

## One Accord Takes Orlando!



On June 25th, thirteen youth and five adults began a weeklong tour to Orlando, FL. It was a spectacular trip that included exciting experiences, beautiful singing, humble and hardworking service, growing friendships through play, and Christ-centered learning. After a full day of travel from Opelika, we settled into our 11 bedroom villa in Davenport, FL. The youth enjoyed settling into their rooms and playing in the pool that was located in our backyard. We had a good night of fellowship over pizza.

The next day was spent at Epcot. We played in the morning and met for a group lunch before the youth went off for a special Disney Performing Arts Workshop led by a Disney cast member. During the workshop, the youth learned what it takes to succeed in show business as well as in any career. They honed their choral singing skills and made this director very proud with their excellent four-part sight-reading skills! They recorded sound effects and vocals to accompany animation from one of Disney's animated films. The workshop concluded with all the kids learning and performing a dance from one of the Magic Kingdom's parades. The rest of the evening and afternoon was spent exploring and playing in Epcot. A special moment of the evening that later became the evening devotional was an encounter that Rick, Sue, and I had with a retired serviceman named John who recently became a widower. Rick noticed the gentleman waiting by himself in the restaurant and struck up a conversation as only Rick could do. We ended up eating with him and hearing about his life. He told us as we left that it was the best night he had had in a long time. It is always a blessing to serve alongside Rick Lane, particularly when God uses him to show Christ's love to a total stranger who just needed to feel loved!



Wednesday saw the kids sleeping in a bit, playing in the clubhouse pool and lazy river, and serving at United Against Poverty Orlando or UPOrlando. This wonderful community organization helps those who are food insecure or need help financially. However it is not a typical foodbank. Patrons to UPOrlando enroll in a program that works to move them from financial instability to security through various programs. One of the features of UPOrlando is the Community Market where our group served - restocking shelves, breaking up boxes, cleaning the floors, picking up trash in the parking lot, etc. The youth served joyfully and tirelessly. Once they finished a task, they eagerly sought out more to do. We finished the evening with hamburgers at the Villa.

We spent a full day at Universal Studios playing on Thursday, and Friday was performance day. After an hour and a half rain delay, the One Accord Youth Ensemble ministered through song to the crowds braving the rain at Disney Springs. People stopped and stood in the rain as our kids performed in a thirty minute concert. This congregation should be very proud of the great singing done by these teenagers. After receiving their limited edition Mickey Ears and a trophy commemorating their performance, we all headed to Disney Hollywood Studios for an evening of celebration.



Our last full day in Orlando was spent at the Magic Kingdom. We arrived at 8:00 a.m. and left at 11:00 p.m. Even with a full day, the youth sang the whole way home. It was on days like this that I was thankful for our bus driver, Rev. Henry Stallings, and his wife who accompanied us on this trip and made sure that our weary travelers made it home safely each night.

It was a wonderful week, and we are grateful to all the congregation members who supported us through our Dessert Theater and other donations. I am thankful for Rick Lane, Sue Bentley, and Emme Levins who joined us as chaperones as well as Nathan Goff who also served as our wonderful accompanist. They not only made this trip possible by their presence, but also more fun! We'll see what new "magic" we can conjure up for next year's choir tour to Orlando!

In Christ,

*Mary Virginia*



## NAME BADGE SUNDAYS

Name tags help others learn your name and you learn their name.

They show hospitality to guests.

They will help all of us get to know each other.

We will have temporary name badges available for the Sundays in July, & August. Thank you for wearing one!

## SUMMER PLAYLIST

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

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!!!

## SUMMER VENTURES

For children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

You **MUST** register your child in advance for these events in order to attend.

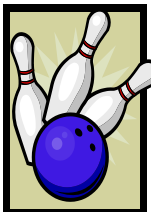
We have to know how many children to prepare for! You may register online at [www.fumcopelika.org](http://www.fumcopelika.org) or call Laura at the church office (745-7604) or call or text Drew (524-6617).



SWIMMING TUESDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12 (noon)

\$5 per child (includes lunch)

Drop off and pick up at the home of the Couey's  
1213 Live Oak Circle, Opelika



BOWLING (@ GOOD TIMES ) TUESDAY, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 12 (noon)

\$15 per child (includes Pizza lunch)

Send arcade money if they want to play arcade games.

Drop off and pick up at Good Times in Auburn



CYBERZONE TUESDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 12 (noon)

\$15 per child (includes Pizza lunch)

Send arcade money if they want to play arcade games.

Drop off and pick up at Cyberzone



SURGE TRAMPOLINE PARK TUESDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

### **Greeters**

8:30 a.m.: Donald Hood  
& John Reichmann;  
Paul & Suzie Bush

11:00 a.m.:

Richard & Sherry Freeman;  
Robbie & Amanda Elkins

### **Gathering Music**

Jim Warman

### **Cross Bearer:**

11:00 a.m.  
Adam Cason

### **Acolytes**

8:30 a.m.:

Jackson & Sadie Rainey

11:00 a.m.:

Caroline Couey & Kyle Epperson

### **Sound & Video**

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

### **Ushers**

8:30 am:

Michael Vance (Captain),  
Ben Bugg, Blake Epperson, Andy  
Jordan, Jon Tate, & Buddy Young

11:00 am:

George Walker (captain),  
Mike McKee (Co-Captain),  
Michael Guy, Chris Harrison,  
David Kastner, Bill Levins,  
Jason McKay, & Jeff Suhling

### **Welcome Letters**

Margaret Walker

### **Nurturing Notes**

Esther Marshall

### **Flower Ministry**

Nell Samford, Phoebe Branch,  
& Lorene Paschal

### **Tuesday Morning Volunteer**

Barbara Sims

### **Hospital Visitation Ministry**

July 9 - Bob Ingram

July 10 - Jo Lovell

July 11 - Lynn Harrington

July 12 - Joe Harrington

July 13 - Lindy White

### **Jail Ministry**

Ginger McKee, Ron & Sharon  
Rooks, Margaret Rogers,  
& Danielle Goff

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

July 1, 2018

### **Attendance**

Sunday School: 184  
Worship: Sunday Morning: 380

### **Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$15,994

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, July 8**

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Jr Hi Sunday Night Youth

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Sr Hi Sunday Night Youth

### **Monday, July 9**

10:00 a.m. - Jail Ministry Wrapping Party & Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Jr Hi Pool Party

### **Tuesday, July 10**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Sr Hi Lake Day

9:30 a.m. - Noon - Summer Ventures

5:00 p.m. - Grocery Delivery

### **Wednesday, July 11**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - O Town Ice Cream  
@ Cyber Zone

### **Thursday, July 12**

6:00 p.m. - Jr Hi Girls Swim & Bible Study  
@ Susannah Couey's pool

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## Jail Ministry - July 3, 2018

**Volunteers:** Boody Brown, Nann Ogletree, Rebecca Sanderson, Margaret Rogers

**Inmates ministered to:** 49 women

**Bibles given:** 4

**Message:** "Power: The Gift of God" - Danielle Fornea

*God gives his followers the gift of Himself in the form of His Holy Spirit.*

**Scripture reference:** Ephesians 3:14 - 19

### Christmas in July!

The jail committee is trying to get prepared for the Advent season by going ahead and wrapping the shoe-boxes that will be given to the inmates at the annual Christmas services in December.

But, we need boxes!!

Please bring any empty shoe boxes you may have to the church office by July 9. *Thank you!!*

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## 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 - July 8 (Second Sunday Worship)**

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

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

**JR HI Pool Party on Monday, July 9,** from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m @ Nolen Wilson's pool

**SR HI Lake Day on Tuesday, July 10,** from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. cost is \$20.00 plus food money!

**O Town Ice Cream on Wednesday, July 11** from 6:30-7:30pm at Cyber Zone!

**JR HI Girls Swim & Bible Study on Thursday, July 12,** @ 6 p.m. at Susannah Couey's house!

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## Thank You

Dear FUMC Family Members:

We believe that the best blessings come straight out of the blue. This was the case on yesterday (July 1) when your parishioners, Debbie Allen & David Sanders, came to our campus—out of the blue—with blessing is a bun. Thank you for remembering our children with 70 hotdogs (left from your All American Hot Dog Celebration) along with condiments. There's nothing much better than a juicy hot dog in July!

I wanted you to know that the kids in our Regional Detention & Residential Treatment programs devoured the dogs in no time flat. But more than the gift of food, we want to thank you for the gift of your kindness and generosity. Our children in care have oceans of chaos and it is truly a blessing when they can find islands of peace—enjoying a great hot dog brought to them an island of peace and for this we are grateful.

Wishing you all a wonderful and festive Fourth of July holiday. Thank you once again.

Blessing & peace,  
Laura Cooper

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# Prayer Concerns

## Arbor Springs:

Dot Norrell

## Home:

David Alexander

*(Marcia Alexander's husband)*

Patty Allen

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)

Kathy Groves

Bill Harrelson & Lou Harrelson

Barbara Hartley

*(Marrell Hartley's mother)*

Jennifer Koon

Wayne McLendon

*(friend of Judy Smith)*

Dot Mitchell

Donna Moreman

Oscar Penn

Joan Salter

Fran Smith

Theron Sorrell

*(Jake Thompson's grandfather)*

Earl Sumners

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)*

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 Grozmann

*(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)*

## 2018 Honduras Mission Team (July 12 - July 19)

Ramsey & Leslie Anabtawi

David Bevley

Robert & Karelia Burrows & family

Eric Canada

Joan Darlington

Traci Elrod

Katie Epperson

Laurie Fuson

Curtis Graf

Clay & Jennifer Harper

Harrison Harper

Banks Harper

Beka Hines

Kennedie, Kim, & Tess Hudson

Caroline Johnston

Thomas Irby

Rick & Chona Lane

John McMurphy

Dee Dee & Madison Moreman

Elizabeth Morrow

Sarah Morrow

Ansley Plan

Raleigh Sarazen

Bob Sharpe

Mary Howard Singleton

Kevin Stout

Anslee Tatum

Crawford Tatum, III

Tim & Sara Jane Tatum

Carlyn Warren

Elizabeth & Margaret Whittelsey

Nolen & Robin Wilson

Jennifer Wood