

# THE LINK

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

## 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*



### Church Street Staff

Rev. James J. Meadows

*Pastor*

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Gordon Welch

*Dir. Of Music Ministries*

*Organist*

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*Dir. Of Facilities*

Daysia White

*House Keeper*

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*Custodian*

### 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	<b>EASTER!</b>
	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!**

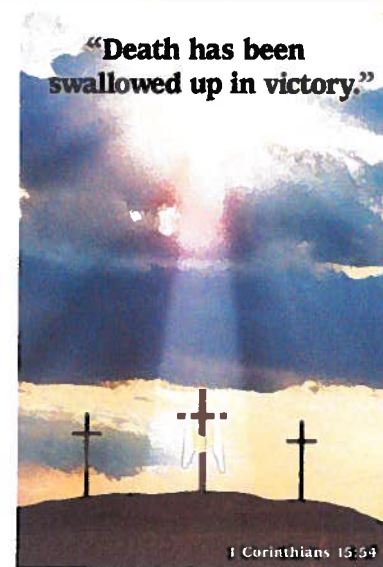
**Bring your plastic filled eggs (no chocolate please)**

**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](mailto: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.*

<sup>18</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>19</sup>And 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. <sup>20</sup>And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: <sup>21</sup>That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. <sup>22</sup>For 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; <sup>23</sup>Then 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  
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Maj. Braden Amigo



**Please help us  
update the  
prayer list by  
calling the church  
office with  
additions or  
deletions**

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Return Service  
Requested

**Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

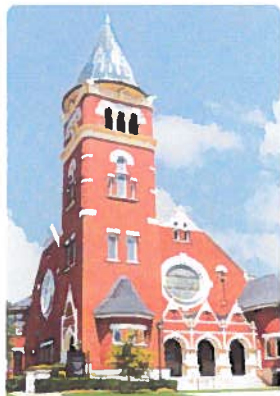
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