a good number of pledge cards were turned in. I look forward to hearing how we responded, as I know you are as well.

In the next week, those of us who weren't here for worship will receive a pledge card by mail because we know that you want to be a part of 2019 Pledge Commitment to ministry. Let's all do our best to turn in our Pledge Cards as soon as possible. We want to share with you the response the week of December 2nd if at all possible. THANK YOU!

In Budapest, a man went to the rabbi and complained, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room. What can be done?" The rabbi answered, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man is incredulous, but the rabbi insists. "Do as I say and come back in a week." A week later the man comes back looking more upset than the week before. "We cannot stand it," he told the rabbi. "The goat is filthy." The rabbi tells him, "Go home and let the goat out. And come back in a week." A week later a very radiant man returns to the rabbi exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat – there's only the nine of us."

Well, this does offer us perspective on being "Thankful" doesn't it? So often the little things in our lives seem to become the stumbling blocks to our enjoying the rich blessings our lives are filled with. We all know the story of how a pearl becomes a pearl don't we? Usually a parasite and not the proverbial grain of sand - works its way into an oyster, mussel, or clam. As a defense mechanism, a fluid is used to coat the irritant. Layer upon layer of this coating, called 'nacre', is deposited until a lustrous pearl is formed. What if all the little things we often allow to become irritating could become the birth place of something of swirling beauty?

Instead of the small things taking us down paths of irritation, make them spring boards into a beautiful change in life...Abundant Life in the Living God. It's up to us to allow that to become so with God's help. It truly is my hope and prayer that each of us can know and experience Thankfulness on this Thanksgiving Holiday. Be Thankful and let someone else know you are Thankful for them!

To Christ's Glory,

Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions November 18, 2018

Sunday School	72
Morning Worship	158
Thrive Service	47
Sunday Night	17

Received this Sunday	\$6,121.00
Received for November	\$28,411.27
Total Received 2018	\$384,098.03

Special Prayer Requests:

Allen Douglass-Princeton
Teri Northcutt
Mary Clyde Moore
Glenn Hooks
AJ Bishop
Lesha Shafer
Bernie Finneran
Ben Abercrombie
Sandra Bracknell
Corey Allen
Marcella Haakenson
Matt Sparks
Mac & Debbie Hornsby
James Malone
Michael Farrington Richards
John Michael Cunningham
Wayne Hayes

Remember In Prayer



FRUIT OF THE LOOM®

November 25 is

“Undie Sunday”

Bring Underwear for Children’s Christmas Party. Boxer briefs, socks, panties.

All sizes.



Around The Corner

- Nov. 21 Church Office closes 1/2 day.
- Dec. 2nd Children’s Ministry Christmas Play, 6:00p.m.
- Dec.2nd Emmaus sponsored luncheon
- Dec.7th Seekers Sunday school class Christmas party, fellowship hall.
- Dec. 16th Chancel Choir Christmas Performance, 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 24th Thrive @ 6:00p.m. & Traditional @ 11:00. Candle light services & Communion

Thanks, Bro. John V.

The Clothes Closet is now taking donations of children’s clothing



Contributions, Memorials & Honorariums

Budget In Honor of Beverly Seale , Love The Seekers class

Children’s Christmas Party In Honor of Caryl Hadder, Thanks! The Sister’s Bible Study.

The Children’s Dept. In Honor of Rose & AJ Bishop on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. By Woody & Connie

Food Pantry In Honor of our teacher Norma Morton by Adult Fellowship Class

Fellowship Host for December: Adult Fellowship

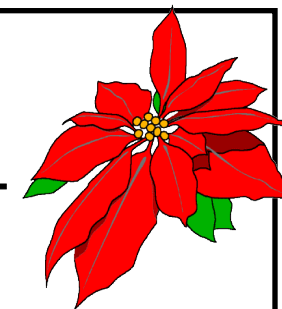
DID YOU KNOW ???

We use \$300 +each month on our bulletin, newsletter and postage.

Poinsettias

\$10.00

Deadline for ordering is Dec. 11.



In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Presented by: _____

Thank you

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and all the love and support during this difficult time.

-Bailey Walker