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WED. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2020

10:00 am Traditional Service will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, June 1, 2020

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Wednesday June 3, 2020

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Thursday June 4, 2020

6:30 pm Painting Class will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

Friday, June 5, 2020

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Sunday's sermon scripture:

Acts 2:1-21

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John's Journal
Dear Friends in Jesus,

May 27, 2020

Hello Friends in Christ! I am prayerful that God's Blessings are with you as you read the weekly Newsletter. As I write this week, I continue to need your help getting feedback on a questionnaire regarding "RETURNING TO WORSHIP" as soon as possible. I also need your help getting this questionnaire into the hands of our congregational members that are not on Social Media.

1. When our church resumes worship services in our building, will you be more likely to attend services in person or online?
2. What is the soonest date you would consider coming back to the church building?
3. Would you come to church if you had to reserve which service you attend" (think Sign-Up for)
4. Would you be willing to wear a mask?
5. If you have kids, would you put your kids in the children's ministry?
6. If you have kids, would you come if we are unable to host children's ministry?
7. If you volunteer, are you planning to volunteer in the same spot if we reopen?
8. Are you in favor of our church rolling out "house church" (small groups of 10 people) to meet physically until it is safe to do so at our full size?
9. Would you be willing to lead a group of 10?
10. In the last 8 eight weeks, how many times have you watched services online?
11. Do you have any additional feedback, ideas, or questions?

Again, forward your answers to me in one of the following ways: by mail to the church address: 110 Sunset Drive, Hueytown, Alabama 35023, or by email: jvercig@hueytownfirst.com, or pick up a questionnaire sheet in the Disciple Room and complete, or call me (205)317-1096, and I'll write down your answers on a questionnaire sheet for you. Your participation will be very important to the "how we return" to in-person worship.

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Pastors and Laity Leaders of the North Alabama Conference received communication from our Bishop, Debra Wallace-Padgett, and Cabinet referencing Re-Opening facilities and offering In-Person worship. In short, the Bishop and Cabinet are advising that re-opening our facilities and hosting in-person worship "will vary from church to church...based on local data." All churches, regardless of what you've seen or heard in the news media, are being asked to follow a "phased-in approach" based on church context (our congregations demographics). Demographics mean membership risk by age and underlying health conditions; number of county/community COVID 19 cases; congregation size; and ability of the congregation to follow sanitation and social distancing per CDC and Alabama Department of Health guidelines.

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Attendance & Contributions

May 27, 2020

Morning Worship 901

Thrive

Bible Study 461

Received 5/27/20 \$ 3620.30

Total as of 5/27/20 \$ 173,065.11

Sarah Grace Oden
Margie Ingles
Susan Rheuby
Glen Hooks
Tommy Hudson
Craig Postovit
Janie Thornley
Michael Black
Jake Barrett
The Shafer Family
Jack Moon
Sandra Bracknell

Special Prayer Request

FOOD DELIVERY ON JUNE 4TH AT 8:30 AM.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS SOAP!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ...there is no one more ready to be back in church together more than me. And yet, to **DO NO HARM** means that we will commit to all "asks and requests" in order to be together. Here is a taste of what will be some of the "asks and requests": **"Asks" and "Requests"**

1. Returning to Worship means Personal Responsibility. Come to Worship **ONLY** if you feel comfortable doing so. If anyone feels uncomfortable about returning for Worship at this time, it's fine to **STAY HOME**. All services will be available on Facebook Live weekly. **Traditional Worship:** Hueytown First UMC; **Modern Worship:** Thrive Hueytown.

2. ENTER and EXIT points to the Sanctuary will be clearly marked. Please abide by the marked areas of entry and exit.

3. Sanitizing stations will be available for use as you enter and as you exit the church facilities. **PLEASE USE THEM!**

4. DIRECTIONAL walking paths will be clearly marked within the building and the Sanctuary. Please stay within the directional flow to keep all of us safe.

5. Available Restrooms will be clearly marked (not all restrooms will be usable). Restrooms must be sanitized by the user before exit for the next person (supplies provided). If you are unable to do such, notify an usher before entry to ensure sanitizing after use.

6. All In-Person worshipers are asked to wear their own protective facemask covering (unless otherwise instructed by doctor). There will be a limited number of disposable masks available.

7. **Seating areas will be clearly marked for "6-foot distancing." Please abide by the marked seating.**

8. Seating will be clearly marked to encourage "family togetherness." Please abide by the marked seating.

9. AT THIS TIME – there will not be a Community Coffee or Water Station available.

10. AT THIS TIME – refrain from handshakes, fist-bumps, hugs, etc. We will not have a formal greeting time in worship.

11. AT THIS TIME – there will be no "bulletins/orders of worship." Worship information will be on the screens.

12. AT THIS TIME – there will be no common offering plates passed. Please use the identified "Offerings" basket either when entering or exiting worship.

13. AT THIS TIME – Holy Communion will be served through prepackaged elements. Logistics still being discerned at this time.

As your pastor, I will continue to work with the Executive Leadership (SPRC Chair, Finance Chair, Financial Treasurer, Trustee Chair, Lay Leader, Administrative Board Chair, Bro. John Simmons) and the Trustees in doing what is in the best interest of "our demographic" in making re-opening the safest it can be while honoring the Health guidelines set forth by CDC and the State of Alabama Health Officials.

For those who feel safe to worship at this time, on June 7, 2020, we will worship at 10:00 a.m. (one service on this day) in the courtyard grass area between the Child Care Center and the main Sanctuary. We ask that you bring a lounge chair and pick a spot with a 6-foot awareness of social distancing. Dress casually (shorts are fine) and feel free to bring something to drink with you as it may be warm and humid. We are encouraged to wear mask as well. For any who do not feel comfortable at this time to gather for worship outside, the service will be Livestreamed on the Hueytown First UMC Facebook Page.

As always...thank you for being the Body of Christ. Thank you for all you do! Praise God that you are believers who are willing to stand in the gap when the world is in turmoil! Our 2020 ministry theme at Hueytown F.U.MC., **Gifted and Called!** Be creative to use your gifts to stay connected and know that God is calling you to be the one to share His love with the stranger to God's Love and Mercy. Be trusting, Be believing, and Be living in such a way that says Jesus was who He said He was! **In Service to Christ, Bro. John V.**

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS

BUDGET- In Memory of Kenneth Nolen from Craig & Mary Anne Hyde.

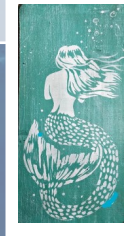
LIVE STREAM- In Memory of Ken Nolen by Cheryl Finch.

BUDGET- In Memory of Bruce Thompson and Ken Nolen. In Honor of Nancy Nolen and Family and In Honor of Bruce Thompson Family by Bill & Jayne Hornsby.

Thursday Night Painting Class live from our Facebook page at 6:30 PM on 5/28/20

We will be painting on wood fence

"Mermaid



Silhouette"

Our 10:00am Sunday worship is being streamed from a link on our Facebook page. THRIVE service is being streamed at 11:11am.

VBS has been set for June 15-18. This is a "wait and see" situation regarding how churches will be allowed to open to large groups.



REDBIRD IS SEPT. 13-19. If you are interested in going please call the church office. Cost is \$375. We must turn in our numbers June 7th.