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

Easter and May Blessings

Greetings to you in the Name of our Resurrected Savior Jesus Christ. "The Lord is Risen indeed!" (Luke 24:34) We had a wonderful Easter service April 16. We had an overflow attendance into the Calhoun Parlor. Afterward, many commented, it was a great service from start to finish. I hope you had a blessed Easter day. I pray we all may cherish the Easter message in our hearts forever.

Surely the presence of the Lord was evidenced among us this Easter. In our seeking of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33), our goal is to hope to find and experience something of God, or from God, everyday - renewing our minds, refreshing our spirits and encouraging our hearts.

Leading up to Easter, we had the Easter Lenten messages and meals with our sister churches in town, including the delicious lunch we hosted on Wednesday, April 12, during Holy Week.

Many thanks to all our members that attended those meals and to those who so graciously hosted our luncheon in Windham Hall on Wednesday.

The lilies were so lovely, adding a special touch to the beauty of worship in the Sanctuary. Thanks to all who provided them, and to those who helped decorate the flowered Cross outside on Church Street.

The Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. I was so hoppy, oops, happy to see such a good group out at the Wendlands, as they were so gracious, generous, and brave to once again host our annual Egg hunt at their beautiful home. Nearly all our kids were there, accompanied by a good group of adults. It was a great day. I wish everyone could have been there. Special thanks to the Wendland family.

Confirmation Class of 2017. I counted it a real joy to hold confirmation classes and to welcome two new Confirmands into our membership this year. They are Clay Beers and Sarah Lloyd Free. Be sure to let

them know how proud we are of them and how glad we are that they are such a precious part of us.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors, Class of 2017. Morgan Academy high school graduation is Friday, May 19. We have two members graduating. They are Emily Sherrer and Chase Utsey. We are so proud of them all and pray God's blessings on their plans for the future.

New Church website: We are happy and excited to report that a new website has been built for Church Street UMC. You may access it at www.churchstreetumcse.lma.org. Please be patient as we continue to make changes. We welcome your suggestions.

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

NOTE

LOCATION

CHANGE IN MAY:

The Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet

Tuesday, May 2nd,
at 6:30 pm, at

Crosspoint Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Music Ministry Notes from Gordon

NOTICE - On Sunday morning, April 30th, our children's bells and Young Musicians will present music for worship. I am very proud of the dedication of both groups this past music year and hope you will be in attendance to encourage these "young musicians". Parents - Be sure to have your child/children in Sunday School on time Sunday, April 30th.

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 following 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.

There are many activities planned for the month of May. Be sure to consult your May calendar for these activities and participate when available.

Gordon



Meals-on-Wheels For the week of May 1st

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.

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.

*The family of
Melvyn Taccone
would like to thank all of the
church members who delivered
Meals on Wheels to
her. Your dedication to this
program was a blessing.*

**May Circle Meetings
Catherine Revel will not
meet in May**

**Monday, May 8th
Berrey Plant, Cedar Hill
@ 10:00 am
Roberta Sample,
Carolyn Dunaway's home
@ 6:00 pm**

CHURCH PICNIC

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!

There will also be a special time of honoring our graduates,

**Emily Elizabeth Sherrer and
 James Charles Utsey, III**

Hosted by the Sunday Night Ladies Bible Study



Won't you help?

Our VBS is May 31 - June 2!

We still need volunteers!

**If you would like to volunteer to serve, please
 contact the church office. Youth, please sign up
 in the Harbor.**

**Stewardship
 March - Month End**

Year to Date

Pledge Offering	28,748.67	Total Revenue received	
Non-pledged Contributions	3,655.00	Jan. - March 2017	123,866.00
Loose Collection	130.00		
Sunday School	30.00	Total Expenses	
Breakfast	288.76	Jan. - March 2017	<u>134,859.00</u>
Capital/Sanctuary Funds	0.00		
Windham Hall	<u>0.00</u>	Excess of Expense	
Total Receipts	32,852.43	Over Income	
Worship Attendance	103	Jan. - March 2017	(10,993.00)
Sunday School	90		



**Sunday,
 May 14th**



REMINDER

Being a good steward includes being faithful with your finances and being mindful of all God's resources. We at Church Street United Methodist Church have been blessed significantly in the way of buildings, grounds, and finances.

Please remember to be a good steward by:

Informing the Church Office
when you will be using the facilities;

If you must change the temperature, return it to the
original setting when leaving; and

Check behind yourself when using the kitchen
facilities to be sure that all ovens, etc. are off
and that the counters and floors are clean and
ready to use by the next group.

*A special thanks to Kenny Green, Joy
Green, the Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Group, and the Women of Strength Sunday
School Class, for your contribution to our
Holy Week Lenten Luncheon!*
Joy Thompson

*Thanks,
Everyone!*



Kory Taylor, thank you for the special Easter Breakfast
that you supplied and prepared!

⁴² But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. ⁴³ But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: ⁴⁴ And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:42-45



We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments! Your Church family wishes you the very best in your future endeavors!

Please join us as we honor our high school graduates,

Emily Sherrer and Chase Utsey,

at 5:00 pm during the Church Picnic in the Courtyard,
on Sunday, April 30th.

Graduation Sunday will be May 7th,
during the morning Worship Service at 10:30 am.

Emily Elizabeth Sherrer and James Charles Utsey, III, (Chase)
will graduate from Morgan Academy, Friday, May 19, 2017.

Congratulations to our college graduates,

Caroline Sherrer and Porter Rivers!

Caroline McNeill Sherrer graduates from University of North Carolina Asheville, with a Major in Spanish, and a Minor in German. She graduates Suma cum laude, and has a Distinction as University Scholar, and is a member of the Spanish Honor society.

Porter Lee Rivers graduates from Samford University, Brock School of Business, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance. He has served as President of the Student Government Association and named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Other honors include membership in Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society, Order of Omega National Honor Society, and serving as a sector investment manager for Samford's Undergraduate Bulldog Investment Fund.

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. Cost: \$100 per person plus food (2 lunches & 1 supper). Registration deadline is Sunday, May 7th.

MEMORIALS

Bill Sellier

By: Mark and Gayle Johnson
Albert and Faye Dyess
Annie Kyles

Bruce Burson

By: Mel and Jane Purcell

Living Treasures will meet Thursday, May 18th, at 12:00 noon, in Windham Hall. Natalie Johnson, Activity Director of Cedar Hill, will be our guest speaker. The cost of the catered meal is \$6.00 and reservations are not required.

Our congratulations to these two couples on their recent weddings!

**Ben and Katie Justice Hogue
April 1, 2017**

and

**Drew and Laura Johnson Wendland
April 8, 2017**

We wish you the very best and may God richly bless your lives together!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nikki Gilmore
- 2 Tracey Thornton
- 3 Isidro Amigo, Daniel Lovelady, John Sherrer
- 6 Suzy McCreary
- 7 Lilly McHugh
- 8 Steve Todd
- 9 Sister Pitts
- 11 Kenny Green, Thomas McHugh, Rebecca Stewart, Rachel Todd
- 12 Maryanna Turner, Drew Wendland
- 13 Tom Boyd
- 14 Taylor Leigh Chappelle, Carolyn Dunaway
- 18 Morris Barton, III, Brad Utsey, Mary Drue Wheeler
- 20 Sid Utsey, Will Wendland
- 21 Tom Barronton, Mary Emily Frazer, Wallis Gilmore
- 24 Gale Bedgood, Scoop Rivers, Phillip Smith
- 27 Milam Turner, III
- 28 Elaine Welch
- 29 James Drinkard

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



If you can't come Sunday morning, be sure to listen to our prior weeks sermon on Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1 Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

we need your feedback

Great news!! Our new website is up and running. Please keep in mind that we are still in the process of building the site. It is very basic right now. We'd love your input as to what you would like to see, and if you see any typographical or grammatical errors especially. Due to Safe Sanctuary guidelines, we have to be careful in the use of pictures of minors.

Please take a look at the site and let us know what you think. The Church Council will consider any changes. The web address is <http://churchstreetumcselma.org/>

Jesus Day 2017

Sunday, May 7th, at 5:00 pm

at First Baptist Church on the corner of Martin Luther
King Street and J. L. Chesnut Jr. Boulevard

Jesus Day is a celebration that is held once a year to celebrate Jesus and have everyone come together for a time of worship, praise, fellowship, food, games for children, and a lot more.

Please come join Earl Edwards and the crew as they prepare catfish for the crowds. Please call Earl at 872-1927 if you would like to help cook or serve. Also, if you'd like to make a donation to offset the cost of cooking, please make checks payable to Church Street United Methodist Church and indicate Jesus Day in the memo line.

The Communion Offering on May 7th, will be given to offset this cost as well.

It is a great opportunity to outreach many in our community.

We are excited and look forward to seeing you there!

Important dates:

April 30th - in lieu of a cookout, our high school graduates will be honored at the Churchwide Picnic in the Courtyard.

May 7th - Senior Recognition; Jesus Day

May 14th - Mother's Day

May 18th - Leika's Graduation

May 19th - Morgan and Autauga Academy Graduations

May 29th - Memorial Day - Church Office closed

May 31st - VBS begins

**In Christ's Service this Week
May 7, 2017**

Acolytes: Caroline Thomas and
Mary Elizabeth Todd

Nursery Workers: Rand & Kayla Smith

Children's Time: Dawn Wendland

Children's Church: David & Sherie Leigh
Ousley

Breakfast Cooks: Allen Williams and
Kenny Green

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
Gwen Shaw
John Sherrer
Phillip Smith

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

OUR MILITARY:

MSgt. Dave Ledford
Will Hawkins
Maj. Braden Amigo



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deletions**

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