

The COMMUNICATOR

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First United Methodist Church

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Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

PEACE! BE STILL!

Do you recall the first time you awoke at 3:00 a.m. gripped by worry? During a crisis we may lie awake ruminating on our worst fears. At other times what occupies our waking mind may be the list of many things waiting their turn for our attention. Underneath these worries lurks a deeper anxiety, one that asks, “Am I enough? Strong enough? Good enough? Smart enough?” These are the fears and anxieties we carry deep within us. We all have them, though they are closer to the surface at some times than at others. At the heart of all our worries and anxious questions we are asking, “Can I make it through life and all that threatens me?”

In our scripture for Sunday the disciples are at sea when a terrible storm erupts. Helpless and caught in the whirlwind, they find Jesus asleep in the stern of the boat. Filled with fear they ask Jesus, “Do you not care that we are perishing?” It is not just a question of survival; it is a question of value. “Jesus, are we not important enough for you to save us? Does God not care when our life is in chaos and the difficulty is more than we can bear?”

“Peace! Be Still!” With these words, Jesus demonstrates his power to turn back the forces of nature. When we find ourselves amid the storms of life, Jesus’ answer is the same: Peace! Be Still! What we learn to do with these words can shape our faith and our ability to embrace life in whatever situations we find ourselves. Jesus asks us to have faith that whatever threatens us in the day or keeps us awake at night cannot overcome the power of Jesus to calm the storm. By faith, we realize that the God who routinely upends all that we expect is able to transform our fear into peace.



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DON'T MISS



**SUMMER
PLAYLIST**

Our theme for the month of July is Summer Playlist. In worship we will be preaching on the favorite hymns of our church. In Sunday School, we will be studying the original songs of faith in the book of Psalms. We hope you will join us each Sunday in July as we sing our favorite hymns and study the Psalms together.

**Join us for Worship @ 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
and for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

We look forward to studying God's word together.

Refreshments will be served!!!

All-American Hot Dog Lunch & Celebration!!!

Sunday, July 1

immediately following the 11 Worship Service

Join us for an exciting celebration!!!

There will be food, fellowship, and festivities as we celebrate God's blessings on our nation.

Our hot dog lunch will include music by a special guest, *Jack Horner, the singing of favorite patriotic songs, and a parade of flags.

You don't want to miss the fun, so mark your calendars!

We hope to see you there!

*Jack Horner's music career started around the age of three when he realized he could hear a song on the radio and then play it on the piano. This eventually led to undergraduate and masters degrees in piano performance from Ole Miss which led to teaching piano on the college level. However God had a different plan and, after Jack started to work on his doctorate, God intervened and Jack began his "calling" as a church musician. Two church jobs in Tennessee led to Auburn UMC and eventually FUMC Montgomery where he was very privileged to lead the music program for 20 years. Jack is now retired and enjoying traveling, painting (his new challenge), and pulling out old piano challenges to "get back in his fingers."



LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.:
Crawford & Charmoin Tatum;
Joe & Sarah Wilson

11:00 a.m.:

Jake & Tori Beth Thompson;
Mark & Kathy Johnston

Gathering Music

Charles Bonner

Cross Bearer:

Julia Bush

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:

John Dickson Parker &
Sara Kate Speakman

11:00 a.m.:

Sarah Bush & Shirley Pugh

Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.: Nathan Goff
11:00 a.m.: Will Levins &
Peter Elliott

Ushers

8:30 am:

Wallace Paschal (Captain),
Jim Mayfield (Co-Captain),
Ben Landers,
Jonathan Patterson,
Erik Speakman, Jake Thompson,
John Wilson

11:00 am:

Mike McKee (Captain),
Jason Halverson (Co-Captain),
Bill Levins,
Billy Ogletree,
John Rice

Welcome Letters

Pat Brown

Nurturing Notes

Jenny Galimore

Flower Ministry

Vikki Hendricks, Sara Raley

Tuesday Morning Volunteer

Jo Lovell

Hospital Visitation Ministry

June 25 - Kevin Royal
June 26 - Donna Moreman
June 27 - Judy Smith
June 28 - Rhonda Boothe
June 29 - Mary Carol Hitchcock

Jail Ministry

Charlotte Ward, Sara Nan Levins,
Edna Caldwell, Margaret Rogers,
Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

June 17, 2018

Attendance

Sunday School: 182
Worship: Sunday Morning: 365

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$24,658

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 24

8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - One Accord Choir
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Jr Hi Youth
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Sr Hi Youth

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 28

5:15 p.m. - L.A.F.F.
6:00 p.m. - Safety Team

Monday, June 25

9:00 a.m. - One Accord depart for Disney World

Tuesday, June 26

5:00 p.m. - Grocery Delivery

Jail Ministry - June 19, 2018

Volunteers: Carol Powers, Brenda Woods, Laura Fuller, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 43 men

Bibles given: 3

Message: *Power on the Inside* - Danielle Fornea

Deep within the layers of the earth there is a power that can erupt at any time, within the coating of an electrical line is a power that can light a building, and within Christians is the power of the Holy Spirit that allows us to "do all things through Him who strengthens" us.

Scripture reference: Philippians 4:13; 2 Cor. 4:7-9

Security Team Ministry

If you are interested in serving in a ministry designed to provide a safe environment for our congregation, there will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m.

We will discuss the responsibilities and duties for this new ministry.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mike McKee a mckeedragons@gmail.com.



GROCERY PACK

Tuesday, June 26

@ 5 p.m.

Meet @ Condon Hall

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday Morning Youth: Every Sunday morning on the 4th floor in the Cross Cafe from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

Sunday Night Youth - June 24

Jr Hi - 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Sr Hi - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NO Sunday Night Youth on July 1

JR HI Lake Day on Monday, July 2, from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.!

Cost is \$20 plus lunch and supper money at Wal Mart.

SR HI Pool Party on Tuesday, July 3, from 6 p.m. - 9p.m.! Place TBD.

JR HI Girls Swim & Bible Study on Thursday, July 5, @ 6 p.m. at Susannah Couey's house!

MEMORIALS

Bob Hall: Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

Lynda Jimmerson: Julia & Bobby Huling

William Perryman: Clay Humphries

Bill Samford: Earl Allen; Orrin Brown; Lucinda Cannon; Auston Cherry & Kathryn Spicer; Jolene Clark; Al & Dudley Cook; Sherry & Richard Freeman; Dee Dee Harper; Bert & Paula Harris; Julia & Bobby Huling; Clay Humphries; Corinne & Jimmy Hurst; Mark & Kathy Johnston; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins; Joan & Judson Salter; Barbara Sims; Ric & Carole Smith; Tim & Sara Jane Tatum; Jeanette Torbert; Earle & Kenny Wilkes

Bo Torbert: Earl Allen; Orrin Brown; Lucinda Cannon; Ann & David Canon; Auston Cherry; Al & Dudley Cook; Sherry & Richard Freeman; June & Bill Garrett; Dee Dee Harper; Bert & Paula Harris; Clay Humphries; Laura & Randy Lambert; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Levins; Joan & Judson Salter; Barbara Sims; Carole & Ric Smith; Sara Jane & Tim Tatum; Allen & Ruth Torbert; Jeanette Torbert; Kenny & Earle Wilkes

Prayer Concerns

EAMC: Dot Mitchell

UAB: Jim Sanders

Spain Rehab (Birmingham):

C J Dodd (*Arole & Esther Marshall's grandson*)

Encompass Health (Montgomery):

Catherine Davis

Home:

David Alexander

(*Marcia Alexander's husband*)

Patty Allen

Dean Bledsoe

Lori Botta

Sharolin Bravo

David Canon

Mable Collins (*Arbor Springs*)

Bette Corley

(*Nann Ogletree's mother*)

Kathryn Cooper

Betty & Hal Cummings

Trinchua Dukes

Anne Grady (*Camellia Place*)

Kathy Groves

Bill Harrelson & Lou Harrelson

Barbara Hartley

(*Marrell Hartley's mother*)

Donna Moreman

Dot Norrell

Oscar Penn

Pooker Robertson

Joan Salter

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell

(*Jake Thompson's grandfather*)

Jody Wilkerson

(*Deborah Mitchell's brother*)

Out of Town:

Evan Ashby (*Macy Finck's cousin*)

Mildred Beals (*Birmingham*)

Scott Boggs (*brother of Kenneth Boggs*)

Shirley Brown

(*Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law*)

Ruth Chen (*friend of Wei Beach*)

Shannon Cook

(*friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes*)

Traci Hart (*Pam Hope's sister-in-law*)

Sam Hayes, Jr.

(*Sharon & Ron Rooks' grandson*)

Carolyn Hicks (*Lisa Abercrombie's mother*)

Howard Hoch (*Sue Bentley's father*)

Glynda Holliman (*Sam Bailey's niece*)

Graham Lane (*friend of Sherry & Richard Freeman*)

Allen Liu (*Wei Beach's nephew*)

Lexi Melton

(*great niece of Stanley Melton, III*)

Bob Miller

(*Sam Bailey's brother-in-law*)

Lea Botsford Perez

(*daughter of Betty Botsford & sister of Leslie Anabtawi*)

June Pyle (*Ken Woolley's sister*)

Dot Rice (*Pat Mayfield & Debbi*

Thornton's sister)

Marian Rogers

(*Emily Finck's grandmother*)

Carolyn Sell

(*Jo Vaughan's daughter*)

Gladys Shackelford

(*Richard Shackelford's mother*)

Jackie Spann (*Terri Knight's sister*)

Hilt Tatum, III (*Corinne Hurst's*

brother)

Bobby Turner

(*friend of Sherri Rowton*)

Brian Taylor

(*Glenda & Charles Bush's son*)

Bobby Woodruff

(*Caroline Bush's uncle*)

Natalie Woods (*Valerie Smith's sister*)

Military:

Steven Alvarado

Beau Carroll (*friend of the Perkins*)

Tyler Carter

(*son of Tommy & Lynn Carter*)

Michael Fischer, & T J Fischer

(*friends of Phyllis & Jim Mayfield*)

Robert Groszmann

(*Bob Ingram's nephew*)

Garrett Guess

(*Becky Bailey's nephew*)

Paul Leonard (*Fay Burns' cousin*)

Dalton Lucas

(*son of Todd & Stacey Lucas*)

Will McKee (*son of Mike & Ginger McKee*)

Chandler Norris (*cousin of Mary Virginia Norris & Louisa Wood*)

Alex Pendergraph

(*Janet Taylor's grandson*)

Jacob Ramus

(*Phyllis & Jim Mayfield's son-in-law*)

Kennard R. Smith (*friend of Anne & Sheldon Whittelsey*)

Ronnie Snyder

(*grandson of Arden Snyder*)

Bubba Sumrall (*son of Leslie Sumrall*)

Drew Tatum

(*son of Crawford & Lynn Tatum*)

Thank You. . .

Dear FUMC Family,

Thanks to you for all your prayers, calls and cards. CJ is progressing and on the way to recovery. Twenty-three days ago he was in a horrific, hydroplane accident on his way home from work. He has many broken bones, severe concussion, coma, and multiple surgeries on broken pelvis, legs, left arm and face. Yesterday he sat on the edge of the bed and was asking for coffee! We rejoice at God's DAILY attention and constancy.

We know CJ has a long road to recovery, but thanks to your prayers, he is on that road. Please keep those prayers coming.

The Marshalls, Dodds and Hornsbys