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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MON. - THUR. 9-2**  
**FRIDAY: Closed**

## UPCOMING DATES

Sunday October 8, 2023

6:00 am FIRST LIGHT  
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Monday October 9, 2023

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES  
9:30 am KOINONIA  
3:00 pm ALPHA  
6:00 pm CHILD CARE MEETING

Tuesday October 10, 2023

6:30 pm MOVING FORWARD

Wed. October 11, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
5:00 pm WEAC  
6:00 pm HANDBELL PRACTICE  
6:30 pm YOUTH  
7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday October 12, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY  
6:00 pm PAINTING CLASS

Friday October 13, 2023

Saturday October 14, 2023

8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday October 15, 2023

9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

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OCTOBER 2, 2023

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

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NEWSLETTER

## FALL YARD SALE-- Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023

The date has been set-- 11/11/23-- in the Fellowship Hall!

This is a church-wide fund raiser, with all proceeds going towards our current Capital Fund Campaign.

Be thinking about and collecting items you wish to donate, (or just get red of)! Remember, one person's trash/discards may be another person's treasure.

We hope to receive home décor, seasonal décor, working appliances, furniture, sports equipment, tools, fishing gear, gardening tools, etc. (No Clothes--except maybe some adult winter coats, etc.) We plan to widely publicize this fund raiser throughout our community and surrounding areas. If you have any questions, please contact Ellie Duncan at 205-529-7954 or Penny Berry at 205-915-8056.

## OCTOBER 31st at 6:30pm



## THE CLOTHES CLOSET...

**The clothes Closet is in need of children's clothes (especially boys clothes—all sizes.) We are also very low on men's shoes. Thank you for your faithful donations in support of this mission outreach.**





## Attendance & Contributions

### October 1, 2023

Worship 9:00 am.....88  
Online.....312

Budget 10/1/2023.....\$9,229.00  
Total as of 10/1/2023..... \$413,402.00

## Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward	Carolyn Vines
Nancy Goodwin	Karen M. Parsons
Beverly Lawley	Joan Verchot
Kay Vines Huey	Jan Towers

## \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

**We need a volunteer to work for the Food Pantry the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact Peggy Horne.**



**THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS.**  
**6:00pm 10/5/23**  
**You are invited.**  
**WE WILL BE PAINTING "Early Morning Stag" COME JOIN IN THE FUN! CALL 205-401-3124**  
**WE ARE PAINTING THIS ON METAL ROOFING MATERIAL !!!**

## SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION OCTOBER 8 th, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20  
"Go & Be, Not Come & Do"



October 2, 2023

Greetings Friends, and Welcome to October 2023! Bro. John Simmons said it best on Sunday, "Can you believe it's October?" Wow! Over the past weekend, I had a little repair at the Parsonage and when I walked into Lowe's Building Supply, and not only are the October seasonal decorations out, but so are the Christmas Decorations. Wait...where did Thanksgiving get lost in the mix?

Friends, it tells the story of our times...rush, rush, rush, move hurry run, go go go! I'm reminded of a quote by author, Kirk Byron Jones, in his book, Addicted to Hurry, "we don't slow down to discern anymore." If it's true, and I believe it is, that we're more alike than different, you are like our family and have been for some time scheduling family get togethers for the upcoming holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lisa and I are honored to host several family functions this year: Lisa's family for our Annual "Lott Family" Thanksgiving; my immediate family Christmas gathering this year at the parsonage, and the larger Verciglio Christmas gathering here at our church.

I say all this to point out that like Kirk Byron Jones says, we can often lose the meaning of 'the why' we are getting together, because we're in such a hurry to get to the event, and/or to get it past us!

I hope and pray that our spiritual lives don't contain any of "the story of our times...rush, rush, rush, move hurry run, go, go, go!" Throwing up our hands and waving at the spiritual moments as we hurriedly scamper through...when we all so desperately need what the season is bringing us. Let's not just 'gesture' to the moments that our lives need. Instead, choose to absorb and soak in for spiritual renewal, not to mention spiritual sustenance.

Just as a reminder of those needed moments...here are a few of the exciting things that we make time for...things that deepen our connection to God, and to each other!

We begin WEAC on Wednesday, October 11 and go through November 15th . WEAC meal serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday. I am mindful to remind us that Truck or Treat is right around the corner, Tuesday, October 31st. There should be info in this Newsletter telling you about times, etc. As we make our way through October 2023, we move into All Saints Sunday, November 5th, Stewardship Sunday is November 19th , Thanksgiving Day is November 23rd, and the beginning of Advent is Sunday, December 3rd . WOW...what wonderful celebrations and opportunities to personally be a part of, and, to invite someone you're hearing God speak to you about inviting. Share Jesus' love BOLDLY, friends of Jesus! Invite, Invite, Invite!

Blessings,

*Bro. John Verciglio*

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Ramona Pitesa. By The Plain Dirt Garden Club.

**SONRISE**— In Honor of Connie Woodward. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of Connie Woodward. By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of Jon Batton Terry, II (Deuce's First Birthday) By Jeff Higgins.

## **LASER FOCUSED... MOVING FORWARD 218**

Keep your MOVING FORWARD TEAM in prayer: Scott Edmonson, Tab Blair, Andy Nolen, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio, Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda England, Gala Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos, Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, Ellie Duncan, and Lisa Verciglio.

## **IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023**

- ✓ WEAC, Wednesday, **Oct. 11, 5:00 (1st of 6)**
- ✓ Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, **Oct. 31, 6:30-8:00**
- ✓ Church Yard Sale, Saturday, **Nov. 11th**
- ✓ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, **Dec. 3**
- ✓ Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, **Dec. 24**

**THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS A SPANISH SPEAKING PERSON TO WORK ON WED. OCT. 11TH FROM 9-11.**