

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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I am excited that the month of May is upon us. There will be so many special Sundays coming in May. Sundays will include Graduation, Mother's Day, Pentecost, and Memorial Day weekend.

On Graduation Sunday, May 6th, I hope you will come and celebrate our graduates with all the pomp and circumstance that is required. We have 6 graduates who have grown in their faith while members of Church Street. The Church has invested in, loved, nurtured, and prepared to send these Graduates into the world. We will celebrate this important time in their lives by recognizing them in the service followed by a luncheon to show them how proud we are. I hope all who can will attend.

Mother's Day, May 13th, is that wonderful day when we celebrate our Mothers and what they mean to us. The influence of motherhood on society is tremendous, and it is only fitting that we gather together to celebrate.

Pentecost, May 20th, is the day that the Holy Spirit descended from heaven, and entered into our world, shaking the foundations of the earth and creating Christ's Holy Church on this earth. We will celebrate the day by releasing more than 100 red balloons symbolizing the Holy Spirit going forth into the world.

Memorial Day, May 28th, is a somber day when we remember that our freedom came at a great price. There were men and women who cared so much about our country and what it stands for, that they were willing to put their lives on the line so that our way of life may continue. It is only fitting that we honor them and their families for their sacrifice.

May is a big month where a great many things will be happening. It is my hope that you will attend these services. It is a time when we live out Romans 12:15. "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." Come and be a part of it. God is calling. Listen.

Grace and Peace,

Lance

Leika's last day of School is Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Leika's Graduation is Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

The Church Office and Leika's Lambs will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018, for Memorial Day.



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Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
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8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

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 flute selections of Kim Urquhart (6/17), the vocal stylings of Pam Bearden Ivey (7/22), and the harp arrangements of Eric Allison (8/19). 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 p.m., 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

Youth and College News

As April continually attempts to decide which season it belongs to, we eagerly look forward to the summer. Yes, summer brings about warmer weather, a break from school, and the excitement of vacations, but there is more. Our entire church family has an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ while impacting our community for eternity during this time.

UNITED For the City is June 24-29. This week will bring together churches across denominations to work as one body in Christ. There will be worship, prayer, service, and fellowship. The cost is \$75 and registration packets can be picked up in the church office or from me.

This is where you come in!

The first need is prayer. Pray for the community members that will come in contact with UNITED, the youth that attend, and the leaders that are organizing the week.

Next, in order for this week to be successful, we need participation. Encourage our youth to join us. There are areas for adults with no children at home to serve. Please contact me.

Last, there is a cost for this week that will not be covered by the \$75 registration fee. We have tried to keep the price low in order to help more students participate. Financial gifts toward UNITED are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me (334-412-7887).

Thank you for your support!

In His love,
Rand

Children's Ministry News

Summertime is quickly approaching, and calendars are getting filled with ball practices, vacations, projects to complete, and everything else in between. As we are making our schedules, I pray that we are taking time to serve our family, our church, and our community in some way. There is a great opportunity coming up May 30-June 1 to serve all three!

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and here is how you can help!



- Pray! Pray for kids to show up and to be impacted by God's love for them.
- Donate your time and talents by volunteering to help. We have a list of items that we are looking for. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please let Kayla know as soon as possible:
 - Solid green faux Christmas trees (any size)
 - Wooden canoe or boat
 - Paddles (wooden or plastic)
 - White water rafts
 - Kayaks
 - Strings of lights
 - Fire wood logs
 - Tarps (blue or brown)
 - Clear plastic 2 liter "Coke" bottles with caps
 - Foil pie pans

Large items can be dropped off at CSUMC by May 24th or if you need someone to pick it up, please let us know, so that we can arrange that. Your items will be labeled with your name and then returned after VBS.

Children and Parents keep these dates open:

- June 6th- Wacky Wednesday
- June 18th- Mission Monday
- July 11th- Wacky Wednesday
- July 23rd-Mission Monday

On Wacky Wednesdays, we will get together to just have some fun fellowshiping with one another. On Mission Mondays, we will focus on ways we can serve around the community. Friends are always welcome! More details to come!

Youth! If you are looking for community service hours, here's a great way to earn some hours, especially if you like to be around children. Throughout the summer Leika's Lambs will be having enrichment camps for children ages 3 years old through 7 years old. We would love some extra hands!! If you are interested, contact Kayla for more information on dates and times.

Blessings,
Kayla Smith

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PRAYERS**

CURRENT:

Julie Drinkard
Bob Culpepper
Britton Adams
Leigh Lang
Rex Waldrop - Aspire
Rehab

ONGOING:

Keith Stephan
Myra Sanderson
Tim and Barbara Young
Baxter Ellzey
Martha Pilcher
Danny Jordan
George Register
Shannon Miller Cook
Blake Flanagan
Doris Moultrie
Pam Cunningham
Cassandra Steele
David Pearce
Dan Mielke
Lee Calame III
Kim McHugh (Angie
Thomas' sister)
John Hinson
Kaye Knight
Ruth Hall
Marilyn Zeigler
Helen Cross

HOMEBOUND:

Barry Blanton
Lucille Sellier
Jean Johnson
James Charles Utsey

Anne Porter
Nell Woodward
Eloise Trammel
Helen Rogers (Teresa
Waters' mother)
Ann Pegues (Kayla
Smith's grandmother)
Lynda Johnson

SYMPATHY:

The family of Laura
Frances Smith:
Condolences may be sent
to Mr. Mark Smith,
8606 Old Marsh Way,
Montgomery, AL 36117

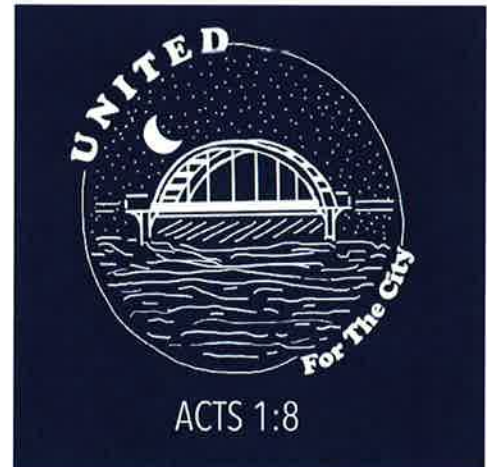
The family of Alma Moore:
Condolences may be sent
to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore
23 Pine Acres, Selma, AL
36701

**OUR MILITARY
OUR NATION**

In an effort to keep the prayer
list up to date, all names will
be kept on the list for 1
month. After that period,
please feel free to contact the
office or complete the prayer
request form in the Office
Foyer and place it in the box
to add or re-add a name to the
prayer list. All requests are
prayed over during the Office
Staff meeting on Tuesday.



Pray for Vacation Bible School
May 30-June 1



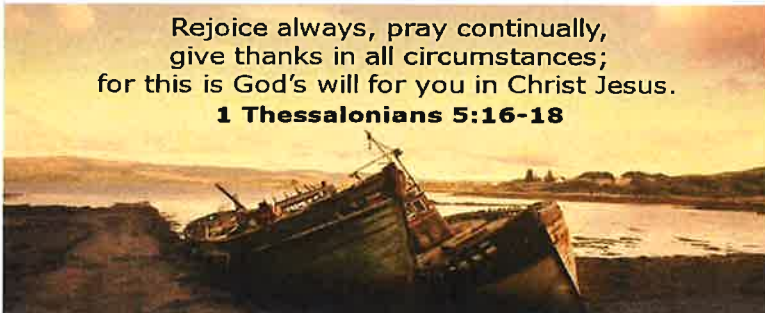
Pray for UNITED For The City
June 24-29



Pray for
Good News
Club
beginning in
September

Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Look for more news about these
mission opportunities
throughout the Link.

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PRESENCE**

Average attendance in March

Sunday School: 94
Worship Service: 129

**We hope to see each of you each week for
our regular Sunday Schedule with Breakfast
at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

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GIFTS**

Stewardship
March 2018 - Month End

Pledge Offering	37,349.00
Non-pledged Contributions	2,090.00
Loose Collection	541.85
Sunday School	27.26
Breakfast	252.00
Building Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts	40,310.11

Year to Date

Total Revenue received	
Jan. - March 2018	40,025.00
Total Expenses	
Jan. - March 2018	<u>45,611.00</u>
Excess of Expenses	
Over Income	
Jan. - March 2018	(5,586.00)

Memorials

Diane Wendland

By: Joe and Em Moore
Jim and Mary Drue Wheeler

Mary Blanton

By: Jim and Mary Drue Wheeler

Judy Anderson Davis

By: Joe and Em Moore
Peter and Karen Bradsell
Sheri, Lindsey, and Ginny Radford
Scoop and Betty Rivers



May Communion Offering

*The Communion Offering on Sunday, May 6,
will be given to All In Sports.*

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SERVICE**

Jesus Day 2018

Sunday, May 6th, 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. If you would like to help cook or serve, meet Earl in Windham Hall, May 6, at 2:30. Youth, this is a great way to earn community service hours. Also, if you would 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.

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

We are excited and look forward to seeing you there!

Teams Serving in May

Greeters: The Guys/Women of Strength

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

May Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, May 8th, at 5:00 pm

Finance

Thursday, May 31st, at 5:00 pm

Church Council

Thursday, May 31st, at 5:45 pm

**All meetings take place in the
Grist Library.**

**Please contact the Church Office if you will
not be able to attend.**

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WITNESS**

Living Treasures

This group of senior adults (60 and above) meets the third Thursday of each month for a catered lunch and program at a cost of \$6.00 per person in Windham Hall.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 12:00 noon, in Windham Hall. Guy and Debbie Anderson will be our guests.

If you are not currently part of Living Treasures and would like to be, please contact the Church Office.

Circle Meetings

Monday, May 7th

Catherine Revel Circle

5:30 pm in Windham Hall

Monday, May 14th

Roberta Sample Circle

6:00 pm @ Sherie Sherrer's or
Windham Hall

Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet Tuesday, May 1st, at 6:30 pm,
in Windham Hall. If you have attended Emmaus,
please make plans to attend the Selma Emmaus Cluster meeting.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study led by Martha Jackson will resume meeting in the Fall.

Wednesday Bible Study led by Suzanne Stringer meets at 11:00 am each Wednesday for lunch at a local restaurant. Please contact Suzanne for the location of the week. Anyone is welcome to attend!

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, May 27th, at 8:00 am, in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.

Communities of Transformation will continue to meet each Wednesday through May 16, at 5:30 pm, in Windham Hall. Following the May 16 meeting, they will resume meeting in August.



Please join us as we honor our high school graduates,



*Austin Chappelle, Maggie Palmer,
Sam Plummer, Sara Catherine "Lala"
Plummer, Louise Stewart, and Allen Todd,*
on **Graduation Sunday, May 6, 2018,**
during the morning Worship Service at 10:30 am.

A Church-wide Luncheon will follow.

(Proceeds from the luncheon will help youth to participate in UNITED For the City this summer.)

We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments!

Your Church family wishes you the very best in your future endeavors!

Congratulations to our college graduates,

Anna Kate Mock-Jordan and Will Howard Wendland!

Anna Kate will graduate from Auburn in August with a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing. She plans to move to Birmingham after she graduates. She is precepting in June and July at St. Vincent in Birmingham. Anna Kate would like to attend graduate school to receive a Nurse Practitioner degree in the future. She would eventually like to work at UAB or Children's Hospital.

Will Howard will graduate in May with a Bachelors of Science degree in Agronomy and Soils. He will stay in Auburn and is completing his Masters of Science, he has already begun coursework for his masters program through the accelerated Bachelor-Masters program. He is researching cotton fertilization. Will Howard received the Dean's Award for the College of Agriculture. He would like to pursue a job as an agronomic consultant following graduate school.

*We are very proud of you and wish you the very best
as you continue your education!*

We welcome our newest members by confirmation, Sunday, April 1, 2018:

Walter Gilmore, Kate Patterson, and Ally Spivey.

Good News Club Mission Opportunity

Church Street's mission statement is "to be disciples of Jesus Christ through love, worship, service and evangelism."

God has opened the doors of Selma City Schools to do just that!

Good News Club equips Christians to share the Gospel and to teach the Bible to school children. Through Child Evangelism Fellowship, Good News Club is able to legally enter schools and eternally impact students through the love of Christ.

Church Street UMC will be starting and sponsoring a Good News Club at Clark Elementary in September 2018.

Good News Club is an exciting, fun-filled, Bible-based program that lasts an hour after school once a week. At each meeting, children (K- 5th grade) will learn Bible lessons and memory verses from trained adults and teenagers. Students and leaders will play review and memory games, sing songs, and listen to engaging stories. Snacks will be provided before the child leaves and prizes will be earned.

In order to complete the mission of sharing the life-changing Gospel with children and families in our community we need YOUR help.

First, pray for the students, school, and volunteers that will participate in Good News Club. Pray for the Gospel to be boldly proclaimed.

Next, volunteer to spend your time investing in the future of our community.

Lastly, Good News Club is provided to students at no cost. This eliminates potential road blocks to students participating. Through your potential financial support, teaching materials, art supplies, snacks, and prizes will be purchased to support the sharing of the Gospel.

Will you join us?

Pray with us. Serve with us. Give with us.

Please contact one of the following people if you are willing to help in any way.

Kayla Smith 872-1401

Caroline Anderson 412-6785

Leslie Smith 412-8765

Cora Smith 412-4236



The 2018 session of the Alabama-West Florida Conference will be held June 3-6, 2018, at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.

Our theme is, "Imagine a Church That's the Hope of the World" based on Ephesians 1:18-19.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks about the 2018 Missional Offering, collection of UMCOR kits, and (new this year) collection of bulk supplies for UMCOR kits.