

THE LINK

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Have A Breakout Summer

Special end of Spring and Summer greetings to you all in the Wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope everyone will have a Breakout Summer and that you will "discover your strength in God." Special congratulations to our High School graduates, Emily Sherrer and Chase Utsey, for all their accomplishments, as well as our other graduates at each level, from Leika's Lambs on up. A lot will be going on the next few weeks:

•Ascension Sunday is May 28 with Memorial Day May 29. We remember and honor those who gave their all. God bless their sacrifice, their families, and the U.S.A.

•Our Vacation Bible School is Wednesday, May 31 - Friday, June 2. Please pray for and plan to help support or participate with V.B.S. in some way. God will bless! The theme this year is "Hero Central - Discover Your Strength in God."

•Youth Summer Trip to

Montgomery June 2-3, for "Breakout" Montgomery and for kayaking. Many have signed up. Sounds like a great momentum builder for our Youth going into summer.

•June 4 is Pentecost Sunday. We hope to have a good attendance as we observe and celebrate Pentecost.

•Annual Conference is June 4-7, at Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery. The theme this year is "Imagine: By Faith It Can Happen." Please pray for God's blessings on our Annual conference, our Pastor, delegates, and members attending. Thanks to everyone who prepared the health kits to help with UMCOR needs.

•June 14 is Flag Day. Long may it wave in the land of the free.

•Come celebrate Father's Day June 18 and enjoy the first day of Summer with us!

•June 20 is "moving day" for moving pastors. As you may know, I will have moved out by June 20 and your new pastor will be making plans to move in. A new pastor's first official day is July 1,

although we are not scheduled to preach until July 9. Please do your best to plan to give a warm Church Street UMC welcome to your new pastor and his wife, Rev. Lance and Liz Eiland, who come to us from Robinson Springs UMC in Millbrook. If you would like to do so, it is appropriate and encouraged for you to call or write them. Their address is 614 Marlyn Drive, Prattville, AL 36067, and his office number is (334) 285-2488. More information will be forthcoming from the SPRC and in the Link.

I count it a joy to serve the Lord wherever and whenever I can. I am thankful to have had a meaningful time of service here at Church Street UMC. Thanks for the faith, kindnesses, prayers and love you have shared.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Jim Meadows

Church Street Staff

Rev. James J. Meadows

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

OFFICE HOURS

Church 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

I would like to thank our Young Musicians (grades 1-6) Choir and Bells for their wonderful music presentation Sunday morning, April 30. They sang and played so well and truly blessed our hearts. I would also like to thank their parents for making sure their child/children were present for each Sunday afternoon rehearsal. It was my joy to get to know and work with our Church Street children!

We are fast approaching the summer months during which we will once again sing the "good-old favorite hymn" medleys during worship. Let me ask that if you have a favorite hymn you would like for me to include in these medleys, please do not hesitate to let me know. Call the church office and leave it with Kathy or speak to me fol-

lowing our worship service. I hope to hear from you.

During summer worship, we will once again welcome three guest artists who will share their talents with us. I know you will be blessed as we hear the piano stylings of Valerie Reese (6/18), the duo vocal team of John and Sara McWilliams (7/23), and the vocal stylings of Christine Weerts (8/20). I know you will give each of them a hardy Church Street welcome!

June is a great month to visit a Chancel Choir Wednesday evening rehearsal and to consider becoming a part of this important ministry. We rehearse for an hour in the Choir Room at 6:00 pm and would welcome any interested individuals. Contact me if you have any questions.

Gordon



Meals-on-Wheels For the week of May 29th

Monday:

Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday:

Mary Drue Wheeler

Wednesday:

Amy Sims

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.

Appreciation Breakfast

On Sunday, June 18, an appreciation breakfast will be held in the fellowship

hall at 8:30 to honor Reverend Jim Meadows. Please join us as we celebrate Jim's time with us and wish him well as he prepares for his new appointment.

If you'd like to send a note of thanks or encouragement in the meantime, their address is:

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Meadows
20246 Mohican Drive, Auburn, AL 36862

We welcome our new housekeeper, Lesia Canty. If you are in the office, be sure to stop by and welcome her!

Our New Pastor

Reverend Lance Eiland has been appointed to Church Street effective July 1. Lance's current appointment is Robinson Springs UMC in Millbrook. If you would like to send Lance and his wife Liz a card welcoming them to Church Street, their address is:

Rev. and Mrs. Lance Eiland
615 Marlyn Drive, Prattville, AL 36067

They're excited about coming to Selma, so let's be sure they know we're looking forward to their arrival.



Our VBS is May 31 - June 2!
NEXT Wednesday is
the first day!
9:00 - 12:00

We still need Volunteers!
Registration forms are
available in the Church Office
and online registration is
available:

[https://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/
csumcvbs2017/register](https://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/csumcvbs2017/register)

All workers, including youth
volunteers, please meet in
Windham Hall at
8:00 am on May 31st.

Memorials

Evelyn Smith

By: Mrs. Jeanne T. Burson

Bill Sellier

By: Mrs. Jeanne T. Burson

By: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts

By: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart

Bruce Burson

By: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart

By: Ms. Caroline Horton

Bible Study

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

The WEDNESDAY Bible study led by Suzanne Stringer, continues the video study of Esther, by Beth Moore. They meet each Wednesday, at 10:00 am in the Grist Library, and go to lunch together afterwards. The study will end May 31st, and they will then begin meeting for lunch at 11:00 am, at a designated location. Contact Suzanne Stringer for more information.

Stewardship April - Month End

Year to Date

Pledge Offering	39,565.67	Total Revenue received	
Non-pledged Contributions	8,970.00	Jan. - April 2017	173,765.00
Loose Collection	679.00		
Sunday School	42.00	Total Expenses	
Breakfast	320.00	Jan. - April 2017	<u>173,183.00</u>
Capital/Sanctuary Funds	0.00		
Windham Hall	<u>0.00</u>	Excess of <u>Income</u>	
Total Receipts	49,606.67	Over Expenses	
Worship Attendance	150	Jan. - April 2017	582.00
Sunday School	105		





We are proud to have more graduates!

We are so proud of your many accomplishments!

Your Church family wishes you the very best in all that you do!

**Congratulations to our college graduates,
Amy Chandler, Ashley Palmer and
junior college graduate, *Ben Jones!***

Ben Jones received his Associate of Science Degree from Marion Military Institute on May 6. Ben graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, President of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of Scabbard and Blade, the Military Honor Society. He was on the baseball team at MMI his freshman year. He will transfer to Auburn in the fall to continue studying pre-pharmacy and received a \$10,000 transfer scholarship from MMI.

Amy Elizabeth Chandler received her BA Communicative Disorders from University of Alabama, and has been accepted into University of South Alabama Audiology Doctoral Program. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. Her honors include Magna Cum Laude, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Phi Sigma Theta Honor Society.

Ashley Michael Palmer graduated with Honors from The University of Alabama on Saturday, May 6. He earned a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems. Ashley was recently recognized by the Culverhouse College of Commerce for his academic achievements and leadership skills in the area of Management Information Systems. He has accepted a position with Geico and will be moving to Chevy Chase, Maryland, in June.

Congratulations to high school graduate, *Alice Harper Nettles!*

Ali will graduate from Baylor High School on Friday, June 2 in Chattanooga. Ali plans to attend Gettysburg College in the Fall.

Southside High School News

Cora Smith, 15 year cancer survivor, was recognized at the Relay for Life Pep Rally. Shown are Randy, Cora and Rand Smith.



Youth Trip

June 2-3, 2017

BREAKOUT Montgomery, "Pirates of the Caribbean - Dead Men Tell No Tales", spend the night in Montgomery and kayaking at Coosa River Adventures.

\$100 admission has been paid.

You 'll just need money for 2 lunches and 1 supper.

In Christ's Service in June

Greeters: Cornerstone

Ushers: Robert Beers, Captain, Matt Oaks, Jamie Thomas, Randall Beers, Buddy Perkins, Todd Sherrer, Joe Moore, Jim Wheeler, George Register, and Jim Thomas

Worship Stewards: John and Sherie Sherrer

Collection Counters: Myrna Hollis and Julie Drinkard

Casual Dress for Worship begins next Sunday, May 28th, and will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 3rd.

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, May 28th, at 8:00 am in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.

Furniture Storage Needs - used flat sheets are needed to cover the parsonage furniture that will be in storage. If you have any, please bring to the Church Office.

We need volunteers - The team that responds to Security System calls needs to be updated. Allen Williams is currently the only person taking calls. If you would please consider being on this team, please call the Church Office.



Alabama-West Florida Conference will be June 4-7, 2017, at Frazer Memorial UMC. Please continue to assemble or collect items for UMCOR Health kits to be delivered at the Conference.

**Living Treasures will
Not
meet in June.**

Don't forget!! Our new website is up and running. <http://churchstreetumcselma.org/> It is very basic right now. We'd love your input, and if you see any typographical or grammatical errors especially. Please let us know what you think. The Church Council will consider any changes.

**Memorial
DAY**

May 29, 2017

**In Christ's Service this Week
May 28, 2017**

Acolytes: Clay Beers & Cobb Beers

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 Guys/Women of Strength

Lay Leader: Frank Speed

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

Worship Stewards: Sheryl Smedley and
Polly Sellier

Collection Counters: Frank Speed and Jim
Sims

Sunday School Superintendent: Leonard
Ingram

Sound Technician: Rand Smith

In Our Prayers

CURRENT NEEDS:

Charles Cammack
Russell Foster

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
Charles Walker
Shannon Miller Cook
Bill Gardner
Kevin and Connie Parr

Gayle Barton
Ed Sanderson
Yvonne Mielke
Ted Waterman
Gwen Shaw

OUR MILITARY:

MSgt. Dave Ledford
Will Hawkins
Maj. Braden Amigo



**Please help us
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prayer list by
calling the church
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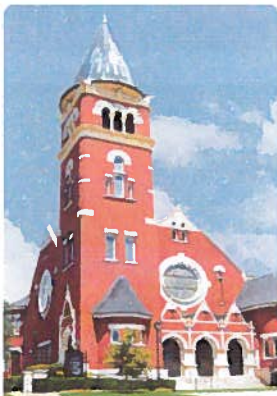
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