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Welcome Spring and Easter Greetings

My most sincere and happy Easter greetings to you all in the Name of our Wonderful, Miraculous Risen Savior Jesus Christ. After a very mild Winter, Spring arrived Monday, March 20th. So many beautiful flowers and trees are in full bloom. Our Selma area really does have some breathtaking plumage and awesome Spring colors. Gardeners are busy too - Yum! If you just can't wait for that ripe red tomato - eat a fried green one!

We have made the *seasonal* transition from sparseness and death (winter) to growth and abundance of life (spring). Now we need to culminate Lent with a *spiritual* transition of our own as we celebrate the raw power and unbridled, overarching joy of a Risen Savior who has forever defeated any and all claims of sin and death over Him and for all who believe and

faithfully follow Him. Claim the abundance of life (John 10:10) and joy (John 15:11) only Jesus can bring into our lives, our homes, our church, as we celebrate Easter on April 16th.

Building up toward Easter, try to fulfill any Lent goals or vows you made. Read the Bible stories of Jesus' crucifixion and Resurrection. Pray, meditate, think upon Christ, His sacrifice, and most of all His love. And - come to church! Bring others with you. Invite them now. Remember our Easter Egg Hunt at the Wendlands' on Sunday, April 2nd, at 2:30 pm. They are again our most gracious hosts and I encourage everyone to go. This will be a fun time for everybody, whether you are an egg hunter or not, so come on out.

April 9th is Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday. Be sure to come for the Procession of the Palms and the reception of our Confirmands, Sarah Lloyd Free and Clay Beers, into the Church. These two fine young people deserve our gratitude, prayers, love, and sup-

port during this special time in their lives, and in the lives of their families.

Finally, Easter is April 16th. All of our services will be themed to biblical passages leading up to the Easter event. Please come. Pray to be challenged, reminded, embraced by God's love, inspired and renewed in His Spirit as we hope to experience Easter afresh and anew.

God Bless you all. If you cannot attend our services, may the Lord Bless you where you are! If you can come, I'll see you in church. Happy Easter!

Love,

Bro. Jim Meadows



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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office
Hours

Monday thru Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

The Church Office will
be closed Good Friday.



Music Ministry Notes from Gordon

Our Chancel Choir is finalizing preparations for the music of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. I know we will all be blessed as we come together to celebrate these two high and holy days!

Our Young Musicians (children's choir) are also putting the final touches on their end-of-year musical program. Parents, place Sunday, April 30th on your calendar, for this is the Sunday the Young Musicians will sing for Morning Worship. Children's bell group will also ring on this Sunday. Let me ask that you continue to see that your child/children are present for our final rehearsals.

Gordon



Bible Study

The TUESDAY Bible study led by Martha Jackson will resume in the fall.

The WEDNESDAY Bible study began a new session, Wednesday, March 15th. They meet each Wednesday, at 10:00 am in the Grist Library. The new video study is Esther, by Beth Moore, led by Suzanne Stringer.

Leika's Lambs still has openings for Summer and Fall. Leika's Kindergarten and two year old classes have been filled.



Meals-on-Wheels
For the week of April 3rd

Monday:

Julie Ford

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.



Please continue to pray for our two candidates for Confirmation:

Sarah Lloyd Free and Clay Beers

The final class is April 2nd.

Confirmation Sunday will be April 9th.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet

Tuesday, April 4th, at 6:30 pm, in Windham Hall.

The Youth have a scripture reading plan for the Lenten season. Please join us!	4/2 Break	4/11 John 15 - 16
3/29 Luke 17 - 18	4/3 John 1 - 2	4/12 John 17 - 18
3/30 Luke 19 - 20	4/4 John 3 - 4	4/13 John 19 - 20
3/31 Luke 21 - 22	4/5 John 5 - 6	4/14 John 21
4/1 Luke 23 - 24	4/6 John 7 - 8	4/15
	4/7 John 9 - 10	1 Corinthians 15
	4/8 John 11 - 12	4/16
	4/9 Break	EASTER!
	4/10 John 13 - 14	

April Circle Meetings

Monday, April 3rd

Catherine Revel, Windham Hall @ 5:30 pm

Monday, April 10th

Berrey Plant, Cedar Hill @ 10:00 am

Roberta Sample, Charlotte Speed's @ 6:00 pm

Holy Week Services - April 10th - 14th
Services at noon, followed by lunch



Holy Week

Monday, April 10th, First Baptist

Tuesday, April 11th, Cornerstone Presbyterian

Wednesday, April 12th, Church Street UMC

The Communion Offering will be given to Christian Outreach Alliance.

Thursday, April 13th, Our Lady Queen of Peace

Friday, April 14th, St. Paul's Episcopal, no lunch

**Easter Egg Hunt at
 the Wendlands'
 April 2nd, at 2:30**

**Families, Friends, and
 Grandparents are welcome!**

Even if you don't hunt eggs,

there will be food and fellowship.

Come spend time with your church family!

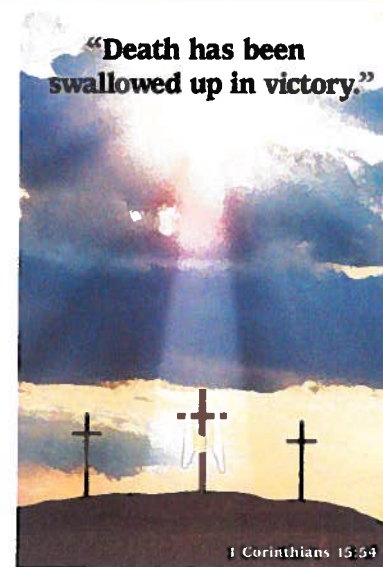
Bring your plastic filled eggs (no chocolate please)

THIS Sunday and place them in the baskets provided.

**The Youth will be leaving after morning worship to
 ride to the Wendlands to eat lunch and hide eggs.**



Stewardship February - Month End		Year to Date	
Pledge Offering	40,968.67	Total Revenue received	
Non-pledged Contributions	9,512.23	Jan. through Feb. 2017	90,539.00
Loose Collection	178.00	Total Expenses	
Sunday School	32.00	Jan. through Feb. 2017	<u>87,961.00</u>
Breakfast	234.00	Excess of <u>Income</u>	
Capital/Sanctuary Funds	0.00	Over Expense	
Windham Hall	<u>0.00</u>	Jan. through Feb. 2017	2,579.00
Total Receipts	50,924.90		
Worship Attendance	130		
Sunday School	106		





Director of Children's Ministry

This position has been vacant for several years and we would like to fill it as soon as possible. It is a full time position on our staff, and the Director will be responsible for all of our children's programs as well as Leika's Lambs. The full job description is on our Facebook Page. Pass the information to whomever might be interested and call the church office at 872-1401 to provide us with their contact information.

CSUMC was well represented at the Academic Challenge for Excellence Competition held at Wallace Community College in March.

ALGEBRA I -1st Place Team
Mary Alan Ousley-3rd Place Individual

ALGEBRA II -1st Place Team
Ellie Adams-3rd Place Individual

GEOMETRY -1st Place Team
Judy Assad
Mary Ashlyn Pearce

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY -
2nd Place Team
Louise Stewart

NATURAL SCIENCES DIV. I -3rd
Place Team
Jordan Harrison
Milam Turner

SOCIAL STUDIES DIV. I -1st
Place Team
Richard Alan Waters

SOCIAL STUDIES DIV. II -1st
Place Team
Maggie Palmer

**We'd love for you to share your news (accomplishments, class or organization gatherings, civic involvement, etc.)
by emailing Kathy at csumc@churchstreetumcselma.org**



Our VBS is scheduled for May 31 - June 2.

We still need volunteers!

**If you would like to volunteer to serve,
please contact the church office.**

Youth, there is a sign-up sheet for you in the Harbor.



April 30th, at 5:00 pm, in the Courtyard
KFC Snack boxes, Guitar music,
"Getting to Know You" and other games.

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join in the fun!

Sponsored by the Sunday Night Ladies Bible Study

If you're missing **Living Treasures**, you are missing a blessing!
 This group of 60+ year olds meets each 3rd Thursday at 12:00 noon in Windham Hall.

The next meeting will be Thursday, **April 20th, at 12:00 noon in Windham Hall.**
 City of Selma Mayor, Darrio Melton, will be our guest. He'll be telling us a little about himself and about his plans for the City. We look forward to seeing you then!
 The cost of the meal is \$6.00 and reservations are not required. If you are not a regular attender and would like to come, FEEL FREE, but please call the church office in order to for us to prepare.



Who knew that a Pancake Supper could be so much fun?!

The food was wonderful and a great time was had by all as we got to know each other better, had Christian fellowship, and prepared for the Lenten season.

Groups In Christ's Service the Month of April

Greeters: The Becomers Class

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Captain, Dick Dunaway, Ed Livingston, John Nettles, Tom Lang, Butch Jones, Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers, and Bart Adams

Worship Stewards: Gale Bedgood and Fran Pearce

Collection Counters: Linda Haskell and Eleanor Reynolds

Please make sure you are faithful in attendance
as we wind up Sunday evening/children's choir activities
for the summer on April 30th.

Nursery Provided



Sonshine Singers
Music - Ages 3-K
with "Miss" Katie

Children's Music
1st - 6th Grade
with Mr. G



5:00 Dinner
5:30 - 6:00 - Music
6:00 - 6:45 - Missions
6:45 - 7:00 - Pick up

Mission Time
with
"Miss" Daneen

Youth Activities with Rand at 5:30.

Ladies Sunday Night Bible Study - This group is lead by Dawn Wendland.

Men's Sunday Night Bible Study - This group is lead by Jon Stewart and Milam Turner.

They are continuing their study of the book of Genesis.

¹⁸Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ²⁰And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: ²¹That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. ²²For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; ²³Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.
Deuteronomy 11:18-23

**In Christ's Service this Week
April 2, 2017**

Acolytes: Ellie Adams and Louise Stewart

Nursery Workers: Randy & Cora Smith

Children's Time: Dawn Wendland

Children's Church: Lee & Kea Calame

Breakfast Cooks: Dub Deavor, Les Smith,
Wayne Vardaman, and Claude Anderson

Greeters: The Becomers Class

Lay Leader: Frank Speed

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Dick Dunaway,
Ed Livingston, John Nettles, Tom Lang,
Butch Jones, Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers,
and Bart Adams

Worship Stewards: Gale Bedgood and
Fran Pearce

Collection Counters: Linda Haskell and
Eleanor Reynolds

Sunday School Superintendent: Leonard
Ingram

Sound Technician: Rand Smith

In Our Prayers

CURRENT NEEDS:

Charles Cammack
Gwen Shaw
Yvonne Mielke
Jeni Saylor

HOMEBOUND:

Barry Blanton
Mary Blanton
June Calame
Billy Faile
Doris Greer
Jean Johnson
Lucille Sellier
James Charles Utsey
Alma Moore

ONGOING:

Anne Porter
Frances Smith
Dot Lovelady
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
Charles Walker
Tim & Barbara Young
Marilyn Zeigler
Sara Elam
Ed Greene
Charles Maurer
Mary Nell Mayo
Ken Chance
Harry Bolen

Charles Walker
Shannon Miller Cook
Bill Gardner
Kevin and Connie Parr
Gayle Barton
Ed Sanderson

OUR MILITARY:

MSgt. Dave Ledford
Will Hawkins
Maj. Braden Amigo



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Worship Service

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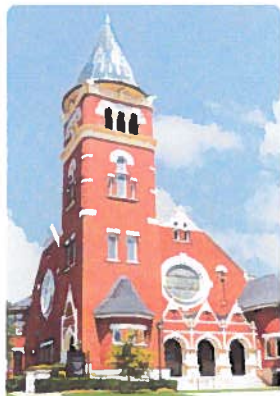
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