

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

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**First United Methodist Church  
Fort Payne, Alabama**

Dear Church Family,

“What Makes Your Ticker Tick?”



I had a friend in grade school who loved to take things apart. You could go into his room, at any given time, and find the internal organs of the TV, VCR, computer or a variety of other machines that were spread around. He simply wanted to see what made things tick. He was good with his hands and had a heart for detail.

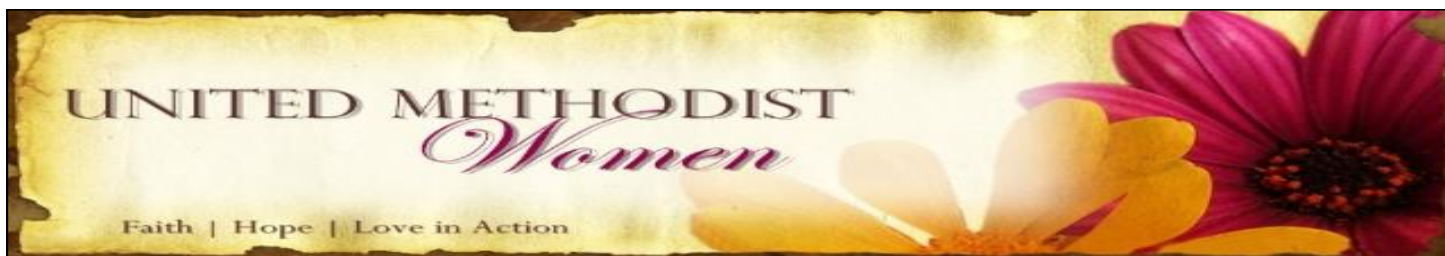
I have found a lot of people are that way. They want to see what makes things tick. Whether it is COVID-19, the national economy, the dryer or the new flat screen TV, they are curious about what's inside. I have also found that the world watches us, as Christians. They observe us, often at a distance, to see if we are for real. For whatever reason, they seek to find what makes us tick, and this is a good thing, because our power comes from within.

The God who loves us operates from within and changes us from the inside out. Situations, especially during quarantine, often do try to take us apart, but it only reveals the greater power inside. What makes you tick? What is your power source? Who do you rely on for strength? I hope it is Jesus because He, too, is good with His nail pierced hands and has a heart for detail. He's just waiting to get inside of you and show you how much of the Master Craftsman He can be. All He needs is someone to work with.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael Miller





**The United Methodist Women (UMW)** is an organization that focuses on missions-especially those relating to women and children as well as supporting church projects. If you want to find out more about the UMW and how you can be involved contact UMW President Dana Brewis at [danabrewis@gmail.com](mailto:danabrewis@gmail.com).

**Susanna Wesley & Agape Subgroup** May Meetings have been cancelled but will resume in September 2020.

**Christian Fellowship Subgroup's and Arts/Crafts Group** regular meetings have been cancelled for May. Group members will be notified by their leaders when meetings plan to resume.

## Servant Ministries

Steve Chambers will assume his new staff position as Director of Servant Ministries on June 1st.

Steve's Bio:

I have been a member of Fort Payne First United Methodist Church since 1967. I am currently Director of Servant Ministries, which includes our community outreach programs Serving our Savior (SOS) and the Bread of Life ministry. I received a B.S. degree in business with a minor in financial planning from The University of Alabama. I received a fifth-year program education degree from Athens State University. After 15 years teaching Business Tech. Applications and Introduction to Engineering Design at Fort Payne high school, I am honored to serve my church and those who need a helping hand in our community. The church outreach programs can never be successful without the support of our church and volunteers. Matthew 25:40 says: I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me (Jesus).



Steve Chambers

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During this pandemic, SOS is continuing to provide food for people in DeKalb County. Due to this virus the demand for food assistance has increased. We are in need of the following items:

dried beans	cereal
rice	crackers
canned vegetables	canned soup
pasta	canned meat
spaghetti sauce	macaroni & cheese

You may drop items off at the church Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm. Thank you for helping feed the hungry.

Thank You,

Lisa Norquist  
Director of Servant Ministries  
256-845-1141

[fortpaynemissions@gmail.com](mailto:fortpaynemissions@gmail.com) (click email address to contact Lisa)



## Stewardship Report

As of April 26, 2020

### OFFERING

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$3,930.00
Traditional Methods	
Online Giving	\$1,135.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$12,680.19
Weekly Deficit	(\$7,615.19)
Receipts YTD	\$202,143.43
Needs YTD	\$215,563.23
<b>DEFICIT YTD</b>	<b>(\$13,419.80)</b>
SOS offering	\$200.00
2020 Pledge cards to date:	88

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 5th  
1pm - 6pm

Location:  
206 Grand Ave NW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Make an appointment at:  
[bloodassurance.org/fumc](http://bloodassurance.org/fumc)



## May Birthdays

1 Martha Chambers	12 Dustin McGee
Matt Guice	14 Lonny Pendergrass
Doug Hoffman	Owen Poe
2 Ann Chisenhall	15 Brandi Lyles
3 Patrick Goggans	Beau Wilson
Jake Johnson	Paige Wilson
4 John Clayton Groat	16 Donna Wilson
5 Willie Poole	17 Pat Dunne
6 Penny Smith	18 Jean Stuckey
Anna Beth Traylor	Donna Watson
7 Eric Hall	19 Jane Caufield
Tyler Newton	Ben Guice
8 Gracie Groat	Katie Kramer
11 Brandi Bouchard	21 Dr. William Gibson

22 Will McCurdy
25 Houston Henderson
26 Camryn Brewis
Collyn Brewis
Russell Lynch
Merriam Poole
30 Blake Griggs
Sydney Moses
Robin Smith
31 Misty Bruce

## Anniversaries



13 Van and Carol Houston
19 Craig and Ellen Peavy
Dakota and Ashley Gray
23 Alan and Kelly Williamson
25 Tom and Lisa Norquist
Rocky and Donna Watson
26 Philip and Myra Brown
31 Ronnie and Teresa Campbell

## June Birthdays

3 Molly Poole	13 Peyton Hosch
Elliette Smith	16 Jordan Smith
4 Taylor Camp	<b>*Marie Hughes-100 yrs.</b>
Kelly Moses	17 Annie Gilbert
Mackenzie Neeley	David Smith
5 Denise Stogner	18 Darlys Smith
6 Ashley Esloon Hosch	19 Jocelyn Burgess
Allie Smith	21 Larry Sanders
7 Barry Crow	Valarie Moses
Alan McNew	22 Stan Cole
9 Danny Handy	23 Ronnie Campbell
Mackenzie Owens	Janie McGee
Michael Rhett Cole	24 Derek Godwin
10 Jake Newton	27 Christine Scott
13 Tommy Guice	28 Katie Wilson Teel

28 Quinn McGee  
29 Shirley Fowler  
30 Elliott Guice  
  
\*Address on back page of newsletter if you wish to send a birthday card to Ms. Hughes.



## Anniversaries

1 Tim and Tammy Smith
3 Michael and Angela Miller
6 Chip and Shanon Blanton
10 Tommy and Martha Guice
11 Rory and Betsy Smith
15 Greg and Dara Conkle
20 Michael and Beth Knicely
22 John and Sara Quinn
23 Randall and Barbara Cole
25 Robby and Stanna Guice
26 Jerry and Beverly Flag



## Mother's Day Out

May Graduation Postponed  
 Tentative Reschedule date:  
 Wednesday, June 17  
 6 pm  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Christian Life Center

### Class of 2020



**Left to Right:**

**Back Row:** Alex Ross, Trent Wilson, Krew Johnson

**Middle Row:** Blake Jennings, Lolah Hilyer, Mamie Sisemore, Ashlyn Early, John McRorie

**Front Row:** Jules Manning



**Left to Right:**

Benton Van Pelt, Eli Green, Hollis  
 William Blackburn, & Brody

Pendergrass, Ade Kate Stephens,  
 Kirtland



# FIRST KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## The Confirmation Class of 2020

Drew Ashley  
Jocelyn Burgess  
Kael Farmer

Laura Beth Farmer  
JP Groat  
Cooper Kirby  
Reese McCurdy

Sam McCurdy  
John Riddle  
Margo Trammell

The Confirmation class has been very busy with service projects in our community.

- ◆ Gathered clothing to donate in the community.
- ◆ Served at the Bread of Life.



**Confirmation Sunday**  
Date and Time TBA

## THE FERN FUNDRAISER WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to you for your support.

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## SUMMER CAMP—JULY 21-24

Shocco Springs

Talledega, AL

**Subject to change in accordance with CDC Recommendations, State,  
and Federal Regulations**

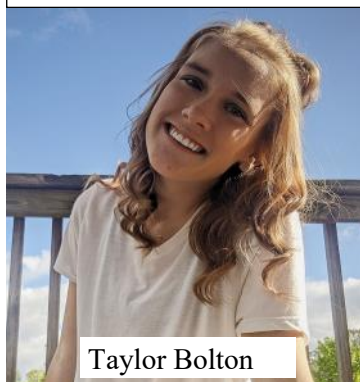
**The camp will be conducted by Student Life Ministries.**



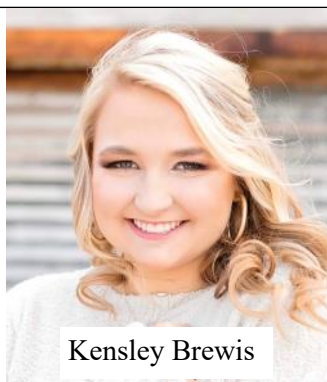
If you have any questions, please contact Alison Traylor, Director of Children's Ministries at 256-996-5314 or email her at [firstkidsfpfumc@gmail.com](mailto:firstkidsfpfumc@gmail.com)



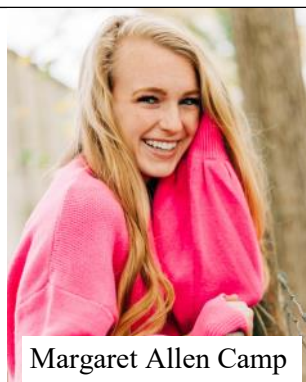
## The Graduating Class of 2020



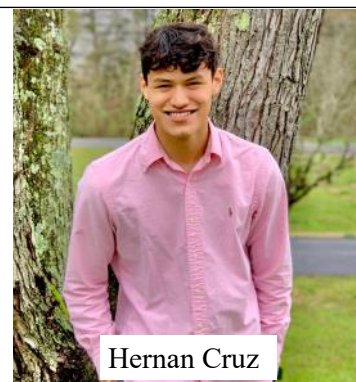
Taylor Bolton



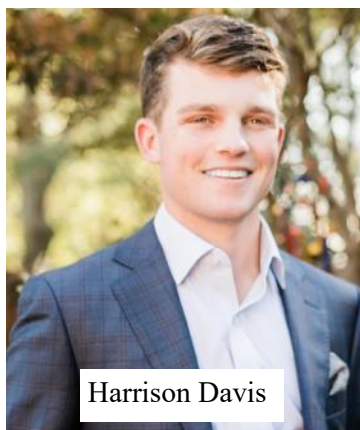
Kensley Brewis



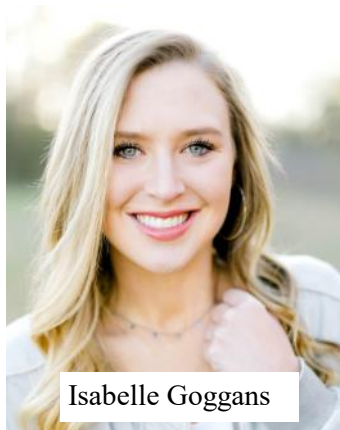
Margaret Allen Camp



Hernan Cruz



Harrison Davis



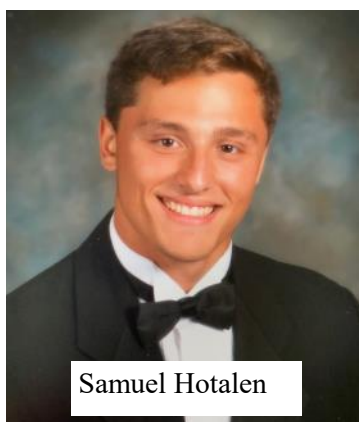
Isabelle Goggans



Robbie Graham



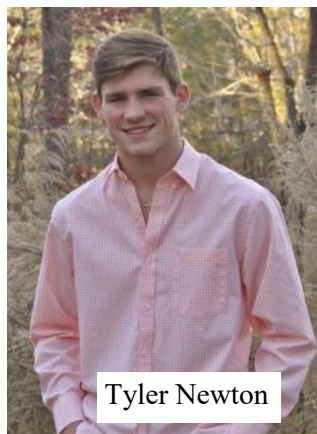
Jordan Harmon



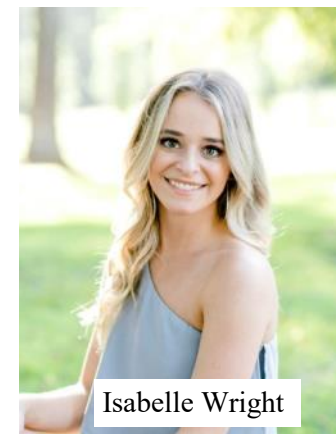
Samuel Hotalen



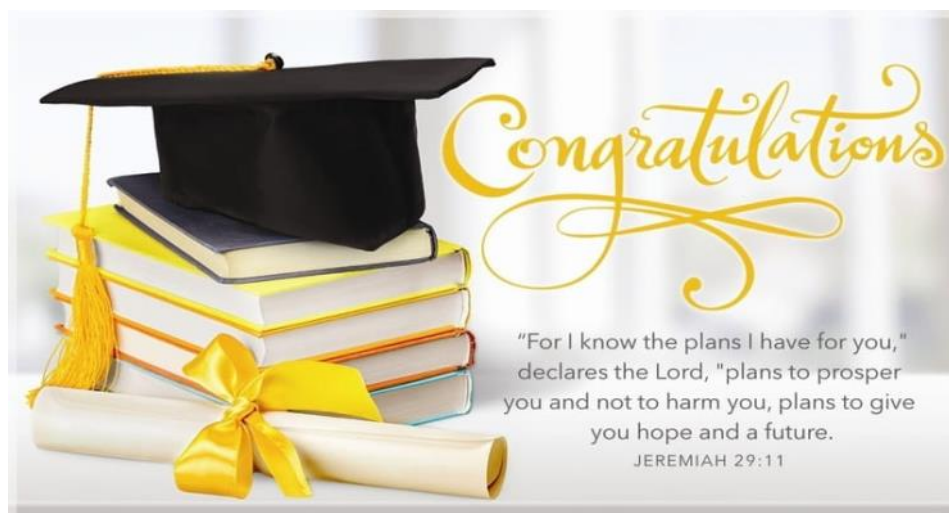
Brady Moses



Tyler Newton



Isabelle Wright



"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future."  
JEREMIAH 29:11

May 17th  
GRADUATE SUNDAY  
POSTPONED

More Details Later.

Any questions?  
Contact Valarie Moses,  
Director of  
Student Ministries  
@850-420-1680

fumygroup@gmail.com

**IN MEMORY OF THE SAINTS****IN MEMORY OF ELAINE JOHNSON**

**To Serving Our Savior by:**  
The Silvertones

**To the Chancel Choir by:**  
The Chancel Choir  
Jerry & Beverly Flag  
Barbara Robison  
Angela Thwaits  
Sarah Wade

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall cabinets by:**  
Wilma Playford

**IN MEMORY OF EMILY MCNEW**

**To the Youth Ministries of FUMC:**  
Van & Carol Houston  
Steve Malcom

**To Youth Mission Trip by:**  
Brad & Liz Barrontine

**To the General Fund by:**  
Kerry & Sheila Akins  
Janice Austin & the Julian Austin family  
James & Kristi Chambers  
David & Gwen Hill  
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guice  
John & Raylene Izak  
John & Cheryl Lawrence  
Alan & Marsha Miller  
Mims Veterinary Hospital PLLC  
Freddie & Marie Presley  
David & Louise Rains  
Donald & Carol Walker

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall cabinets by:**  
Brenda Bailey  
Mike & Heather Burt  
Dr. Joe McNew  
Jerry & Joann Newton  
Wilma Playford  
Larry & Barbara Sanders  
Tim & Kim Shugart  
Ben & Mary Shurett  
Denise Stogner  
Susanna Wesley Subgroup  
Bob & Linda Thomas

**To Serving Our Savior ministries by:**  
Lee Stout

**IN MEMORY OF JEWEL CHISENHALL**

**To the Music Department by:**  
Van & Carol Houston

**To the Open Door Sunday School Class by:**  
Jerry & JoAnn Newton

**To the General Fund by:**  
Adair & Whit DeBardleben  
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Guice  
David & Gwen Hill  
John & Raylene Izak  
John & Cheryl Lawrence  
Freddie & Marie Presley  
David & Louise Rains

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by:**  
Patricia Bobbitt  
Wilma Playford  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Shugart  
Denise Stogner

**To Serving Our Savior ministries by:**  
Larry & Barbara Sanders  
Lee Stout

**To the Youth Ministries of FUMC by:**  
Mike & Heather Burt  
Steve Malcom

**To Youth Mission Trip by:**  
Brad & Liz Barrontine

**To the Sanctuary Beautification Fund by:**  
Ben & Mary Shurett

**IN MEMORY OF BLAINE SMITH**

**To Youth Ministry by:**  
Misty Harmon

Larry & Barbara Sanders  
Ben & Mary Shurett

**To Serving Our Savior ministries by:**  
Steve & Martha Chambers

**HONORARIUMS****IN HONOR OF FAITH RICHARDSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**To Serving Our Savior ministries by:**  
Dale & Jan Hurtt

**To the general fund by:**  
Tommy & Martha Guice  
Vicky Kirby

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by:**  
Mary Ann Davis  
Rory & Betsy Smith

**IN HONOR OF JOHN BOTTS**

**To Serving Our Savior ministries by:**  
Marcia Jackson

**IN HONOR OF BARRY CROWE**

**To the Praise Team by:**  
Dr. Mike & Laurie Parker

**IN HONOR OF STEVE MALCOM**

**To the Praise Team by:**  
Dr. Mike & Laurie Parker

**IN HONOR OF SHANON BLANTON**

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by:**  
Faith Richardson

**IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY FOWLER**

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by:**  
Faith Richardson

**IN HONOR OF MERLE WILSON**

**To the Care Group—Cobble Hall Cabinets by:**  
Faith Richardson

**Church Office Closed**

Monday, May 25TH

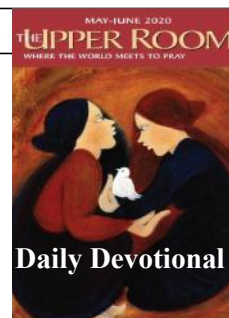
★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

**MEMORIAL DAY**


**May-June Upper Room Available**

Receive Your Upper Room Devotional by:

- ◆ Drive to the church for curbside service at the Christian Life Center Entrance parking lot. Call the church when you arrive. You may also come to the door of the CLC lobby and ring the door bell. Church hours are Monday-Thursday 8-4. Church office: 256-845-1141
- ◆ Click on the link provided to you on the church website: [fpfumc.org](http://fpfumc.org)
- ◆ Look for church-wide email with link to PDF copy.





Prayer Requests		
Jamie Brewer (son of Dr. Steve Brewer) David Burton Jane Caufield William Gibson <b>*Raymond Groat</b> (father of Ann Houston) <b>*Steve Nelson</b> (friend of Ann Chisenhall) The family of Steven Padgett (friend of David & Cassie Wootten Barbara Purdy Gwen Smith (Jane Caufield) BillieTownson (mother of Barbara Sanders) The family of Deborah Turner (aunt of Suzanne Camp)	The family of Frances Waycaster (Marilyn Gibson) Deb Weaver Calvin West (Jane Caufield) <b>*Don Wisener</b> (uncle of Ann Gilbreath) Teachers, Parents, & Students dealing with school issues . Medical personnel, First Responders, and those in Leadership Those who are directly of indirectly affected by COVID-19 Those affected by natural disasters  <b>Please continue praying for: Anne Caywood (cousin of Betsy Smith)</b>	<b>Megan Snyder (daughter of Ed &amp; Jean Stucky)</b> <b>Dave York</b>  
OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS	EXTENDED CARE	NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL
Bill Biddle C/O Greg Biddle 615 Longwood Place Birmingham, AL 35226	<u><b>Collinsville Nursing Home</b></u>  Margaret Richardson  <u><b>Crowne Health Care</b></u>  Jane Caufield  <u><b>Crossville Health &amp; Rehabilitation</b></u>  Lib Howard  <u><b>Serenity Place</b></u>  Harold Hoffman  <u><b>Tender Loving Care at Home</b></u>  Raymond Groat Margaret Thurman Georgia Wills	<b>If you would like to receive all church information including the newsletter via email. Please send your request and address:</b>  <b>Betsy Smith, Administrative Assistant @fumcfpadm@bellsouth.net</b>  <b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS?</b>  <b>Please let the church office be aware if any of your contact information has changed.</b>  <b>Betsy Smith, Administrative Assistant @fumcfpadm@bellsouth.net</b>
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Marie Hughes Mount Royal Towers 300 Royal Dr. Apt. 226 Vestavia Hills, AL 35209		
Sid Thompson Alto Senior Living of Marietta 840 Lecroy Drive NE Room 106 Marrietta, GA 30068		
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