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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 17, 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 18, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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

Thursday, February 21, 2019

9:00 am Nifty over fifty
1:00 pm Golden Girls
6:00 pm Painting Class

Saturday, February 23, 2019

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

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HUEYTOWN FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



February 11, 2019

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! What a great morning of worship we had Sunday, February 10th, as our Boy Scout Troop 322 Celebrated Boy Scout Sunday. For over 70 years Hueytown F.U.M.C. has embraced, supported and sponsored Boy Scouting. I am most appreciative to all of our Scouting Leaders for answering the call to Serve!

Last week I shared that I'll be offering a short "Summing Up the Sermon" with regard to our new Vision/Mission and Core Values Statements throughout February. **CELEBRATION** – friends...it's no mistake that we are more alike than we are different! 2 Samuel 6 reminds us that God desires to reach into the heart of any (to each of us) that will accept His unconditional love, forgiveness, grace and redemption. David was not perfect...nor are we! Yet, David in his imperfect state sought God's heart as the measure he would seek to live by (we should do the same). Yearning for God's heart, I believe it's what caused David to be able to **CELEBRATE**. David knew God accepted him as he was, thus David intentionally put himself in the position to honor God until he was drained of energy in his body in everything he attempted for God. 2 Samuel 6:13 tells us that when David led the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem, "David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the Lord with all his might."

What does **CELEBRATION** mean for Hueytown F.U.M.C.? We must be intentional about putting ourselves in God's presence! Our membership vows remind us that we will support Hueytown F.U.M.C. with our PRESENCE. **CELEBRATION** of Jesus Christ is a community event by the Body of Christ! In other words, we should WANT to be present to Honor, Glorify, and Magnify the name of Jesus together.

CELEBRATION with those outside the church today is about whether we practice what we say about our life relationship to God. Church outsiders will look to know if our **CELEBRATION** of Jesus is our actively seeking God, or whether it's about "what we just do." Questions from un-churched folk asked of church folk are such as: "Is your **CELEBRATION** filled with the Hope you profess to have in Jesus?"

As we ponder the answers to such a question for ourselves, we might ask ourselves about our latest attempts to **CELEBRATE**: "Am I giving the best of me when I worship God? Am I being faithful to my membership vows of being present with my fellow Christ Followers? Have I allowed myself to make excuses to be present in making Worship all it should be? Do I make an effort to be a part of weekly gatherings and services where God is celebrated? Have I become more of a critic of worship than a living participant to God's honor?"

Marion Bruce, a social and behavioral scientist and associate director of the Center for Research on Men's Health at Vanderbilt (also a Baptist minister), writes, "People who attend church...are less stressed and live longer...increased religiosity – as determined by attendance at worship services – is associated with less stress and enhanced longevity."

As we ponder what it means for us as Christ Followers to help others **CELEBRATE** 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 Christ Follower.

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

In Christ's Glory, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions February 10, 2019

Sunday School	75
Thrive Worship	31
Morning Worship	201
Sunday Night	38
Received this Sunday	\$7,916.03
Total received for 2019	\$63,355.14

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
 Sandra Bracknell
 James Malone
 Esther Towers
 Evelyn Coston
 Barbara Ezell
 Lucille Ogletree
 Shafer family
 Glen Hooks
 Trent Smith

Remember In Prayer

**Fellowship Host for February:
Igniters**

Central Alabama Handbell Festival 2019
 February 22-23 at Pleasant Hill UMC.
 Closing Concert is 3:00 Feb. 23, 2019

Low Country Boil

The Saturday morning Men's Bible Study group is hosting a **Low Country Boil** for Thursday, **February 28, 2019**, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Men...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!**

New Pictorial Directory

March 4 – 9, 2019

Hours on Mon, Tues, Thursday,
Friday (2:00 – 9:00).

No pictures Ash Wednesday (WEAC and church service that evening).

Hours on Saturday (10:00 – 5:00)

Scheduling for picture taking has begun for our church's new Pictorial Directory. Penny Berry, Ellie Duncan, and Lisa Verciglio have volunteered to coordinate this project. Tables will be set up before and after both services for the next 3 weeks to schedule you and your family, or you may **call Penny at 491-7487 to schedule. If you can help out on the scheduling desk during the week of picture taking, please call Ellie at 529-7954.**

Brother John would like to see every member/family in the directory. He said the directory has help him get to know so many of you by name. The last directory was 5 years ago, and there have been lots of changes, so let's all participate in this endeavor! Thank you!!

Thank You.....

I wanted to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, calls, cards and honorariums I've received during my recovery from knee surgery. I also wanted to thank everyone who sent the delicious food. A special thanks for Bro John V. for the hospital visit. I am so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful church. God bless you all.

Nancy Goodwin

To Our Church Family, Thanks so much for everyone's kindness and support during my father's passing. You can never know how much of a witness of God you all were. Thank you!

Phil, Alesia, Chloe & Delilah Shafer. Janie Thornley

The Youth Dept. appreciates the donation of chairs & stools from the daycare dept. Our room looks wonderful! Thank You

*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.*

*Registered at Target,
Walmart, & Buy Buy Baby*



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.

Frances Gilmore has a new cell phone number. For more info, contact Patti Wright or the Church Office.

Memorials and Honorariums

Boy Scouts– In Honor of Gil Higgins for attaining Eagle Scout by Jeff Higgins.

Budget– In Honor of the Valentine Luncheon Volunteers by Marie McFall.

Budget– In Honor of Catherine, Nick, Lollar and Chris on their birthdays. Love, Sue Sue & Papa Doug

Inspire Women's Conference is March 16, 10 am till 3 pm. Tickets are for sale in the church office. \$20.00.