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#### Sunday, April 7, 2019

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship

6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-

9:45 am Kid's Worship

11:00 am Thrive Worship

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Monday, April 8, 2019

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

6:00pm Trustee Meeting

9:00am Bible Study

8:30 am Morning Fellowship

#### Wednesday, April 10, 2019

5:30 pm WEAC 6:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 11, 2019

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

#### Saturday, April 13, 2019

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

First United Methodist Church 110 Sunset Drive Hueytown, AL (Return Service Requested)

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# HUEYTOWN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### April 1, 2019

#### John's Journal

#### To Christ's Glory,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Friends, we have 12 days left in the Lenten Season as of Sunday, April 7, 2019. It has been a very quick 28 days thus far...would you agree? I was commenting to my Lisa that Lent has seemed very introspective this season, meaning the theme of Living Out the Gospel Life has come with the challenge to make changes in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds producing change in our lives.

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, I shared in the sermon how costly a one and a half degree flight plan error was for Korean flight 007 in 1983. It was an unintentional error, but an error none the less. While Lent has seems to be 'so' introspective for our preparation for Easter, it's for our own spiritual good. While we don't intend to participate in our own mis-directions, as well as falling prey to the world's silent temptations, it's with great thanksgiving that we have the 40 days of Lent to redirect our course in the faith.

How are you doing this Lent? What have you not only given up in the way of anger, disappointment, apathy, hurt, judgment, and the like? What have you taken up in the ways of Living Out the Gospel Life? Are we sharing Christ; telling of the Hope we have in Christ; growing in greater knowledge of God's love for us and others; being Christ with skin on to those around us; inviting others to join you in the spiritual journey?

Let's take note of where we are...it's never too late to give up and take up... give up that separating us from Christ, and others; take up Living Out the Gospel Life of redemption, mercy, love and abundant life.

I would be honored to hear how Christ is working in your life; I would be honored to hear how you see and are experiencing Christ working in the life of our church. Give me a call; come and let's talk; send me a text or an email. Remember that I am praying for you and our church; and I ask that you pray for me and our church.

l'm Christ's Love, Bro. John V

## Attendance & Contributions March 31, 2019

Sunday School	73
Thrive Worship	35
Morning Worship	135
Sunday Night	30
Received this Sunday	\$16,393.20

Total received for 2019

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Leigh Edmonson Sheri Kinard-Laurie McCombs friend Jackie Nivens-Jerolyn Cater's dad Susan Rheuby Mary Clyde Moore Sandra Bracknell James Malone Barbara Ezell Lucille Ogletree Glen Hooks Trent Smith Tim Wilding Charlie Young

Fellowship Host for March: Adult Fellowship

## HAVE YOU DECIDED YET...?

Please don't forget to grab one of the **CONTRIBUTING AS A SERVANT** forms to let our ministry leaders know how you would like to Serve God through the church. Take a look at all the opportunities we have / and we need servants to be involved in. Return it to the church office or simply check the circle next to the areas you feel called to serve and drop in the offering plate. Thanks so much!

#### Bro.John V.

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### Memorials and Honorariums

Budget-In Honor of Jeremiah Toole and Donna Rodgers by Jack & Nancy Moon.

Budget-In loving Memory of Dr. Robert T. Cale, Sr. on a special birthday by Ruth Cale.

Budget-In Honor of J.T. Edmonson and Melanie Self on their birthdays. We love you, Scott, Lisa, Michael & Joshua.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Gwen Bledsoe and family at the passing of Johnnie Bledsoe on April 1, 2019.



### Lenten Season News

A Lenten Study on Wednesday nights during WEAC will be offered. We will be using the book by James W. Moore, Give Up Something Bad for Lent. If you would like a copy of this book please call the church office. Lastly, Lenten Devotional Books will be available beginning Sunday, March 3, 2019. The devotional is titled, Living the Gospel Life. Living the Gospel Life will be our Lenten Theme in 2019.

Blessings, Bro. John V.

#### FOOD DELIVERY APRIL 4TH, THUR.

Volunteer(s) needed to make sure church is secured, lights off, each night around 9:00 pm and to unlock certain doors Sunday 7:00 am. Anyone interested contact the office ASAP!

#### W.E.A.C. MENU FOR April 10th.

Hash Brown Casserole, peas with snaps, pineapple casserole, cheesy garlic

#### biscuits, choc. Sheet cake.



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## Photo Make-Up Day

Lifetouch Photography is available on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, for a make-up session for photos for the pictorial directory. However, we must have a minimum of 18 photo sessions scheduled in order for them to come back to the church to take pictures. Please call the church office by Thursday, March 21, if you want to be put on the list. Penny Berry will be in touch to let you know whether or not we will be able to schedule the make-up day.