



G.R.A.C.E.ful *Living*

First United Methodist Church
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An Insurance Policy We Cannot Afford

In my seminary classes, I have studied the powers that have come against God's earthly representative, the Church. It is amazing to note that for centuries the church has even survived in the midst of all the oppression. It seems everything in Satan's arsenal including persecution, tribulation and his most recent weapons: comfort and materialism, have been thrown at her, but Christ has sustained her, and she is growing (contrary to popular opinion, Christianity is the fastest growing religion!). This supernatural resilience is a witness to the fact that the church is something beyond herself, that she is an extension of God.

What about you? You are a special extension of the church. You are the essence of it, the grass roots movement of what God is doing in your neighborhood. God has ensured the fact that He will sustain you; His Son's blood insures this even though we cannot afford the weekly policy premium because the price paid for it is too great. God took that policy out on you long ago, even years before you were born, the scriptures tell us. God went out of His way to make sure you had a place and that Satan, your enemy, couldn't change that.

Walk in confidence today, knowing that God is for you, and "if God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)?" Also, remember "nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:38). These two scriptures are truth and reality that serve as the bedrock of your faith. Build your house on God's word and let His promises be your policy.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael Miller
Pastor, Fort Payne First United Methodist Church



Wonderful Wednesdays

Our Wonderful Wednesdays Activities resumes

Wednesday September 4, 6:00-7:30

Activities for all ages!

(see schedule below)

Meal available for purchase prepared by Barry Higgins

Adult meals: \$7 Children's meal \$5 (for children under age of 12)

Children and youth activities.

Study groups for adults. Chancel choir rehearsal.

Make it a family affair!!

WONDERFUL WED. ACTIVITIES

4:30—5:45 Meal (reservations necessary)

5:30-6:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal—sanctuary

6:00-7:30 First Kids Program

6:00-7:30 Youth—WNL

6:00 Men's Small Group-Detached office bldg.

6:00-7:30 *"Love & Respect"*—Cobble Hall

6:00-7:30 *"The Last Days of Jesus"*

Fellowship Class room- basement

6:00-7:30 *"Find Your Groove"* - CLC Classroom # 204

Beginning in Oct. *"Financial Fitness"*—Cobble Hall

Church Property for Sale at Auction

The building formerly occupied by Mother's Day Out located in downtown Fort Payne will be selling at auction on September 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm. The auction will be held in the Christian Life Center here at the church.

Auctions United, Inc. and Wilson Realty will be handling the auction, and can answer any questions you have about the sale. This is a public auction and all are invited to bid.

Please tell your friends and anyone that you think might be a prospective buyer for this great downtown building.

For all Sale Information call:

Auctions United, Inc.: 1-800-222-5003

Randy Wilson: 256-997-6972

Wilson Realty: 256-845-1530

Beau Wilson: 256-844-7298



YOUTH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September & October WNL

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

9/04	10/2
9/11	10/9
9/18	10/16

Sunday Night Small Groups
Church 6-7:30pm

9/15	10/13
9/22	10/27
9/29	

Carnival Night
Wednesday Oct 30th
CLC 6-7:30pm

We have 15 spots open for trick or treating! If you would like to decorate a table and hand out candy/treats to the kids, please let me know! You will be provided a 6ft plastic table and can decorate it & dress up if you choose! Our kids love to come by and trick or treat!



FUMY

For daily and for weekly updates see our weekly worship bulletins.

If you have a teen in Youth Ministry please subscribe to the text blast. Contact Valarie Moses our Youth Ministries Director at 850-420-1680 or email fumygroup@gmail.com



Fall Retreat:
"Uncharted"

October 18-20, 2019

Alpine Camp

Sign up now!

Lane Gilbert
Speaker

Savannah Lubben
Worship Leader



2nd SUNDAY LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER

Our United Methodist Man With a Pan" will begin serving at 11:00 am.
No reservations are needed, and the price is your donation.

The meal costs \$7 to prepare. Money given above the cost of the meal will be used to fund the mission work of the United Methodist Men.

SEPTEMBER MENU: Chicken casserole, hamburger steak, mac & cheese, pintos, roasted potatoes, fried okra, corn on cob, pasta salad, cornbread, and dessert.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE GREAT FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.!

If you would like to learn more about participating with "Man with a Pan" call Richard Camp at 256-996-1356.



All Saint's Day—Sunday, November 3rd at 8:45 & 11:00 am

Entered into God's Presence

Richard Igou 11/24/18

Bill Hotalen 2/14/19

David Wear 4/17/19

Evelyn Jacoway 8/16/19



And I heard a voice from heaven saying
"Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on
die in the Lord."

"Yes", says the Spirit "they will rest from their
labors, for their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 14:13

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

***September 5th at 6 pm : The UMW Subgroup Annual Kick-Off at the home of**

**Kelly Horton
6905 Portobello Rd. NW
Fort Payne, AL**

This will be a great evening of good food and wonderful fellowship. It is an opportunity to get to know the ladies of different subgroups and make new friends. Food will be compliments of Agape, Susanna Wesley, and Christian Fellowship sub groups.

ALL ladies of the church are welcome... PLEASE COME!

October Sub-group meetings

**October 3rd 6:00 Susanna Wesley—Home of Cassie Wootten 3898 CR 988, FP
Ph # 770-855-7667**

**October 8th 10:00 Christian Fellowship—Cobble Hall
October Agape Sub-group: to be announced**

September Birthdays

1 Megan Newton	11 Kelly Wear	21 Nick Vizzinia
Will Davis	12 Lib Howard	Sophia Hood
2 Zanna Poe	Everett Horton	23 Kiley Corona
3 Matt Chisenhall	Ryan Craig	24 Brenda Bailey
Kate Kramer	Ellen Igou	26 Jim Chambers
Brittany Manning	13 Robbie Graham	Kellie Vizzinia Poe
4 Jimmy Bailey	Anna Shinabarger	28 Sami Goggans
Rob Bouchard	Colin Dawson	Van Houston
Janna Tatum	15 Hazel Sauls	29 Lisa Ham
5 Beth Knicely	Deb Weaver	30 Betty Cobble
6 Wanda Cole	Chris Ramsey	
Marsha Miller	Frank Ramsey	
7 Kim Shirey	17 Ellabee Coffey	
8 Jimbo Hotalen	Natalie Gilbert	
9 Braison Smith	18 Collyn Davis	
10 Nicole Esloon	19 Savy Von Scott	
Maggie Groat	20 Patrick Barnes	
Kade Horton	21 Bob Chisenhall	

Anniversaries

3	Jim & Kelly Sanders
10	Pete & Pam & Davis Barry & Donnah Crow
29	Matt & Amy & Guice



October Birthdays

1 Kensley Brewis	9 Craig Peavy	23 David Beddingfield
3 J.P. Groat	10 Donna Chesser	Martha Guice
4 Robby Guice	Brandi Griggs	Sophia Corona
5 Talula Belle Scott	Samuel Hotalen	24 Liz Barrontine
6 David Burton	12 Marilyn Gibson	25 Isabelle Goggans
Sarah Grace Ward	13 Diane Groat	Patrick Trammell
7 Teresa Campbell	14 Anthony Vizzinia	26 Ashley Gray
8 Morgan Franks	15 Bobby Cole	27 Alan Kilgo
Raymond Groat	16 Dakota Gray	30 Sharon Elrod
Thomas Ham	17 Bryson Lyles	Derick Purdy
Beth Hill	Brandy Smith	Jo Tomberlin
	19 Eleanor Robinson	Caleb Kilgo
	20 Mike Burt	31 Barbara Cole
	22 Joey Shirey	Patrick Dunne
	McKenzie Griggs	

Anniversaries

5	Mike & Dana Brewis
9	John & Carol Beddingfield
12	Doug & Cara Hoffman
19	Chad & Julia Mosher
26	Dave & Kitty York
30	Dale & Jan Hurtt



NEW MEMBERS



Ron & Mil Ivey
Joined in contemporary service
by transfer of membership from another UMC
June 9, 2019



Rob & Niki Wayner
Joined from another denomination
July 12, in the 8:45 service
Children:
Emma Grace, Sam & Sara Riley



Dakota & Ashley Gray
Joined in contemporary service
by professions of faith
June 9, 2019

BAPTISMS:

Harper & Kennedy Tatum
August 11, in 8:45 service



William "Billy" Craig
Joined by profession of faith
7/21 in 8:45 service
and was baptized



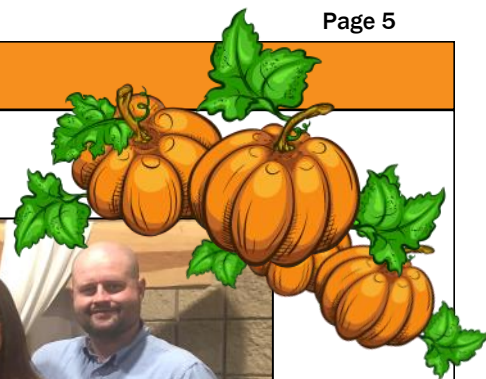
Ben & Mary Cashion
Joined from another denomination
July 12, in the 11:00 service



Robert "Bobby" & Sharon Elrod
Transferred from another UMC
August 11 in 11:00 service



Isaac & Miranda Corona
Transferred from other denominations
Children: Kiley, Sophia, & Lily
August 11 in 11:00 service





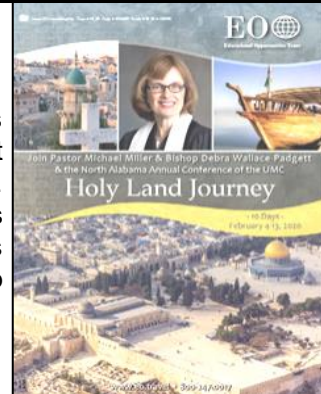
The church office and Christian Life Center will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Israel Anyone?

DON'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS YOU BY.

I am excited to announce that we will be leading a team to Israel, the Holy Land, for ten days in February 2020 (Feb. 4-13). The approximate entire cost (which covers everything except daily lunches while in country) is \$3,500; trip is not limited to our church (so invite a friend!). We will be traveling with the world's foremost tour company (Educational Opportunities) as well as multiple United Methodist churches and our Bishop. For more info, our trip site is www.eo.travelwithus.com/#tours. If you are interested, please sign the Israel Trip Info Signup Sheet at the reception area in the CLC. I'm thrilled about Israel and hope to share it with you!

Shalom, Pastor Michael



Memorials

IN MEMORY OF WAYNE BAKER:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF PATSY EBERHART

To the Care Group for flat ware by:

Rory & Betsy Smith

To Serving Our Savior by:

Betty Cobble

Steve Malcom

Barbara Robison

To the General Fund by:

Mrs. F.D. Robinson

IN MEMORY OF GERALD FARLEY:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

Rory & Betsy Smith

IN MEMORY OF SARAH FUNK:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF JENNY SMITH:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Anthony & Lindy Vizzinia

To the General Fund by:

John T. & Marci Davis

IN MEMORY OF EVELYN JOHN-SON:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF MARLYN NORQUIST:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF RONNIE RUSSELL:

To the General Fund fund by:

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guice

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WEAR

To Our Savior by:

James L. & Donna Chesser

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF DOTTIE SHUGART

To The Care Group for flat ware by:

Rory & Betsy Smith

IN MEMORY OF OLIVIA BAXTER COX:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Barbara Robison

IN MEMORY OF TOMMY GROAT:

To the General Fund by:

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY VAN ALLEN:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Barbara Robison

Anthony & Lindy Vizzinia

To the General Fund by:

Cleve Chisenhall

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD IGOU:

To Serving Our Savior by:

Steve Malcom

IN MEMORY OF EVELYN JACOWAY:

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Tom & Lisa Norquist

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To the General Fund by:

Mark & Donna Wilson

Marilyn G. Taylor

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA & PETE RAUGHTON:

To the Care Group—flatware by:

Rory & Betsy Smith

"Chip" & Shanon Blanton

Stewardship Report

As of August 25, 2019 :

Budget Receipts	\$13,108.50
Budget Needs	\$12,316.00
Receipts YTD	\$413,935.36
Needs YTD	\$418,744.00

DEFICIT YTD (\$4,808.64)



Thanks for your generous giving!

SERVING OUR SAVIOR



REPORT FROM SOS FOR JANUARY—JUNE 2019



A BIG thank you to all who have supported SOS

through donations, volunteering, and most of all your prayers. With your generous giving we have been able to help 438 families so far this year. With your support, we hope to continue reaching out and showing God's love to our community. **We are presently in need of funds. Please prayerfully consider how you might continue to support our program.**

Families Served : 438

Gas: \$195

Other: \$4,664

Food distributed: 9,676 lbs.

Rent: \$887

Utilities: \$17, 896

Medication: \$471



GRAND TOTAL: \$24,114

**Thank you and God bless you,
Lisa Norquist, Director of Servant Ministries**



SOS NEEDS:

Macaroni & cheese
Canned meats
Peanut Butter
Pasta
Toiletries
Healthy snacks for kids
Canned vegetables (no green beans or corn, please)

BREAD OF LIFE:

Our church is committed to serving the
2nd Saturday of each month.

Volunteers needed to cook and serve for
December 14th

If you or your small group would like to be involved in
this ministry, please contact me for more details.

Contact Lisa Norquist @ 256 845-1141 or
fortpaynemissions@gmail.com



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

This is not just about honoring a person, but about honoring the position he fills in the life of the church.

Here are 10 simple ways to show appreciation:

1. Pray for him.
2. Write him an encouraging letter.
3. Serve in the church.
4. Give generously.
5. Encourage his family.
6. Feed him and his family.
7. Give public thanks.
8. Supply a favorite thing.
9. Shower him with tokens of appreciation.
10. Invite him & family to a social fun time.

Prayer Requests

Scott Banks (son of Tommy & Mary Jane Banks)
 Darlene Batchelor (friend of Sharon Barnes)
 Brody Bruce (son of Eric & Misty Bruce)
 William Cherrette (brother of Janet Cherrette)
 Sheldona Chapell (sister of Jordan Wright)
 Jimmy Childers (brother-in-law of Myra Brown)
 The family of Olivia Cox (Judy Brown)
***Latrice Curry** (DeAnn Cobble)
***Brad Danless** (Lois Anthony)
 Dale Fletcher (Ashley Gray)
 Bill Hall (cousin of Jane Caufield)

Richard Hall (cousin of Jane Caufield)
***The family of Opal Henderson** (mother of Bruce Henderson)
***Janis Jackson**
 The family of Evelyn Jacoway (mother of Bill Jacoway)
 Elaine Johnson
 Emily McNew
 Matthew Maupin (friend of Jane Caufield)
 Gabe Miller (in London, England)
 Charles Mingle
 Steven Padgett (friend of David & Cassie Wootten)

***Laurie Parker**
 Barbara Robison
 The family of Jenny Smith (grandmother of Jennifer McCurdy)
***Barbara Purdy**
 Megan Snyder (daughter of Ed & Jean Stuckey)
 Rowena Sutton (mother of Millie Mainwaring)
 Gerald "Red" Taylor (father of Jeremy Taylor)
 Dave York
 Our Nation & our Military
 Church and Staff



OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS	EXTENDED CARE	GENERAL INFORMATION
Bill Biddle C/O Greg Biddle 615 Longwood Place Birmingham, AL 35226	<u>Collinsville Nursing Home</u> Margaret Richardson <u>Crowne Health Care</u> Jane Caufield <u>Wills Creek Village</u> Hazel Sauls <u>Crossville Health & Rehabilitation</u> Lib Howard <u>Serenity Place</u> Harold Hoffman <u>Tender Loving Care at Home</u> Raymond Groat Margaret Thurman Janis Williams Georgia Wills	If you would like to receive all church information including the newsletter via email. Please send your request and address to Betsy Smith, Administrative Assistant @ fumcfpadm@bellsouth.net
Betty Cobble 29 High Bridge Crossing Apt. 4139 Asheville, NC 28803		SUNDAY TELEVISION BROADCAST FARMER'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS 3:00 & 6:00 PM Channel 6
Marie Hughes Mount Royal Towers 300 Royal Dr. Apt. 203 Vestavia Hills, AL 35209		Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8-4 pm
<u>Sunday Morning Worship Times:</u> 8:45 Contemporary Worship Christian Life Center 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship -Sanctuary		<u>Sermons now available on-line.</u> Go to the website. On the home page, note 3 lines on the top right (the menu icon), and a list of options will appear. Click the option for sermons and select the date of sermon.

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