



# THE HERALD

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Greetings Church Family,

I hope this message finds you well after a beautifully stirring Holy Week and Easter celebration. I am so grateful of the work everyone put into making this special season of our church so incredibly fulfilling and meaningful to so many.

### MISSION

*To Make Disciples  
of  
Jesus Christ*

Our partnership with the wonderful people of Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church is such a blessing to our church and community with our weekly Lenten Lunches and combined Holy Week observances. We shared sanctuaries, parish halls, and even chancel choirs! I truly believe that we are serving as an excellent example to our community of what Christ-like unity looks and feels like.

### VISION

*We are seeking to reach  
beyond ourselves by  
Inviting others to a Life  
in Jesus,  
Growing as Disciples, and  
Caring for People.*

I was especially moved during our Maundy Thursday worship at Saint Luke’s, as I looked out and saw our two churches washing each other’s feet & hands and kneeling together at the altar to receive the Eucharist. I remember thinking to myself in that moment, “THIS! THIS is what it means to BE THE CHURCH!”

We didn’t impose our differing theologies upon one another; yet we didn’t walk on eggshells around each other either! We were authentically and respectfully ourselves! After all, we must remember that for us, as United Methodists, going to the Episcopal Church is akin to going home to visit our mother. John Wesley surprisingly never pastored a Methodist Church; rather, he remained an Anglican priest throughout his life while initiating the renewal movement within the church that would become known as Methodism.

### MINISTRY TEAM

#### Every Member

Minister

#### Pastor

Rev. Corey Burns

#### Allison Haley

Music

#### Dr. Amy Holder

Children

#### Billie Jo Burns

Nursery & Lambs

#### Dr. Hardin Coleman

#### Lora Hass

Youth

#### Joy Overby

Church Administrator

#### Jane Doss

Pianist

#### Shirley Rossano

Organist

#### Susan Kane

Communications

Director

While we are still on our way to officially being in “Full Communion” with the Episcopal Church, I believe we got a glimpse of how beautiful it will be...and perhaps even a glimpse of that “heavenly banquet” that we mention in our communion liturgies, where ALL are invited, and EVERYONE has a seat at Christ’s table to enjoy the abundant and eternal meal of life!

Our week ended with remembering Christ’s death on the cross on Good Friday by reading the passion story and stripping our altars as Jesus was stripped of his dignity and executed as a criminal. Our sanctuary took on an eerie tone with black cloths covering the altar table and crosses, symbolizing the darkness that consumed creation when the Light of the World was seemingly snuffed out. Our worship space, like the world, lie in darkness and silence.

Then, we gathered in the church’s amphitheater on Sunday morning as the sun peeked over the tree line. The sun giving rise to a new day reminded us that darkness must flee when the light is present. Unity Youth’s Chandler Hurt delivered a timely and heartfelt message that the stone that sealed Christ in the darkness of the tomb was rolled away to let the light of the world in.

In addition to that, we gathered for worship in the sanctuary with a packed house, where the silence was broken by 20 children with tambourines...yes, the children were given tambourines...in case you missed it, you should check out the Facebook Live feed! You’ll find yourself watching it again and again focusing on a different kid each time. It’s gold!

What an awesome week it was!

I hope to see you all again this week at The Table on Wednesday evening at 5:30 and for worship on Sunday morning at 10:00!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Corey

THOSE SERVING

FINANCIAL

April  
**David Latham**  
**Debra Barrentine**  
**Blake Wright**  
**Lisa Armstrong**

May  
**Bill Layton**  
**Jack Livingston**  
**Carolyn Rodgers**

WORSHIP SERVICE

SOUND SYSTEM/  
AUDIO VISUAL

**Byron Burton**  
**Kameron Brown**



**Discovering  
Life  
WITH GOD**  
**DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2025**  
MAY 2-4  
*Register Online*



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
116 S BRINDLEY ST  
SCOTTSBORO, AL 35768

WEEK ENDED

April 20, 2025  
1,807

Worship Attendance

**In person Worship:**  
**10:00am**  
**Children, Youth &  
Family Ministry,  
& Special Services**

**UStream Channel  
(website),  
Facebookradio, and  
radio/tv Broadcast.**



# Unity Youth

## Just GO

I am so inspired by the faith of Abraham. His story reminds me of the old saying ‘the devil is in the details’ because Abraham knew that God was in the calling. God just said go and Abraham said “Let’s Go”. Now, I know God but I also know me and I’m pretty sure I would have firmly requested a little more info before packing up my family and heading in a direction with no stated destination. Yet, when God says go, our only faithful response is Let’s go.

Then, like all of us, Abraham had some challenges along the way. He got it wrong a few times, spiritually stumbled, and pushed his own plan when God required a wait (25 years is a long time of faithful waiting). Sometimes our ‘let’s go’ can turn into an ‘oh no’. There are times to be still and wait on God and if constantly going we may miss these moments. God works in the wait.

And then, sometimes our hardest testing with God is when we are called to compromise a blessing. God will test us but the thing to remember is a test is not on new information...a test is about something we have already been taught. God tested Abraham when calling him to bring his promised son for a sacrifice. Abraham got a passing grade as he learned to ‘let it go’. We have a hard enough time letting go of pain, hurt, resentments, and harmful addictions...now we come to realize that God might call us to let go of victories and blessings.

Then finally, we can hear from God...’now go’. Walking with God can seem like an extended game of red light - green light. But obeying God is always a process: Let’s go, oh no (hold on), let is go, and now go. Listen, learn, and lean in to God’s callings. Like Abraham we will sometimes get it wrong but just like for Abraham, God will make it right. God’s promises are true, His love is working in your life always, and His faithfulness never falters. Blessings, Hardin





# Children's Midweek Ministry Fun!





## 2025 Easter Lily Memorials/Honorariums In Support of the FUMC Youth Ministry



### MEMORIALS

- In Memory of Arthur Beard  
By Glenda Beard & Family
- In Memory of Anna Ruth & Paul Campbell  
By Mary & Rick Nixon
- In Memory of Janet & Phil Christian  
By Hank Frazier
- In Memory of Carl & Brenda Clark  
By Jason & Tanya Welch
- In Memory of Bill & Johnnie Coleman  
By Sharon Royal
- In Memory of Jane & Paul Conley  
By Hank Frazier
- In Memory of Laura Christian Cotter  
By Hank Frazier
- In Memory of Jean Stanley glass  
By Stanley Woodall and Diane & Tom McMahan
- In Memory of Daniel Hammond  
By Shirley Rossano
- In Memory of John & Elsie Kane  
By Ron & Susan Kane family
- In Memory of Ann Livingston  
By Steve Livingston
- In Memory of Bob & Madolyn Lough  
By Ron & Susan Kane family
- In Memory of our daughter, Anna Laura Masters  
By Jeff & Chris Masters
- In Memory of Gerald McCauley  
By Ruth & The Children
- In Memory of Elizabeth & Victor Nixon  
By Mary & Rick Nixon

- In Memory of Jim Smith  
By Jim Smith's family
- In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W.D. Stanley  
By Stanley Woodall and Diane & Tom McMahan
- In Memory of Rena & Raymond Ward  
By Larry Ward
- In Memory of Brian Woodall  
By Stanley Woodall and Diane & Tom McMahan
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Brooks Woodall  
By Stanley Woodall and Diane & Tom McMahan
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. D.P. Woodall  
By Stanley Woodall and Diane & Tom McMahan

### HONORARIUMS

- In Honor of Our Children & Grand Children  
By Fred & Martha Welch
- In Honor of Dustin Hammond  
By Shirley Rossano
- In Honor of Jack & Sue Livingston  
By Steve Livingston
- In Honor of Brandon & Amanda Royal  
By Sharon Royal
- In Honor of Stephen Royal  
By Sharon Royal
- In Honor of Ann Smith's family  
By Ann Smith
- In Honor of Fred & Martha Welch  
By Jason & Tanya Welch
- Easter Lilies Purchased**
- By Harvey & Carol Reimer

# EASTER with my children!

-Dr. Amy & Children's Ministry Team



## PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

Our Youth & Discovery Weekend, Children, UMC Conference, Our Community, Nation/World Community, U.S. Troops, Healthcare & 1st Responders, Schools.

### Our Church Family

Mary Ruth Bennett	Shannon Hurt
Linda Bray	Jerry Kirkland
Amanda P. Bryars	Barbara Partin
Nancy Campbell	Kay & Skip Rogers
Mary K. Carlton	Ann R. Sanders
Maria Copeland	Molly Sellers
Johnny Crabtree	Pat Smith
Ralph & Libby	Gary Stewart
Franklin	Tal Thomas
Annie Ruth Fossett	Tony Wallingsford
Angie Gant	Tracy Wallingsford
Nancy Graham	Linette & Keith
Alex Holder	Webb

Margaret Bailey  
 April Ballard  
 Jordan Beebe & Brycen  
 Angie Bledsoe  
 Jocelyn Boles  
 Brother-Anita Tolliver  
 Bob Brune  
 Billy & Brenda Burns  
 Ron Clements  
 Tujuana Coley  
 Mildred L. Cook family  
 Charles Dawson  
 Judy Dawson  
 Allan & Sarita Dozier  
 Wendall Dudley  
 Vera Dunson

### Our Church Friends

Barbara Partin's father's family	Brenda Little family
Anne Flournoy	Susan Livingston
Kristen & Colby Gann	Macey McCauley
Rev. Roy Hall	Denise Monza
Beth Hargrove	Rev. Joy Morgan
Shirl Haswell	Jordon Otinger
Randy Hillhouse	Leigha Phillips
Caroline Hodges	Holly Sanders & baby
Mary Ann Holland	Gail Sherwood
Judy Hughes	Janet Sprouse
Foster Hunt	Ellen Thomas
Glen Jacobs	Donna Vincent
Bill Latham	Lee Ann Walker
Joan Lee	Kaetlyn Weaver
Bob Leighton family	Maurita Wiggins
Levi Lima	Steve Wilburn
	Cred Wooden family

All our members who are homebound, at assisted living facilities, and nursing homes:

#### HIGHLANDS

#### HEALTH & REHAB

Bob Hodges

#### HUNTSVILLE

Faye Berry  
 Joanne Stewart

#### MARYVILLE, TN

Dorothy Hopps

#### ROSEWOOD MANOR

Kaye Johnson  
 Virginia Wallingsford

#### SOUTHERN ESTATES

Shirley Haislip  
 Jo Smith  
 Don Wright

#### HOME

Revia Melton  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Mildred Shelton  
 Martha Lou Wright





## Also in May ...

- 2nd to 4th- **Discovery Weekend**
- 6th-**Agape Circle** in Fellowship Hall
- 11th-**Mother's Day**
- 18th-**Children's/Youth End of School Party**
- 22nd-**Last School Day for Students**
- 23rd-**High School Graduation Day**
- 26th-**Memorial Day**—*Church Office closed*
- 28th-31st - **Annual Conference** in Birmingham



**2nd Sunday of Easter, April 27**  
 8:45am Sunday School  
 10:00am **Worship**—Sanctuary  
 5:30-7pm 1st Kids/Youth Evening Activities

**Monday, April 28**  
 5:30-7pm Tai Chi lessons @ Fellowship Campus

**Tuesday, April 29**  
 6-8:00pm Community Band @ Fellowship Campus

**Wednesday, April 30**  
 1:00pm **Nourish One Child** @ Fellowship Campus  
 4:45pm Choir Practice @ Choir Room  
 5:30-7pm **The Table** – meal & small groups @ FH  
 5:30-7pm Tai Chi Lessons @ Fellowship Campus

**Thursday, May 1**  
 9:30am Caring Card Ministry  
 6-8:00pm Music Valley Playhouse @ Fellowship Campus

**Friday, May 2 –Youth DISCOVERY WEEKEND begins**

**Saturday, May 3-DISCOVERY WEEKEND**

**3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4**  
**DISCOVERY WEEKEND concludes**  
 8:45am Sunday School  
 10:00am **Worship**—Sanctuary  
 5:30-7pm 1st Kids/Youth Evening Activities