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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb 7, 2021

10:00 am Traditional Service with streaming,

11:11 am Thrive Service from the Heritage Sanctuary will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, Feb. 8, 2021

8:00 am Sack Food

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021

Wednesday Feb 10, 2021

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

9:00 am Food Pantry

Thursday Feb 11, 2021

9:00 am Food Pantry

6:00 pm Painting Class

Friday, Feb 12, 2021

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

8:00 am Bible Study

Sermon: "Who Among You Needs Jesus?"

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

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John's Journal

NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2021

Hey Friends in Christ! I write you today on a cold windy day in Hueytown, Alabama. Looking back over the last few days (from Thursday, January 28 th forward) we have had an up and down change with weather. It was beautifully sunny January 28 th but a sharp coldness in the air. Right behind that we had spring like temperatures over the weekend, a windy day on Sunday, and as I said, I write on Monday with sharp wind and temps that might not make it out of the 30's. If we think we have it bad...New York was expecting several inches of snow on top of snow.

Things change, don't they? One day you're in shorts and the next day you have a sweatshirt on! I have often heard it said that in Alabama you can experience all four of the seasonal weather changes in a week. Seems about right doesn't it? Okay Bro. John V., you're the preacher, not a weatherman, so why the report? Really to just make a point. I've read that one of the most impactful aspects of life is change. But, it's not our favorite aspect of life.

Nonetheless, it takes place. I am reminded that many years ago a visiting pastor to the annual meeting of the North Alabama Conference offered a visual to the reality of change. The visual started off by hearing the song by Elvis Presley, "My Blue Suede Shoes." Then the guest pastor showed us a vinyl record that had this Elvis song on it. It was a 45 vinyl record. From that point, the pastor then showed us an 8-track tape, then a cassette tape, then a Walkman player, then what's called an MP3 player, until finally...the visiting pastor lifted his cell phone to say that Streaming was now the way to listen to music. The lesson for us all at the Annual Conference, and for us today, is that the song sung by Elvis, "My Blue Suede Shoes," didn't change in any way with the enhancements of being able to hear such a favorite song, but the delivery system did in order to stay in touch with listeners.

I want to remind us that the change we are experiencing in life is unprecedented. There's not one leadership book on my bookshelves that says, "Leadership in a Pandemic." The truth is that they are being written as we speak and navigate through this time. Yes, the church, like most all of life right now, is learning on the fly, grappling to understand the needs of people, how to best deliver those needs, discerning the impact the Pandemic has had and is having what we've known as religion, church, and everyday life. The progression of what's happening far outweighs the change of moving from a vinyl record to Livestreaming music. We are living in daily changes and daily effects.

I personally want to say "THANK YOU" for your understanding, patience, cooperation, help, learning alongside, walking alongside, openness to newness that I know can be uncomfortable, change that doesn't look like yesterday... Bless you for standing behind your pastors, your church staff, your leadership. We are giving it our all to stay up to date, in touch with you, and ready for the tomorrow's coming our way. Friends of Jesus...I look forward to what God continues to do through our great church in 2021 as we answer our calling from God, **A Charge to Keep I (we) Have...it will take all of us...this generation to serve!**

In Service to Christ, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

Jan. 31, 2021

Traditional	36
Online	259
Thrive	17
Online	207

Received 1/31/21 \$ 7,875.70
 Total as of 1/31/21 \$ 31,793.87

- Sarah Grace Oden
- Susan Rheuby
- Tommy Hudson
- Craig Postovit
- Jack Moon
- Sandra Bracknell
- Joan Verchot
- Beverly Seale
- Mary Frances Bell
- Dora Chaffin

Special Prayer Request

Congratulation to Tyler & Diane Geiss on the birth of a son. Liam was born 1/25/21 weighing 7.5lbs and 19" long.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the Sylvia Finch family at her recent passing.

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Memorial & Honorariums

- BUDGET**– In memory of Annette Waters. In Honor of her 4 daughters by J.D. Nichols
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Elizabeth Lacy Nichols by Jim & Marilyn Winslett of Tennessee.
- FOOD PANTRY**– In Memory of Tony Yardley, Linn Oden, Bernie Finneran, Wanda Hartley, Annette Waters, Sylvia Finch, Tommy Cale & Wanda Pitts by Kay and Danny Karr.
- BUDGET**– In Honor of Mary Frances Bell, J.D. Nichols, Luke Nolen, Don Hubbard, Beverly Seale, Todd Crump & Sandra Baggett by Kay & Danny Karr.
- BUDGET**– In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Lacy Nichols. Love, J.D. Nichols
- BUDGET**– In Honor of Beverly Seale. Love, Jack & Nancy Moon
- WALKING TRACK**–In Memory of Annette Waters, Wanda Pitts and Jim Lott. By, Jack & Nancy Moon.
- RED BIRD**– In Memory of Annette Waters. In Honor of Mary Frances Bell & Beverly Seale. Love, Lisa and Scott Edmonson and boys.
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Bernie Finneran by Phil & Carolyn Vines.
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Annette Waters by W.T. & Mary Frances Bell.
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Annette Waters by The Grissett Family
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Annette Waters by Ken & Charlene Miller
- WALKING TRACK**– In Memory of Tom Cale by Cheryl Finch.





Thursday Night Painting Class will be painting this "Love birds". RSVP your spot by calling the church office. This is a repeat from last week.

The 2021 "Flower sign up poster" is located on the bulletin board just outside the church office for your convenience .

SUPERBOWL SUBS PREPARED BY HUEYTOWN FUMC YOUTH

FEB 7, 2021

DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP 4:00-5:00PM
(KITCHEN DOOR)

\$10.00/MEAL

INCLUDES: SANDWICH, CHIPS, COOKIE, DRINK

PLACE YOUR ORDER BY FEB. 4TH.

WHAT IS LENT? WHAT IS THE LENTEN SEASON?

In just a few short weeks we will be entering a most Holy time in the season of a Christian, the Lenten Season! Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and continues through April 3, 2021, for forty days (excluding the Sunday's when counting). Easter 2021 is on April 4 th .

What exactly is Lent? The forty days of Lent are a season of days in a Christ Followers life that are filled with personal spiritual reflection, as well as corporate spiritual reflection as the church. Over forty days Christ Followers "intentionally; without reserve; genuinely; and authentically" open their whole lives to renewal, restoration, and re-birth to the calling of God in their lives, and so does the ministry life of the church.

The Lenten Season is usually marked by "giving up" something, in order to "take up" something so that our lives move closer to God, deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and markedly different in how we "live out" God's call in our lives. In Lent, we divest ourselves of "self" and allow God to live wonderfully and powerfully through us for His honor and glory.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIMES

Beginning Sunday, February 21, 2021, the Sunday morning schedule will be:

Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Small Groups/Youth/Children Groups
10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

Modern Worship
11:11 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

F.U.M.C. WALKING TRACK

Members and Friends, several of you from the church have committed talents, skills, abilities and services toward the project of our Walking Track Project. If you too would like to be a part of supporting the phased project completion with such items as benches, picnic tables, a built-in grill, play area for children, a possible volleyball area, lighting around the track, fans for the pavilion, pavilion amenities, and the like...memorial gifts and honorariums have already begun. All you have to do is make a gift designated to: WALKING TRACK.