

Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

Prayer Concerns

Children's Hospital (Birmingham):

Davis Boswell

UAB:

Lori Botta

Arbor Springs:

Dot Norrell

Home:

David Alexander

(Marcia Alexander's husband)

Sharolin Bravo

Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)

Bette Corley

(Nann Ogletree's mother)

Kathryn Cooper

Betty & Hal Cummings

Catherine Davis

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

Trinchua Dukes

Edgar Edwards

(Jo Ellen James' father)

Anne Grady (Camellia Place)

Bill Harrelson & Lou Harrelson

Barbara Hartley

(Marrell Hartley's mother)

Wayne McLendon

(friend of Judy Smith)

Donna Moreman

Dana Morgan *(friend of Pam Hope)*

Nann Ogletree

Oscar Penn

Joan Salter

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell

(Jake Thompson's grandfather)

Earl Sumners (Monarch Estates)

Charlotte Ward

Jody Wilkerson

(Deborah Mitchell's brother)

Fred Woods

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)

Jim Sanders

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)

Leigh Ann Thompson

(Mike Gaston's sister)

Greg Wheelus

(Ginny Gaberlavage's father)

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)

Japan: Shuji Miller

(friend of Melanie Smyly & Al)

Christian Sympathy. . .

. . .is extended to Margaret & George Walker and all of the family upon the death of Margaret's mother, Kathryn

To God be the Glory

It has been a year since Bishop David Graves appointed me to serve here with Rev. Rick Lane and Rev. Patrick Hitchman-Craig at First United Methodist Church of Opelika. At that first Sunday service on July 9, Matt York led us in prayer for our ministry together. That moment in worship remains one of the most holy that I have experienced in ministry. That we all prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, that everything we would do as the people of God in this church family would be to give Glory to God and share the love of Christ, and that your pastors would lead with humility and with boldness...well, it has been amazing to see what God has done through you since! Here are a few tidbits of ways I have seen you give glory to God in 1 year.

- You welcomed 91 new members
- You baptized 6 people who professed their faith in Christ, as well as 7 infants who will be brought up to do the same
- You celebrated 18 births and mourned 18 deaths
- You welcomed 16 6th Grade Confirmands into full membership
- You started 2 new adult Sunday school classes
- 36 more family units pledged to give more toward our collective work of "Making Lifetime Followers of Jesus Christ", and our total pledged amount increased over \$370,000
- You said goodbye to 12 who transferred to other churches and 1 who went into full-time ministry in the UMC
- A new safety team, family life team, and communications/evangelism team worked to strengthen these ministry areas.
- In countless ways, you cared for prisoners, provided shelter, fed the hungry, clothed infants at EAMC, turned on water and power, provided transportation, cared for a sick child and her family, tutored the disadvantaged, visited the sick, comforted the grieving, housed and supported hurricane evacuees, and welcomed the stranger.
- You reinforced and renovated the front porch and repainted the exterior of our church to make it safe and welcoming.
- And more. So. Much. More.

As I begin year two with you, here are some ways I already see us planning to work toward living our mission and giving glory to God together:

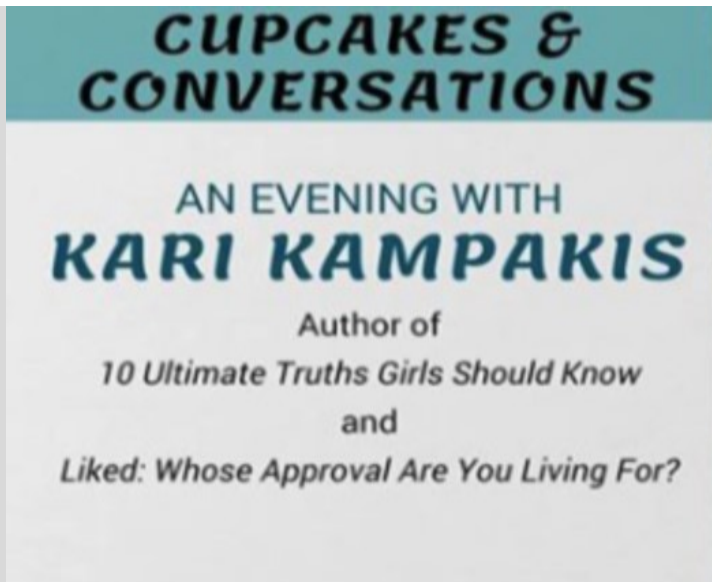
- A 2019 emphasis on walking in the Word together, with special speakers, bible studies for all ages, an app for bible reading, and much more
- A new 5:00 service launching in September, blending the ancient and modern
- Special opportunities for churchwide fellowship, thanks to our Family Life Team (wasn't the July celebration fun?)
- Rebranding our Wednesday nights to provide "Midweek" opportunities for all ages to grow in Christ
- A new emphasis led by our Communications Team to share more the ministries of our church with a new website and logo, with a strategic marketing campaign
- A planned and published missions calendar, with ways to stay in love with God and love our neighbors throughout the year
- A new computerized check-in system for our children, as well as a membership system to keep up with all members
- Our vision team will lead us in articulating a vision for how God is leading us to grow and to serve
- A new plan for our renovating and expanding our church facilities will be launched
- And more. So. Much. More.

And everything we do, all of our collective work is for the Glory of God. May Jesus be lifted up as we live in humble obedience and renewed joy as the family of God.

Yours,



Robin



Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and their mothers!

Join us for a special night, “Cupcakes & Conversations” with Kari Kampakis, author of *Liked* and *10 Ultimate Truths Girls Should Know*, as she discusses faith in the tween/teenage years and supporting each other as sisters in Christ.

Thursday, August 2nd

5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

\$10.00

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Visit our website to register and reserve your ticket.

Please pick-up tickets by noon on Wednesday, August 1st

All around you, people are feeling lonely, invisible, and insignificant.

Be the girl who takes a genuine interest in others.

Spread kindness, love and compassion ❤️

**Introducing
Teresa Viguera
Our New Associate Director of Music Ministries**

After a prayerful search process, we are pleased to announce that Teresa Viguera will be joining the FUMC family as the Associate Director of Music Ministries (Piano). Teresa comes to us with vast experiences in music and other church ministries as well as high school choral directing and community entrepreneurship. (You may also know her as one of the owners of University Doughnut Company in Downtown Auburn.) Not only will she bring her gifts and talents to the piano each week, but she will also use her passion for the hearts of youth as she steps into the role as director of One Accord – FUMC’s youth ensemble. I hope you will welcome her to the FUMC family when she joins us for her first Sunday on August 5th!

What & Who is First United Methodist Church?

The Vision Team is looking for your feedback. As we discuss the future of our wonderful Church we are seeking answers to the following questions.

- Who are we as a Church?
- What does our Church do great?
- Where can our church improve?
- What elements should we add to the Church?
- Where do you see God calling us?

Please send all comments and replies to Jake Thompson, Chair of the Vision Team, at jthompson@charterbank.net. Thank you for your assistance in this very important planning process.

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 on July 29th!

Jr Hi from 5 - 6:30pm; Sr Hi from 5:30 - 7:30pm; Sr Hi Late Night from 7:30 - 10pm

Sr Hi Pool Party on July 31st from 6 - 9pm at Libby Gaberlavage's!

Jr Hi Pool Party on August 1st from 1 - 4pm at Susannah Couey's!

Jr Hi Girls & your mothers "Cupcakes & Conversations with Kari Kampakis on Thursday, August 2nd, from 5 - 7pm at our church! Tickets \$10.00! Visit our website to register and reserve your ticket.

O Town Ice Cream @ CyberZone from 6:30 - 7:30pm on Wednesday, August 8th! Bring your own money for CZ. Bring your friends!

White Water Park in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, August 11th! 8am - 9pm. Cost for ticket and charter bus is \$40. Plus bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up now! Bring your friends!

SUMMER VENTURES

For children entering 1st grade through entering 6th grade

You may register online at www.fumcopelika.org

or call Laura at the church office (745-7604) or call or text Drew (524-6617).



SURGE TRAMPOLINE PARK TUESDAY, JULY 31st 9:30-12 (noon)

(Must have at least 40 people for private event)

\$15 per child (Includes jump time and Chick-fil-a lunch)

Drop off and pick up at Surge Trampoline Park in Opelika.

Jail Ministry - July 24, 2018

Volunteers: Sara Nan Levins, Edna Caldwell, Charlotte Ward, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 27 men

Bibles given: 1

Message: *Cave Dwellers* - Danielle Fornea

God knows the answers to all the questions. But, He asks them anyway to help us understand Him, and ourselves, better.

Scripture reference: 1 Kings 19:9-13

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.:
Jim & Phyllis Mayfield;
Sandra Gregg & Melba Cosby

11:00 a.m.:

Mike & Tamar Lisenby;
Zach & Lindsey Alsobrook

Gathering Music

Charles Bonner

Cross Bearer:

11:00 a.m.
Libby Gaberlavage

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:
Hudson & Garrett Galimore
11:00 a.m.:
Emily & John Thomas Gaberlavage

Sound & Video

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

Ushers

8:30 am:
Barbara Patton (Captain),
Becky Bailey, Edna Caldwell,
Betty Hilyer, Sarah Wilson

11:00 am:

Mike McKee (Captain),
George Walker (Co-Captain),
Robbie Elkins, Bill Levins,
Larry Wieczorek, & Ben Yates

Welcome Letters

Anthony White

Nurturing Notes

Julia Moreman

Flower Ministry

Nell Samford, Sara Raley

Tuesday Morning Volunteer

Jo Lovell

Hospital Visitation Ministry

July 30 - Jo Lovell
July 31 - Mary Carol Hitchcock
August 1 - Lisa Abercrombie
August 2 - Phyllis Mayfield
August 3 - Danielle Fornea

Jail Ministry

Donna Hamilton,
Rebecca Sanderson,
Brenda Woods,
Margaret Rogers,
& Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

July 22, 2018

Attendance

Sunday School: 158
Worship: Sunday Morning: 361

Giving

Weekly Offering: 65,412

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 29

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

Wednesday, August 1

7:00p.m. - Men's Devo
1:00 p.m. - Jr Hi pool party @ the Couey's

Thursday, August 2

5:00 p.m. - Cupcakes & Conversations with
Kari Kampakis

Tuesday, July 31

9:30 a.m. - Summer Venture
(Surge Trampoline Park)
6:00 p.m. - Board of Stewards (Round Room)
6:00 p.m. - Sr Hi pool party @ the Gaberlavage's

Board of Stewards



Tuesday, July 31,
@ 6 p.m.
in the Round Room

MEMORIALS

Bob Hall: Ann & David Canon
Bill Samford: Ann & David Canon; Gene Torbert
