

September 28, 2018

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Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ

Unnecessary Words

They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. ¹² And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. ¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. Job 2:11-13 ESV

Sometimes, there just aren't words. The hard moments in life come and there seem to be no words of comfort to offer, no gesture seems worthy to convey the deepest sense of love, sorrow, or empathy that we would like to express to friends in their time of need. We desperately want to say something, anything, to lessen their pain, to bring them hope, to distract them from that which hurts; yet we flounder for the language which never comes out right.

I've been there. Gracious, often times I *live* there. There are hundreds of articles and blogs that will give suggestions about how to talk to friends who are suffering or grieving, but I find that there sadly is no script of the appropriate thing to say. But this should never stop us from trying to reach out and show that we care. I hear countless stories of how moved people are by phone calls, cards, notes, casseroles, visits, prayers, and presence of those who are with them during suffering or grief. Even if they were in too much pain for a visit, just knowing that someone cared enough to send a card or bring by a jar of jellybeans or bake a cake meant the world. Even if someone stumbled over words at a visitation, the family has never forgotten that they cared enough to come to show love through the ministry of presence.

It doesn't take words to show you care. If you look at the book of Job, his friends showed much more compassion by their presence than by their words. So make the gesture, write the note, pick up the phone, sit with brothers and sisters in their time of need without saying a word. Be the compassionate presence of the Body of Christ in this world.

Yours,



Robin

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Wednesday, October 3rd
Make plans to join us for MIDWEEK!
5 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Supper
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Classes

Menu: Barbecue Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, & Dessert

Supper Reservations due by Monday @ 10 a.m. Please register in one of the following ways:

Call the Church (334-745-7604)  Email: lauraboggs@fumcopelika.org

Online: www.fumcopelika.org  Fill out the Blue Pew Card

**ADULT CLASSES for this term
begins this Wednesday, October 3 thru November 14, 2018**

**Please register for the class you will be attending by calling the church 334-745-7604
or register on our website.**

ASK: FAITH QUESTIONS IN A SKEPTICAL AGE

Teacher: Patrick Hitchman-Craig

We live in a skeptical age. Many people express doubts about the Christian faith. This study addresses the hard questions that all of us face when considering faith, religion and the church.

**SHE'S GOT ISSUES: SERIOUSLY GOOD NEWS FOR STRESSED-OUT, SECRETLY SCARED,
CONTROL FREAKS LIKE US**

Teacher: Charmoin Tatum

We've all got our issues. We deal with our issues every day in one form or another; the problem is, after a while, they start to feel...normal. Unchanging. Just part of who we are. We forget that we have access to the power of Christ -- a power that can transform our everyday weaknesses into our greatest strengths and gifts.

CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY

Teacher: Rebecca Sanderson

How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed. This study explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

MADE FOR A MIRACLE: FROM YOUR ORDINARY TO GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY

Teacher: Laura Hartley

There are two components to every miracle:

divine action and human responsibility. In this study you'll discover how to take whatever gifts, talents, and abilities you have and direct them toward God's work in the world.

All Children's Choirs and Classes will remain the same.

All Youth Activities will remain the same.



Jail Ministry

We are in need of empty shoe boxes.

In November, FUMC will prepare over 400 shoe boxes for the inmates at the Lee County Detention Center. We will fill these with Christmas gifts in November. If you have any shoe boxes that you would like to get rid of please bring them to the church.

Jail Ministry - September 25, 2018

Volunteers: Ron & Sharon Rooks, Fay Burns, Margaret Rogers

Inmates ministered to: 29 men

Bibles given: 3

Message: Worth the Wait - Danielle Fornea

Sometimes we are tempted to take the easy-way out, to grab the here-and-now, to pursue the shiny things Satan dangles in front of us, but looking ahead to the rewards God has for us is worth the wait.

Scripture reference: Hebrews 11:24-26



FUMC - Opelika Charge Conference

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

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 September 30th

One Accord Youth Choir from 4 - 5pm

Cyber Zone Night! Jefferson's restaurant from 5 - 6:30. Cost is \$5.

Cyber Zone from 6:30 - 7:30pm! Cost is \$5.

Wednesday Night Youth on October 3rd

5 - 6pm is MATT

6 - 7 are J Groups

Sunday Night Youth on October 7th

One Accord Youth Choir from 4 - 5pm

Jr Hi from 5 - 6:30pm

Sr Hi from 6 - 7:30pm

CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN



As many of you may have seen, our new Realm child check-in is now ready for use. We are excited to implement this safety measure as we strive to protect the children at FUMC! Our two check-in kiosks are located on the first floor by the portico door entrance and by the nursery entrance outside of Mrs. Laura Boggs' desk. Children ages 6th grade and under should check-in for all nursery, Sunday school, Children's Church, BLAST or Midweek events. After entering the child's name in the Kiosk and checking in to the event, the Kiosk will print two name tags. One tag is for the child to wear and one is for the parent to keep with a matching code for safety of picking up the child. Thank you for your support and understanding as we implement this important safety measure for our children! Please let us know if you have any questions or see any ways we can improve our new check-in process.



FLU SHOTS — Wednesday, October 10th
4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall Foyer
Bring your insurance cards!

MEMORIALS

Carol Barlow: Rose Anne Hurd



MY JERUSALEM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
IN OPELIKA & AUBURN**

We are so excited that FUMC is planning to serve on Oct. 6th for My Jerusalem!

We are already hard at work putting together the details to bring everyone together to serve to rebuild the broken and restore the people who are in distress in our community. We believe these individuals and families will feel the love of Jesus as needs are met!

All ages are needed! On Oct. 6th there will be multiple ways to serve! To sign up to serve visit our website <http://theway2serve.org/> or fill out the form at Laura's desk.

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.:
Pat & Anna Douglas
Charlotte Ward

11:00 a.m.:
Jason & Laura McKay
Bill & June Garrett

Gathering Music

Jim Warman

Cross Bearer: 11:00 a.m.
Julia Bush

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.:
Erin Kemp & Sara Kate Speakman
11:00 a.m.:
Sarah Bush & Susan Gaston

Sound & Video

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

Ushers

8:30 a.m.:
Barbara Patton (Captain), Becky
Bailey, Edna Caldwell, Betty Hilyer,
Sarah Wilson, & Brenda Woods

11:00 a.m.:
Mike McKee (Captain), George
Walker (Co-Captain), Bob Ingram,
Don Lawrence, Bill Levins, Arvle
Marshall, Larry Wieczorek,
& Ben Yates

Welcome Letters

Anthony White

Nurturing Notes

Mary Jessica Perry

Tuesday Office Volunteer

Earle Wilkes

Flower Ministry

Nell Samford,
John & Connie Carver

Hospital Visitation Ministry

October 1
Leigh Bass
October 2
Pam Hope
October 3
Lisa Abercrombie
October 4
Joanne Woodall
October 5
Danielle Fornea

Jail Ministry

Brenda Woods, Carol Powers,
Cynn timer James, Margaret Rogers,
Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

September 23, 2018

Attendance

Sunday School: 205
Worship: 332
MIDWEEK: 159

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$14,507

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 30

8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - One Accord Youth Ensemble
5:00 p.m. - Youth (Off Campus)

Monday, October 1

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool

Tuesday, October 2

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool
5:00 p.m. - E Teen
5:15 p.m. - Wesley Ringers
6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo
MIDWEEK
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Supper
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Classes

Thursday, October 4

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Sonshine Preschool
5:15 p.m. - L.A.F.F.

Friday, October 5

Saturday, October 6

8:00 a.m. - My Jerusalem

Prayer Concerns

Children's (Atlanta):

Reed Albers
(Kim Epperson's nephew)

EAMC:

Barbara Curry
Joe Groom
(Lindsey Owens & Emily Prescott's grandfather)

Home:

David Alexander
(Marcia Alexander's husband)
Lori Botta
Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)
Bette Corley
(Nann Ogletree's mother)
Betty & Hal Cummings
Courtney & James Daniel
Catherine Davis
C J Dodd (Arole & Esther Marshall's grandson)
Edgar Edwards
(Jo Ellen James' father)
Nancy Einglett
(Becky Bailey's sister-in-law)
Becky Gaston
Anne Grady (Camellia Place)
Trey Gafford
Barbara Hartley
(Marrell Hartley's mother)
Johnny Johnson
(Judy Smith's brother)
Donna McCard
(Becky Bailey's sister)
Hannah McDonald
(Shirley & Aaron Harrington's niece)
Donna Moreman
Dana Morgan (friend of Pam Hope)
Dot Norrell
Oscar Penn
Peggy Rawls
Fran Smith
Theron Sorrell
(Jake Thompson's grandfather)
Earl Sumners
Jody Wilkerson
(Deborah Mitchell's brother)

Out of Town:

Mark Allen
(Debbie Allen's brother)
Evan Ashby (Macy Finck's cousin)
Mildred Beals (Hoover)
Scott Boggs
(brother of Kenneth Boggs)
Hartley Brabner
(Tina Roberts' infant great niece)
Shirley Brown
(Ginger Perkins' sister-in-law)
Ruth Chen (friend of Wei Beach)
Shannon Cook
(friend of Earle & Kenny Wilkes)
Greg Greaves
(friend of Sherri Rowton)
Traci Hart
(Pam Hope's sister-in-law)
Madeline & Sam Hayes, Jr.
(grandchildren of Sharon & Ron Rooks)
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)
Doug Letlow (Betty Letlow's son)
Allen Liu (Wei Beach's nephew)
Buddy Loyd (Laura Boggs' father)
Teri Meinhardt
(friend of Robin Wilson)
Lexi Melton
(great niece of Stanley Melton, III)
Bob Miller
(Sam Bailey's brother-in-law)
June Pyle (Ken Woolley's sister)
Ed Reynolds
(Kim Epperson's father)
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)
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)
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)