

Monday, August 9th



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Where do I begin? You have made my move to Selma more than I could have ever imagined. It feels great to be home! I have been well loved and well fed since my arrival on June 22nd.

As I stated in my sermon on July 11th, I prayed for each of you even before I knew I would be appointed here. During the appointment process, I knew there was a move on the horizon for me. I began to pray for the people God wanted me to serve. I asked God to guide the Bishop and the Cabinet in the decision-making process. I prayed daily for you, and I prayed daily for God to prepare me as well.

During the packing and moving process, I noticed a single plant growing at the end of my driveway. The plant began to grow quickly and soon a bud began forming at the top. I recognized that it was a sunflower. The beauty of this plant is that I did not plant the seed for the sunflower. I had a bird feeder hanging near the spot where the sunflower was growing. I fed the birds, the birds scattered the seed, and God provided the water.

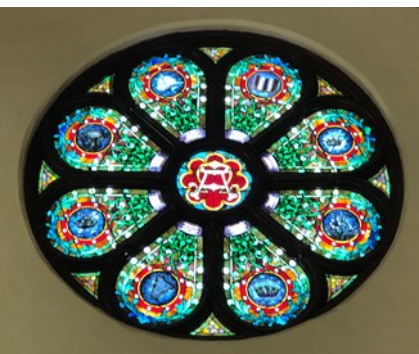
As I watched this plant grow, I knew that I would move before the sunflower bloomed. I left the plant there for the new pastor and his family to enjoy. As I drove away that day, I was reminded of the Scripture from 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

“⁵ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants, and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field; *you are* God’s building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.”

I am so thankful to each of you for the seed you have already planted. I am also thankful for the seed that has turned into blooms. We are all recipients of the grace of God that is so richly given, and we have both the privilege and responsibility of scattering the seed for others.

Church Street UMC is a wonderful church, and I am thrilled to be given the privilege to serve as your minister. I look forward with great anticipation all that God has planned and ordained for us to do together for His Kingdom.

Diane



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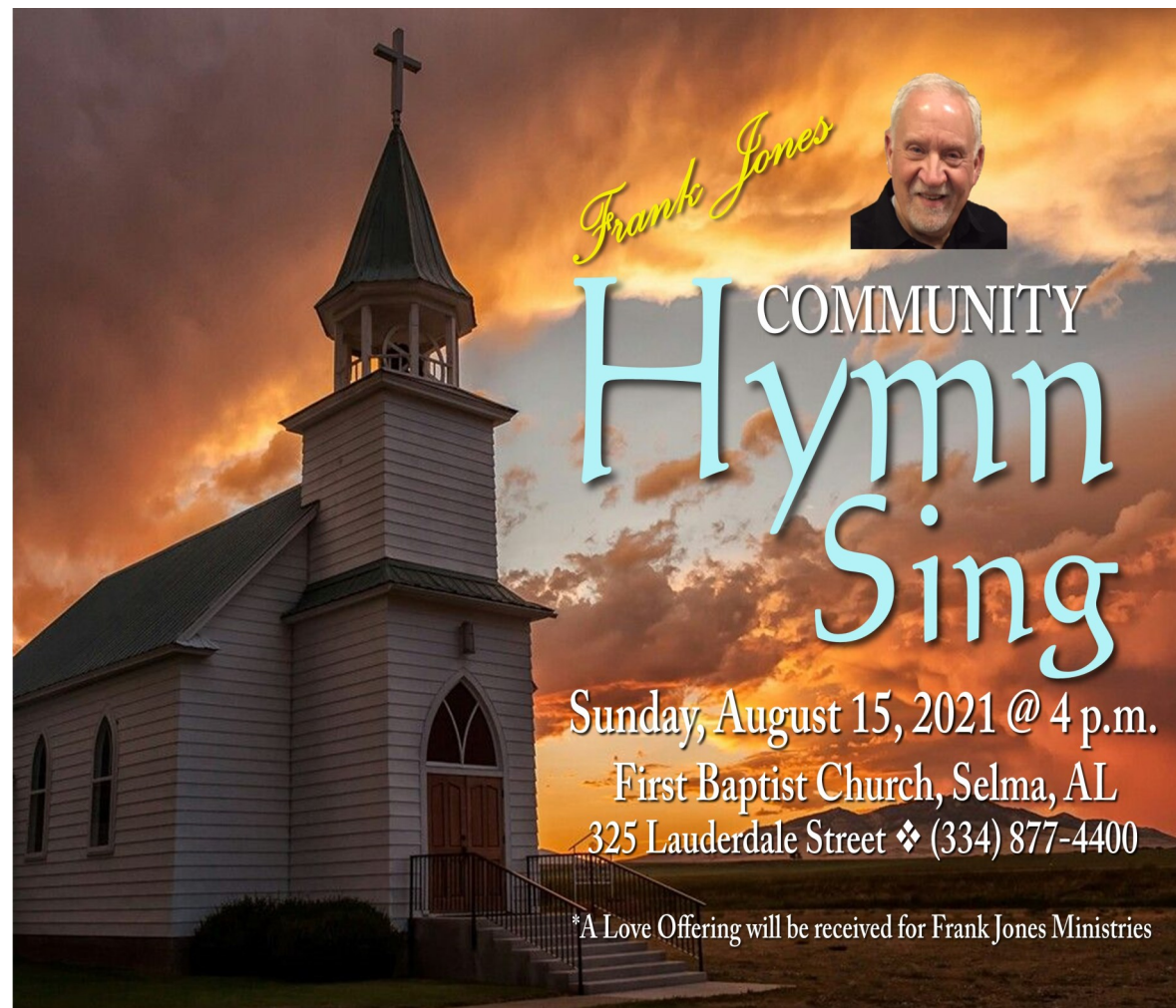
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Michael Steele, Custodian

Office Hours

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

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



I hope you will take time to attend this event at the First Baptist Church. Frank Jones is a delight to the ears and a blessing for the soul.

See you there!

Gordon

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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.

If you would like to be a part of this group and receive notifications of meeting dates, please contact Gale Bedgood or call Pat in the Church Office. They will resume meeting in September.

Circle Meetings

Catherine Revel Circle

meeting will be

Monday, September 13th at 3:00 pm
in Windham Hall.

Roberta Sample Circle

meeting time will be determined
later.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study led by Martha Jackson will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 14th.

The year to date finance report
is located on the back of the
August calendar.

When we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their proper place.

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, August 22, at 8:00 am, in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.



**Blessing of
the
backpacks
Sunday,
August 8th**

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY!

God has opened the doors of a Selma Public School to the Gospel! Good News Club ® is ready and eager to help Christians enter the schools, fully equipped to share the Gospel and

teach the Bible to school children in hopes of extending the biblical influence to families. Good News Club ® is an exciting, fun-filled hour after school once a week and is free of charge. At the Good News Meeting, children (K-5th grade) will learn Bible lessons and memory verses from trained adults and teenagers. What a wonderful mission for our community!

If you would like more information about Good News Club ® and/or to attend the training on August 7th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Evangel Church , 3975 Vaughn Road, in Montgomery, please contact Cora Smith.

Teams Serving in August

Greeters: Believers and The Gathering

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Ed Livingston,
John Nettles, Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers
Lee Calame, Larry Jones

Security: William Free, Jamie Thomas,
Wood Spivey, Steve Todd, Em Moore

Worship Stewards: Em Moore and Polly Sellier

Collection Counters: Frank Speed & Jim Sims

August Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, August 10, at 5:00 pm

Finance

Thursday, August 26, at 5:00 pm

Church Council

Thursday, August 26, 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**



Children's Ministry

As the new school year begins and we adjust to the routine, we at Church Street look forward to seeing everyone back in the Sunday school and worship service *habit*.

We are thankful that volunteers, yet again, have committed to another “run” of teaching our children’s Sunday school classes. Thank you to Laura Beth Boyd, Sherie Leigh Ousley, Hope Patterson, Fran Spivey, Dawn Wendland, and Kea Calame. Kea volunteered to be a Full-time Sunday school teacher for our older elementary children, and we are MOST grateful!

Additionally, we are thankful for the over 15 nursery volunteer helpers, who on a rotating basis and along with Tracy Longmire, give of their time to take care of the little ones during Sunday school and church. However, more helpers are needed. If you would like to be a nursery helper, please let me know.

During our worship service on July 25th, we were happy and honored to present two rising third graders with their Bibles. Congratulations to Thomas Reynolds Boyd and Phillip Andrew Smith. Well done, young men!

Please mark August 8th on your calendars for the “blessing of the backpacks” during our morning worship service. Most schools begin Monday, August 9th which makes this particular Sunday the perfect time for a blessing. Also, we will have an ACOLYTE meeting/training on Sunday, August 15th in the Sanctuary @ 9:30. All who are in the 5th through 12th grades and are interested in Acolyting are encouraged to attend.

Also, we are excited that Leika’s Lambs at Church Street UMC is ready to begin another “new year” on Monday, August 2nd. Our three classes (Babyland, Walkers, & Toddlers) are full, and we happily welcome Church Street’s own Sandra Roe as our lead teacher in the Toddler class.

Prayerfully,

Frances

Thoughts:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

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PRAYERS**



Current: Quintella Wood, Steve Kopp, Eleanor Reynolds, Mauriette Haywood, Helen Edwards, Dick Dunaway, Sherie Sherrer, Henry Alexander, Linda Harris,

Ongoing Suzanne Ingram, Will, Kelly and Conor Hawkins, Jennifer Williamson Stone, Brandon McHugh, Katie & Michael Collins, Anita Waldrop, John & Suzanne Stringer, Caroline Thomas, Scott Scroggins, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Helen Rogers, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Lucille Jordan Sellier

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, Faithful in prayer”

Romans 12:12



Please be in prayer for our students, teachers, administrative faculty, and parents as school is about to begin.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 8th, during the morning worship service.

We are in the planning stages for the exciting fall evening schedule. We will get information out as soon as possible!

Please begin to pray now where God will have you plug in on Sunday evenings.



Pray for Good News Club beginning in September

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PRESENCE**

Average attendance in July

Sunday School: 72

Worship Service: 124

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**



To My Church Street Family,

Words are not adequate to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since moving to Selma. I have already fallen in love with my new home and community. I look forward to our time together and to all the things God is inviting us to participate in. If you are at the church, please stop by and say hello.

Blessings,

Diane

August Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, August 1st, will be given to Clark Elementary.