

Making lifetime followers of Jesus Christ



“Just Another Magic Monday”

On one of the prettiest days in October, 36 students and their adult chaperones from Lynn Haven, Florida walked inside our church asking for only one thing – that we pray for them. They had left what looked like a war zone in Florida to escape and get a break from the devastation that surrounded them because of Hurricane Michael. What happens when you answer a simple request for help? Well, with a simple answer of yes, God can use your little for His much. On that morning, we as a church family stretched out our hands towards them as our pastor, Robin, led us in a prayer specifically for them. Earlier, Rick had sent out a text to the staff to ask how we might love on them when they were here. The youth were having their annual cookout that night and were able to include the Lynn Haven students in their event, but they still needed something to do on Monday. Well, we have a donut shop and I don't know many kids who don't like donuts so that was easy. I asked Rick if he thought they might be interested, and he thought the kids might enjoy that. Then I began to wonder if the friends that I have who work in businesses right around me might want to be involved in giving the students not just a break from what they were going through, but also offer a little hope and a few smiles along the way.

I walked out of our door with nothing more than a willingness to do something for the kids and shared what I planned to do with the neighbor to my right. The next thing I knew, Taco Mama wanted to cater a meal for the students. So I thought, that was pretty easy, what if I keep on walking. The very next store, Dress Up, donated a \$25 gift card and a beautiful necklace as a gift for one of the girls. Then I started thinking, how can we just give two of the girls something...so I kept walking.

Before I knew it, I had enough t-shirts from Charming Oaks for every student, phone supplies from Cellairis, free Toomer's lemonade for all the kids, Chick-fil-A chicken minis, Jimmy John's sandwiches, and Five Guys' fries. The kids were fed for the day. Wow – talk about God taking our little and making it into His much! I made a few more phone calls on Saturday and when I came back to our shop on Sunday afternoon, there were multiple bags of gifts for the kids that had been dropped off by local merchants. Gifts from Therapy, Fab'rik, Wrapsody, and the Locker Room. My heart was overwhelmed by the “much” that God had laid on the hearts of people to give versus the “little” that I had expected.

And God just didn't stop there. On Monday morning as I was counting gifts, wanting to make sure that every student was blessed with a surprise, a few women walked in to have breakfast and they asked what I was doing. After I had rung them up for their breakfast and their gift shop purchases, I realized that they had left the gifts on the counter. As I followed them to the door to give them the things they left, they told me that they had overheard that I might be short, and they didn't want anyone to be left out. They were leaving part of the items they had purchased with the intention that they be given to the kids. I wanted to stop right there and thank God for the spurring on of the Holy Spirit that makes us respond to the needs of those around us.

I know you are thinking this must be the end of the story, but God continued to move hearts that day. As I was on the phone with one of our suppliers trying to place an order, I left her hanging because I needed to help get drinks for the kids. As I apologized later and tried to explain to her why this Monday was not just any ordinary Monday, she asked me how many students were with us so that she could send each of them a pair of the crazy socks we carry in our shop, free of charge! Total strangers having no connection to these students were stepping up all around me. What if our church decided to say yes and step up to answer God's calling to impact each and every one of those we come in contact with? And what if we don't come in contact with them in our everyday lives but intentionally choose to walk into their lives to impact them with the love of Christ...a love that would change their lives forever.

The students ended their afternoon at Cyber Zone and then went for an awesome night of worship at Auburn Ignite. It was held in the Auburn arena and Sadie Robertson from Duck Dynasty was a special guest. I would like to share just one more sweet moment of God loving on these kids while they were here. As the kids were going around Auburn to thank the merchants, they walked back in to Toomer's and there was Sadie Robertson, who sweetly took the time to be a part of their selfies. Isn't God good! On the morning of their departure, because of the special offering given by our church, Rick was able to give each family present \$100 to help meet some of their needs when they returned home. What if we had dismissed the need that Rick shared with us? We would have missed the powerful Hand of God working mightily through our cracked vessels so that we could be included in His work. My spirit needed Monday. I'm not so sure that the reason Monday happened was not as much for the kids as it was for all of those involved who took the time to look outwardly and upwardly and were changed because of it.

Thanks for the text, Rick!!!!

Yours, Teresa Viguera
(our newest member & our Associate Director of Music)



Lynn Haven United
Methodist Church

Hurricane Michael

FUMC Opelika has given the following monetary donations for Hurricane Michael Relief:

UMCOR: \$3,290.00

AL West FL Conference: \$11,955.00

Lynn Haven United Methodist Church Youth Families: \$3,200.00

TOTAL: \$18,445.00 **You may continue to give monetary gifts through FUMC.
Please mark your gift "Hurricane Michael".**

**The biggest needs at this time are: 1. Monetary Gifts
2. Flood Buckets**



FLOOD BUCKETS

- **One five-gallon round bucket** with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d) No screw lids, may be used, but must be free from all residual product, advertisements on the outside acceptable
- **One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner** - No spray cleaners
- **One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap**
- **One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener** (three solid, or three gel fresheners also acceptable)
- **One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent** (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- **One scrub brush** - With or without handle
- **18 re-useable cleaning wipes** - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels, remove from packaging
- **5 scouring pads sponges** - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them, Remove from packaging
- **36-50 clothespins**
- **One 50-100 ft. clothesline** (cotton or plastic line)
- **24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags** (33-45-gallon sizes) - Remove from packaging
- **5 N95 particulate respirator dust masks** (1-3 mm thickness) - No surgical masks
- **Two pairs kitchen gloves** - Durable for multiple uses, Remove from packaging
- **One pair work gloves** - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- Place all liquid items in the bucket first.
- Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.
- Scouring pads and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket.
- Clothes pins may also be placed in a small re-sealable bag.
- Secure the lid on the filled bucket.

Important Notes

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid.
 - All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.
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**Servants in Christ Sunday School
Stew Fundraiser**

All proceeds go to FUMC Opelika Ministries
Pick up Sunday, November 18, between 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Tickets are available from class members or in the church office.

\$9.00 a quart
\$32.00 a gallon



FUMC Fall Festival

THIS Sunday, Nov. 4th

2:30-5:30

**Opelika Monkey Park
700 5th Ave Opelika**

Fun for all ages! Bring a friend!

**Inflatables for Children and Youth,
Bingo, Cake Walk, and more!**

Train rides 3:30-4:30 and Ms. Story's Hot Dogs 4:00-5:30

**Bring your Lawn Chairs and blankets
Bring an item to donate for Hurricane Relief**

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◀ **IS THE TIME** ▶

2019 Commitment Cards

If you have not had the opportunity to turn
in your Commitment Card,
you may still do so!!!

Cards may be placed in the offering plate
on Sunday morning or you may mail or
bring them to the church office.



Wednesday, November 7

Supper begins @ 5pm

Children's Choirs @ 5:15pm

Classes @ 6pm

Chancel Choir @ 7:15pm

MENU: Chili, Pasta Salad, Homemade Cornbread, & Dessert



Prizes needed for Fall Festival Cake Walk THIS SUNDAY!!!

Cakes, Cookies & Brownies are needed for Cake Walk Prizes.

Please bring them to the table in the hallway near the portico entrance

on Sunday, Nov. 4th, or bring them to the Fall Festival.

They may be bought or homemade.



Congratulations to Mary Virginia Norris and Paul Kemp upon their marriage last weekend.

You are invited to a reception honoring the newlyweds on Sunday, November 18, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Communion Rail Offering this Sunday will be given to
SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology)**

SIFAT is a nonprofit Christian organization, provides training in community development in hard places in our world. Christian leaders learn self-help skills for basic human needs including physical and spiritual needs, social and economic.

YOUTH NEWS

***SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH**

Every Sunday morning up in the Cross Cafe from 9:30-10:30. Milk and cereal and God's Word!

***SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH**

November 4th is our church Fall Festival from 2:30-5:30 at the Monkey Park! No cost. No Youth Choir this night.

***WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH on November 7th and 14th**

MATT from 5-6pm

J Groups from 6-7

O Town Ice Cream at Cyber Zone on November 14th from 6-7pm!

November 14th is our last WN Youth for the year.

***SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH ON NOVEMBER 11th**

Youth Choir from 4-5pm

Jr Hi Youth from 4:30-6:30

Sr Hi from 5-7

Missions Night and The Five!



Men's Breakfast
Sunday, November 4
7:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Emergency Response Team Informational Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 8

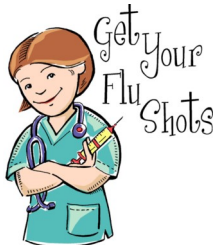
6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Members of our church who are interested in working with disaster relief efforts are invited to attend this informational meeting. Eric and Ellen Canada recently attended an ERT training session sponsored by UMCOR. They will discuss the purpose and criteria for ERT teams and work toward setting up teams from our church to work disaster relief efforts.

New Member

We are excited to have received Teresa Viguera into our FUMC Opelika membership.



FLU SHOTS

Wednesday, November 7th

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall Foyer

Bring your insurance cards!

MEMORIALS

Bob Floyd: Don Lawrence; Joan & Judson Salter

Edgar Edwards: Joan & Judson Salter; Kenny & Earle Wilkes

PRISON MINISTRY - October 30, 2018

Volunteers: Ginger McKee, Nann Ogletree, Boody Brown, Stephanie Harle, Margaret Rogers

Inmates: 43

Message: "Halloween and the Holy Spirit" by Sharon Rooks

LAITY MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Greeters

8:30 a.m.

Perry & Edna Caldwell,
Henry Jordan, Leila Tatum,
& Emmalee Thompson,
Andy & Stacey Jordan

11:00 a.m.

Mary Carol Hitchcock
& Barbara Sims
David & Kathie Kastner

Gathering Music

Shannon Cason

Crucifer

Joullian Rowton

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.

Daley Alsobrook &
Madalyn Taunton

11:00 a.m.

Grant Blythe & Nolen Wilson

Welcome Letters

Peggy Dyar

Sound & Video

8:30 a.m.

Nathan Goff

11:00 a.m.

Will Levins & Peter Elliott

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Blake Epperson (Captain),
Mike McKee (Co-Captain),
Henry Evans, Banks Tatum,
Trevor Thompson,
Turner Thompson, Rafe Vance,
Griffin Waller, & Nash Waller

11:00 a.m.

Kenneth Boggs (Captain),
Ramsey Anabtawi, Josh Brown,
David Canon, Bill Levins,
& Richard Shackelford

Nurturing Notes

Carole Smith

Tuesday Office Volunteer

Earle Wilkes

Flower Ministry

Nell Samford,
John & Connie Carver

Hospital Visitation Ministry

November 5

Leigh Bass

November 6

Pam Hope

November 7

Lisa Abercrombie

November 8

Joe Harrington

November 9

Lindy White

Jail Ministry

Rebecca Sanderson,
Brenda Woods, Cynn timer James,
Margaret Rogers, Danielle Fornea

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Attendance

Sunday School: 216

Worship: 351

Giving

Weekly Offering: \$8,128

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 4

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Fall Festival

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

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

9:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 7

7:00 a.m. - Men's Devo

MIDWEEK

5:00 p.m. - M.A.T.T.

5:00 p.m. - Supper

5:15 p.m. - Children's Choirs

6:00 p.m. - Classes

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 8

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

5:15 p.m. - L.A.F.F.F.

6:00 p.m. - ERT Information Meeting

The Saints of the Church

All Saints' Day is a time to remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully and shared their faith with us. We celebrate the lives of the faithful who have left this world for the world to come during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service this Sunday.

Richard Thomas "Tom" Lovell

February 21, 1934 - November 7, 2017

Jo-Ann Kidd

July 4, 1953 - November 16, 2017

Ileta Welch Sumners

February 2, 1921 - December 20, 2017

Era Claire Collins

February 16, 1926 - December 23, 2017

Martha Ross "Rossie" Meadows Culley

February 12, 1928 - January 4, 2018

Betty Gray Lawrence

September 28, 1941 - January 6, 2018

H S Bence

April 3, 1934 - January 17, 2018

Barbara York Allen

December 17, 1934 - March 20, 2018

David Whitt Dorsey, Sr.

June 30, 1927 - April 7, 2018

Clement Clay "Bo" Torbert, Jr.

August 31, 1929 - June 2, 2018

William James "Bill" Samford, II

March 14, 1936 - June 4, 2018

Sherleen Kyle Rew

March 27, 1959 - July 12, 2018

Kathryn Duncan Cooper

September 16, 1921 - July 27, 2018

Benjamin Edgar Edwards

October 18, 1938 - September 28, 2018

Prayer Concerns

EAMC:

Jim Grady

EAMC (Lanier): Buddy Lane
(friend of Tonya & Starr Hollis)

Home:

David Alexander (Marcia Alexander's husband)
Carol Askew
Mike Bass (Michael Bass' father)
Dean Bledsoe
Caroline Bugg
Mable Collins (Arbor Springs)
Al Cook
Bette Corley (Nann Ogletree's mother)
Betty & Hal Cummings
Courtney & James Daniel
C J Dodd (Arvle & Esther Marshall's grandson)
Nancy Einglett (Becky Bailey's sister-in-law)
Trey Gafford
Anne Grady (Camellia Place)
Barbara Hartley (Marrell Hartley's mother)
Earl Hartsfield (friend of Laura Fuller)
Monique Jenkins
Tom Krehling
Donna McCard (Becky Bailey's sister)
Jane & Phillip Moon (Joyce Windsor's cousins)
Dana Morgan (friend of Pam Hope)
Donna Moreman
Dot Norrell
Fran Smith
Theron Sorrell (Jake Thompson's grandfather)
Quinton & Merle Walton
Jody Wilkerson (Deborah Mitchell's brother)
Laurie Williams

Out of Town:

Evan Ashby (Macy Finck's cousin)
Mildred Beals (Hoover)
Emma Grace Brabner & Hartley Brabner (Tina Roberts' great nieces)

Beth Briele (daughter of Charles & Elizabeth Mason & Laura Seller's sister)
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)
Kinsley Green (Kyle & Sydney Bugg's niece)
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)
Allen Liu (Wei Beach's nephew)
Buddy Loyd (Laura Boggs' father)
Lexi Melton (great niece of Stanley Melton, III)
Bob Miller (Sam Bailey's brother-in-law)
Cathy Prescott (friend of Jamie Crews)
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)
Steve Smith (friend of Eric Canada)
Sutton Smith (grandson of Teresa & Ogie Ogletree)
Jackie Spann (Terri Knight's sister)
Jimmy Spence (Joyce Windsor's cousin)
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)

Christian Sympathy. . .

. . .is extended to Joyce Windsor and all of the family upon the death of her cousin, Rethia Spence.

. . .is extended to Gary & Becky Saggus and all of the family upon the death of Gary's father, Guy Saggus.

. . .is extended to Don Lawrence & all of the family upon the death of his sister, Evelyn Roebuck.

We offer our prayers for all those affected by Hurricane Michael.