

# THE LINK

**TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH LOVE, WORSHIP, SERVICE, AND EVANGELISM**

Summer is coming to an end. Those who have taken vacation have come home, and while it is still blistering hot right now, the mornings have been downright tolerable! Soon the flowers will fade, and the grass will grow slower (thankfully!). One season follows another. This change is all a part of God's plan.

How do you handle change? Many of us in the words of Dylan Thomas "rage against the dying of the light!" Others, are encouraged by the cooler temperatures, and what follows—Football in earnest, pumpkin-spice everything, fall brings on all kinds of change.

Like it, or hate it, change comes to us all. And, even those who hate it must admit that life gets mighty stale without change coming in. Imagine eating the same food for meal after meal. It gets tiresome after a while.

I think the key to palatable change is

making sure that even while we change, we hang on to some essentials. Another thing that we need to bear in mind is: we don't need to change just to change. You change for a reason. For example, Church Street UMC is in a state of change too. While you're meeting in the same sanctuary and following (for the most part) the same order of worship, you have a new person leading worship, participating in meetings, and visiting church members.

We stand between two seasons. Regardless of how the last season went, the one that I see ahead is full of possibilities, and hope. In looking forward, I find these words from Philippians 4 to be helpful when we think about what is to come.

6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all under-

standing, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

One more quick thought: We stand between 2 seasons, but Jesus doesn't. Jesus is the same in the winter, spring, summer, or fall. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

No matter what season you're in, or how much change you're facing, God is with you!

I hope you're as excited as I am!

Grace and Peace,  
*Lance J. Eiland*

The Church Office, Leika's and Leika's Lambs will be closed Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

### Church Street Staff

- Rev. Lance J. Eiland  
*Pastor*
- Rand Smith  
*Dir. Of Youth Ministries*
- Gordon Welch  
*Dir. Of Music Ministries*
- Organist*
- Kathy Harrison  
*Secretary*
- Ann Adams  
*Financial Secretary*
- Joy Thompson  
*Dir. Of Facilities*
- Lesia Canty  
*Housekeeper*
- Michael Steele  
*Custodian*

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### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

## **Music Ministry Notes From Gordon**

As we quickly move into our fall season, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your great "summer singing". It has been a joy to create and lead the wonderful "hymns of our faith" these past 13 weeks. Thank you for suggesting the hymns and thank you for singing with excitement! I look forward to our summer singing in 2018!

I also wanted to thank you for the great Church Street welcome you gave our "summer soloist". It was a joy and pleasure to have three community/area soloist share their God-given talent with us. I look forward to doing this again next summer.

Our children's choir leaders are willing and ready to lead in music experiences for our children beginning Sunday evening, September 10. Plan to have your grade one through six only child (children) involved in this important ministry event.

We will have vacancies in our Chancel Choir. No experience is necessary! Please contact me if you feel led to be a member of our wonderful, outstanding Chancel Choir. I especially want to invite willing vocalist to come join the Chancel Choir as they begin work on the Christmas musical *Silent Night, Wondrous Sight*.

### **Gordon**

#### **PRAYER NEEDS**

##### **CURRENT:**

Quintilla Wood  
Floyd Plummer, Sr.

##### **HOMEBOUND:**

Barry Blanton  
Mary Blanton  
June Calame  
Jean Johnson  
Lucille Sellier  
James Charles Utsey  
Alma Moore  
Nell Woodward

##### **ONGOING:**

Joyce Vaughan -  
Elna Scales' sister  
George Register  
Anne Porter

Frances Smith  
Jeanne Green  
Suzanne Ingram  
Quintilla Wood  
June McLaughlin  
Kay Friday  
Alice Gray Butler  
Steve Campbell  
Mary Elizabeth Chatman  
Sharon Craig  
Reita Sample Davis  
Michelle Dorough  
Virginia Guarino  
Edith Hughes  
Anthony Mims  
Emme Nichols  
Diane Rainer  
Arthur (Deedle)  
Sullivan  
Jean Walker

Samantha Wilson  
Hermine Cohen  
Faith Lendner  
James Morgan  
Tim & Barbara Young  
Marilyn Zeigler  
Sara Elam  
Ed Greene  
Charles & Martha Maurer  
Shannon Miller Cook  
Bill Gardner  
Kevin and Connie Parr  
Ed Sanderson  
Ted Waterman  
Marsha Powe  
Henry Pitts  
Dan and Yvonne Mielke  
John Young (Gwen & Buc  
Shaw's friend)  
Barbara Eiland (Lance's

Mom)  
Lesia Canty  
Peggy Cross  
Helen Edwards  
Lynda Johnson  
Joyce Vaughan  
Rex Waldrop  
Dale Gates  
Kathy Casey Hobbs  
Eloise Trammel  
Melissa Massey  
Baxter Ellzey  
The family of  
Harold Thrasher  
**OUR MILITARY**  
**OUR NATION**  
**Please help us update**  
**the prayer list by calling**  
**the church Office with**  
**additions or deletions**

## **Fall Sunday Night Kick-off: September 10th**

**Supper at 5:00 pm, served by the Believers Class -**

**Hot dogs with fixings, Chips, Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, and Cake**

**5:30 pm - Sonshine Singers (ages 3 - Kindergarten) "Miss" Katie,  
Children's Music (1st - 6th Grade) with Mr. G in the Choir Room to follow with  
Children's Activities with Kayla Smith**

**5:30 pm - Youth with Rand in the Harbor - The Book of Acts**

**5:30 pm - Women's Bible Study with Dawn Wendland in Windham Hall**

**5:30 pm - Men's Bible Study with Milam Turner, III, and Jon Stewart**

**5:30 pm - Adult Bible Study - UM101 - What is Methodism?  
with Rev. Lance J. Eiland, in the Sanctuary**

## Living Treasures

will meet Thursday, September 21st, at 12:00 noon, in Windham Hall. Lance and Liz will be our guest speakers as we spend time getting to know them.

The cost of the catered meal is \$6.00 and no reservations are required. We look forward to seeing you there!

**United Methodist Men** will meet Sunday, September 24th, at 8:00 am in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.

Emmaus will meet Tuesday, September 5th, at 6:30 pm, in Windham Hall.

## Bible Study Groups

The **TUESDAY** Bible Study Group led by Martha Jackson will resume Tuesday, September 12th, at 12:00 noon, in the Old Parsonage. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Anyone is invited to attend!

The **WEDNESDAY** Bible Study Group led by Suzanne Stringer will resume with a study of the Book of James by Beth Moore, on Wednesday, September 6th, at 10:00 am, in the Grist Library. Lunch to follow afterwards. Anyone is invited to attend!

## Budget Preparation

### Reminder

If you were asked to prepare a budget recommendation for your committee/team, please have them in by Thursday, September 14th.

## September Meetings

**Trustees**, September 12th, at 5:00 pm

**Finance**, September 28th, at 5:00 pm

**Church Council**, September 28th,  
at 6:00 pm

All meetings will be in the  
Grist Library

## Annual Charge Conference

Sunday, September 24th,  
at 4:30 pm, in Windham Hall  
Please make plans to attend.

## Perfect Attendance

August, 2017

Daniel Lovelady

Daniel Smith

Phillip Smith

## Stewardship July - Month End

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Pledge Offering           | 38,205.35 |
| Non-pledged Contributions | 6,205.00  |
| Loose Collection          | 368.62    |
| Sunday School             | 43.00     |
| Breakfast                 | 354.00    |
| Capital/Sanctuary Funds   | 0.00      |
| Windham Hall              | 0.00      |
| Total Receipts            | 45,175.97 |
| Worship Attendance        | 136       |
| Sunday School             | 89        |

## Year to Date

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Revenue received   |                   |
| Jan. - July 2017         | 282,742.00        |
| Total Expenses           |                   |
| Jan. - July 2017         | <u>316,443.00</u> |
| Excess of <b>Expense</b> |                   |
| Over Income              |                   |
| Jan. - July 2017         | (33,701.00)       |

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.*

*Luke 6:38 NRSV*

## Memorials:

### Mary Ann Patterson

By: Mrs. Jeanne Burson  
Dr. and Mrs. Ed Williams  
Dr. and Mrs. Ray Delp

### Charles Cammack

By: Mrs. Jeanne Burson

### Bill Sellier

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ray Delp

### Billy Faile

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ray Delp

### Bruce Burson

By: Dr. and Mrs. Ray Delp

### Rev. Charles Walker

By: Mrs. Jeanne Burson  
Mrs. Marie Barker  
Dr. and Mrs. Ray Delp  
Mrs. Eleanor Reynolds

### Lucy Bright

By: Mrs. Eleanor Reynolds

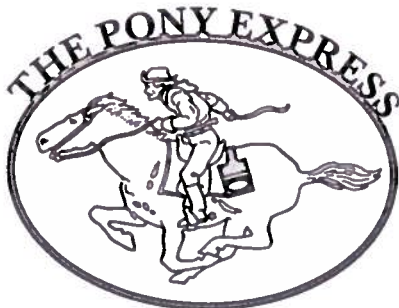
### Dawn Simmons

By: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones  
Mrs. Eleanor Reynolds  
Mrs. Myrna Hollis  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Speed  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore

## In Honor Of:

### Ladies in the Seeker's Class

By: Buc and Gwen Shaw  
Jeff and Kim Hubbard



## COMING SOON!

**The Stewardship Campaign will begin Sunday, September 17th. Please begin praying now about your commitment.**

The Communion Offering on September 3rd, will be given to Selma Area Food Bank.

**Mission Opportunity** - The Humane Society of Central Alabama has partnered with Christian Outreach Alliance Food Pantry to supply people who are in need with dog or cat food for their pets. There are labeled bins in the Foyer and in Windham Hall for collection of **bags under 10 pounds of dog food or cat food.**

## Meals-on-Wheels

For the week of  
**September 4th**

### Monday:

Labor Day - Closed

### Tuesday:

Anita Williams

### Wednesday:

Joy Beers

### Thursday:

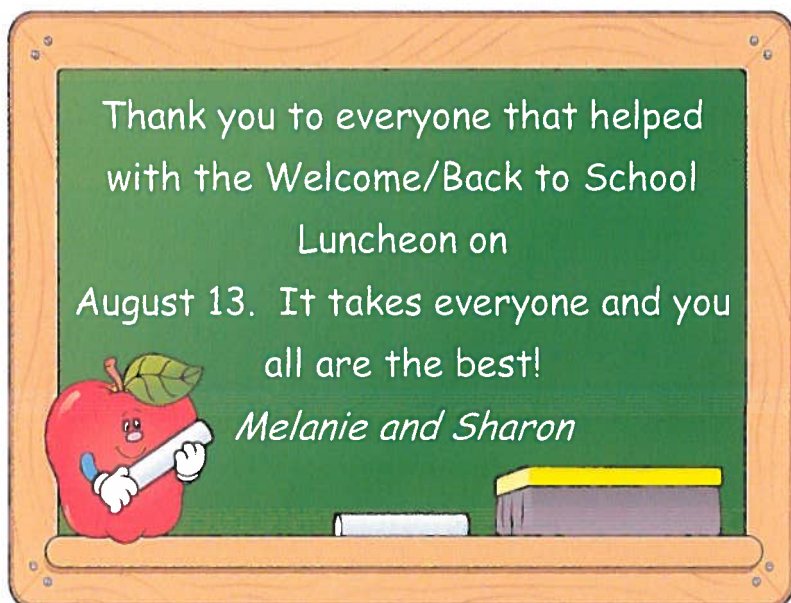
Pat Deavor

### Friday:

Jim Sims

Please pick up your meals between 9:30 and 10:00 am. If you are unable to deliver on your assigned day, please find someone to take your place and notify the Church Office of the change.





### Circle Meetings

#### Monday, September 11th

**Berrey Plant Circle**

10:00 am at Cedar Hill

**Catherine Revel Circle**

5:30 pm at Gail Lovelady's

**Roberta Sample Circle**

6:00 pm in Windham Hall

### **In Christ's Service this Week September 3, 2017**

**Acolytes:** Emma Wendland & Sarah Thomas

**Nursery Workers:** Randy & Cora Smith

**Children's Time:** Dawn Wendland

**Children's Church:** Rand & Kayla Smith

**Breakfast Cooks:** Kory Taylor, Jamie Thomas, Lee Calame, & Brad Utsey

**Greeters:** Seekers

**Lay Leader:** Frank Speed

**Ushers:** Leonard Ingram, Captain, Jon Stewart, Milam Turner, III, Dennis Palmer, Dub Deavor, Andy Stewart, James Drinkard, & Chuck Utsey

**Worship Stewards:** Gale Bedgood & Em Moore

**Collection Counters:** Frank Speed & Jim Sims

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Leonard Ingram

**Sound Technician:** Rand Smith

### Supper Schedule

**September 10th, Believers Class:** Hot dogs with fixings, Chips, Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, and Cake

**September 17th, Women of Strength & Guys Class:** Pizza, Green Salad, Dessert, Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches

**September 24th, Seekers Class:** Lasagna, Green Salad, French bread, Cup cakes, Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches

### College Ministry

Please help us encourage and support our college students as they are away from home and their Church Street family.

**9/3** Kayla Boyd is a Sophomore at Auburn University majoring in Media Studies. Her Mentor is Dawn Wendland. Her contact information is: 721 Aspen Heights Lane, Apt. 728, Auburn, AL 36830, knbo042@auburn.edu, (334) 300-5443.

**9/10** Chase Cammack is a Senior at Auburn University majoring in Agricultural Economics and Finance. His Mentor is Ann Thomas (blonde). His contact information is: 217 Cook Street, Auburn, AL 36830, czco068@auburn.edu, (334) 412-6492.

**9/17** Ben Jones is a Junior at Auburn University majoring in Pre-Pharmacy. His Mentor is Caroline Anderson. His contact information is: 501 Webster Road, Lot 63, Auburn, AL 36832, bjonesball@yahoo.com, (334) 267-1282.

**9/24** Anna Kate Mock-Jordan is a Senior at Auburn University majoring in Nursing. Her Mentor is Polly Sellier. Her contact information is: 164 East University Drive, Unit J101, Auburn, AL 36832, akmo026@auburn.edu, (334) 407-4197.

## *Youth Ministry Fall Dates*

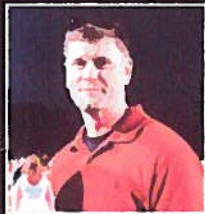
*September 10 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 1*

*September 17 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 2*

*September 24 - MYF - Study of the book of Acts - Chapter 4 - 5*

**September 27 - See You At The Pole at individual schools before school begins; AND  
6:15-7:45 - See You At The Pole Rally at Elkdale Baptist Church**

# SEE YOU AT THE POLE



*Guest Speaker*  
Larry Hyche

Elkdale Student  
Worship Band

*Worship Leaders*  
Elkdale Student  
Worship Band

## September 27

6:15pm-7:45pm

Elkdale Baptist Church

**Disaster Response Update from  
The Alabama-West Florida Conference**

We thank you for your concern and the prayers you have already been offering for the people of Texas as they experience the destruction of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. Please continue to pray for the first responders, those whose homes are destroyed or damaged, and those whose lives will never be the same. Also pray for the congregations on the front lines as they respond to the current needs and the needs that will be there for months and years to come.

The next best way to help is to provide financial contributions which can be used to purchase appropriate and needed items quickly and locally. You may send your contribution directly to UMCOR or through the local Church. Please make your check payable to Church Street United Methodist Church and note UMCOR 901670 in the memo line.

The Disaster Response Warehouse in Decatur is asking for these donations:

Box fans, 25' heavy-duty 14-gauge extension cords, 2 gallon garden sprayers, flat billed shovels, and rakes with 3" tines. We are also collecting UMCOR Cleaning Buckets (flood buckets) and Hygiene Kits (health kits). Assembly instructions can be found in the local Church Office.

**These items will be collected through September 9th.**

**We also need help with transporting items from the collection locations to the disaster warehouse in Decatur, AL, or Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA.** If you can offer such assistance with a truck/trailer and/or as a driver, please contact your local Church Office or Susan Hunt at [susan@awfumc.org](mailto:susan@awfumc.org).



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**Birthdays**

|    |   |    |                               |
|----|---|----|-------------------------------|
| 2  | Leonard Ingram                                    | 19 | Millan Beers, Amy Sims        |
| 3  | Sherie Leigh Ousley, Martha Ann Beers             | 20 | Caroline Anderson             |
| 4  | Milam Turner, IV, Myrna Hollis                    | 21 | Butch Jones, Virginia Collins |
| 6  | Earl Edwards, Ashley Palmer, Maggie Calame        | 22 | Russell Foster                |
| 9  | Peter Bradsell                                    | 23 | William Thomas Lang           |
| 10 | Karen Bradsell                                    | 26 | Herb McCreary                 |
| 14 | Caroline Smith, Rett Rivers                       | 28 | Rex Waldrop                   |
| 15 | Peggy Cross                                       | 30 | Polly Sellier, Julie Ford     |
| 16 | Trey Culpepper, Lee Calame, Anna Kate Mock-Jordan |    |                               |
| 17 | Lori Newton                                       |    |                               |
| 18 | Hardin Utsey, Richard Alan Waters                 |    |                               |

If you or a member of your family have a September Birthday and it is not listed, please call the Church Office.

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**Worship Service**  
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