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MON., TUES., THUR. 9-4
WED. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 10, 2019

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
6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long

Monday, February 11, 2019

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

9:00am Bible Study
6:30pm Cub Scout Den Mtg.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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

Thursday, February 14, 2019

9:00 am Nifty over fifty
11:30 am Valentine Lunch
1:00 pm Golden Girls
6:00 pm Painting Class

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February 4, 2019

John's Journal

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! I want to thank all those who came out on Saturday, February 2, 2019, to paint the Heritage Sanctuary. It was great being with so many that rolled up their sleeves, climbed ladders, painted tall walls, ate a pizza lunch, bent down into small areas, performed acts of body contortion to reach what should be un-paintable areas, and woke up Sunday with aches and pains here and there! Bless you all and thanks! We have a few areas to touch up, and then work on trim work. Be on the listen for the next paint day to finish up this beautiful worship space.

Over the next four weeks I want to offer a short "Summing Up the Sermon" with regard to our new Vision/Mission and Core Values Statements. **CONNECTION** – thank goodness for examples from the bible like Andrew. All he cared about was bringing folks to Jesus. His calling was clear. At Hueytown F.U.M.C. we've been **CONNECTING** people to Jesus since 1926. And yet there is still much to do in reaching folks for Jesus.

CONNECTION with those outside the church today is more about **INTENTIONAL OUT-REACH** than ever before. People do not "just come" to the church any longer because "it's what you do." Church outsiders are looking to experience the difference that being a part of the church is making in our lives before they consider investing their lives in the church. Questions from un-churched folk asked of church folk are such as: "Are you still seeking Jesus? What Hope does Christ bring to your life?"

As we ponder the answers to these questions for ourselves, we might ask ourselves about our latest attempts to **CONNECT** to those not in any church: "Am I intentionally building relationships with people outside of my church family? Are there activities I currently do each week where I could connect people to Jesus? (walking, shopping, dog park, PTA, work, social clubs, etc.) Do I know the names of my neighbors? Their children? Do I or have I served my neighbors lately?" Pew Research recently printed, "*Fully 85% of those who have looked for a new house of worship say they attended worship services at a church they were considering, and seven-in-ten say they spoke with members of the congregation or to friends or colleagues about their decision.*"

As we ponder what it means for us as Christ Followers to help others **CONNECT** to God, let's be keenly aware that who we are in Christ, how our church seeks after Christ, and the ministries of serving like Christ speak loudly to a potential church member.

Just remember, those closest to you are the ones who are looking for the **CONNECTION**...don't take it for granted!

To Christ's Glory, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions January 20, 2019

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| Sunday School | 74 |
| Thrive Worship | 39 |
| Morning Worship | 161 |
| Sunday Night | 31 |
| Received this Sunday | \$25,809.18 |
| Total received for 2019 | \$55,439.11 |

A stroll down memory lane with a light luncheon for Widows & Widowers. **FEBRUARY 14 at noon. Call the church office by Monday February 11th for reservations.**



Special Prayer Requests:

Leigh Edmonson
Kasey Parsons Jones
Jackie Nivens- Jerolyn Cater's dad
Nancy Goodwin
Linda Griggs
Jimmie Holmes
Susan Rheuby
Mary Clyde Moore
AJ Bishop
Bernie Finneran
Ben Abercrombie
Sandra Bracknell
James Malone
Esther Towers
Evelyn Coston
Barbara Ezell
Lucille Ogletree
Shafer family
Jennifer Clements
Ann McCown
Glen Hooks

Remember In Prayer

Fellowship Host for February:
Igniters

New Pictorial Directory

I am excited to announce that March 5-9, 2019 will be New Pictorial Month for our church. We could use a couple of servants to help facilitate scheduling with Life-touch Pictures. If you serve please contact me as soon as possible. Also, go ahead and make your commitment to have your beautiful picture taken...**PLEASE?** Some of you I don't see in the current directory, and the directory has helped me immensely get to know so many of you by name. I still have many to go!

Thank you! Bro. John V.

**Birthday Calendars are \$5.00
in the Church Office.**

Memorials and Honorariums

Budget- In Honor of Tab and Pam Blair & Shirley Barron, from AGAPE.

In Honor of Barbara Ezell, Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson & family.

In Honor of John & Nancy Simmons on their anniversary, Love, Carl Ray and Jerry Gober.

Red Bird- In Honor of Vicki & Rick Parsons, Love Lisa & Scott Edmonson & family.

Hand Bells- In Memory of Marcella Haakenson & in Honor of Nancy and Jack Moon, by Mary Frances & WT Bell.

Food Pantry- In Memory of Whit and Wilkie Clements, Love, Nancy, Linda & Sam Hayley.

St. Andrews- In Honor of Carolyn & Phil Vines, from Nancy & Linda Hayley.

*You are invited to a baby tea in
Honor of Carrie & Micah Walker*

*In anticipation of the birth of
Cora May.*

Sunday Feb.24, 2-3:30pm

In the church parlor.

*Please bring a book instead of a
card & please sign your book so we
will remember your special gift.*



Holy Land Trip 2020

Have you wanted to go the Holy Land to see where Jesus' ministry took place? Have you thought to yourself as you read scripture, "I wish I could see where that took place?" Well, there is a trip to the Holy Land from February 4-13, 2020, with our Bishop, Debra Wallace-Padgett. I will be a tour host on this trip. The trip from Birmingham starts at \$3,496. Visited sites are: Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea, Jerusalem, the Holy City, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea, and Ein Gedi.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group is starting a new study called UNCOMMON. The book written by former NFL coach Tony Dungy offers men a great study of being leaders in their family and church. Come join us as we meet Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We gather for coffee, fellowship and study. A Men's Lo Country Boil has been planned for Thursday, February 28, 2019, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. You don't want to miss Shrimp, Sausage, Corn, Potatoes, and who knows what else do you? If you plan to attend would you please contact the church office to let us know as soon as possible? Contact Laurie McCombs at (205)491-3421. Come join us and bring a friend!