



THE HERALD

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Greetings Church Family,

MISSION

*To Make Disciples
of
Jesus Christ*

VISION

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

MINISTRY TEAM

Every Member

Minister

Pastor

Rev. Corey Burns

Allison Haley

Music

Dr. Amy Holder

Children

Dr. Amy Holder

Nursery

Dr. Hardin Coleman

Lora Hass

Youth

Joy Overby

Church Administrator

Jane Doss

Pianist

Shirley Rossano

Organist

Brittany Hovanec

Children's Place Director

Susan Kane

Membership/
Communications

What a wonderfully busy day this past Sunday was!

We started off the day on a one hour to delay allowing for the outdoor temperature to rise and melt icy roadways. While winter's bitter sting was certainly felt in the Tennessee Valley last weekend, it could not deter the warmth of the spiritual fire burning within the hearts of our church, as we witnessed the baptism of two of our own, Weston Colus & Hunter Hilliard! We even shared in the experience of "remembering" our own Baptisms, where we were reminded of how blessed we are because of WHOSE we are! What a fitting way to celebrate the very Sunday that we commemorate Jesus' own baptism in the waters of the Jordan River two millennia ago.

Then, Sunday afternoon, the people of Scottsboro FUMC descended upon the Rec*Com as Weston and Hunter entered the Baptismal waters to be immersed and, by grace, formally incorporated into Christ's body as a member of Christ's church. We continued our worship at Buena Vista, where the queso and guacamole served as a sort of means of grace as we enjoyed each other's company.

Sitting at the table that evening, the smiles were contagious. There was a sense that we were part of something much greater than any one of us. Sure, we were stuffing our faces with chips and salsa, which is enough to make anyone smile with joy; however, I was reminded of the Baptismal covenant outlined in our liturgy:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Rec*Com Pool...Buena Vista...Come to think of it, throughout the four Gospels, Jesus and his disciples spent most of their time by the water and around the table! The Christian life is deeply and inherently sacramental! Through the water...through the bread and the wine...we experience God's grace in our lives as we are incorporated into Christ's body and transformed (in community) into the people that we were created and called to be as we grow in love.

What an awesome way to start off this new year as Christ's church! I hope to see everyone for dinner at the Table Wednesday night at 5:30 and on Sunday morning at 10:00am!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Corey

THOSE SERVING FINANCIAL

January

Robin Kirkland
Carolyn Rodgers
Jack Livingston
Debra Barrentine

SOUND SYSTEM/ AUDIO VISUAL

Byron Burton
Leisha Holland
Kameron Brown

Up from the Holy Waters!

It was a beautiful Sunday celebrating the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I could not imagine a better Celebration than the Baptism of 2 of our faithful young believers, Weston Colus and Hunter Hilliard. These 2 students are all in for Jesus!! Weston has been participating regularly in Youth for the past 2 years and is currently involved in Confirmation Class. I particularly was so amazed and inspired with his participation, growth, and giving during our Summer Mission Trip to Jackson MS. Hunter has also been a full fledged Youth attender since jumping into Discovery Weekend 2 years ago and is also currently undergoing Confirmation studies. This past Fall while at the Hearts on Fire Youth Conference, Hunter accepted a spiritual transformation by asking Jesus into his heart.

This past Sunday, these 2 young gentlemen along with Pastor Corey and myself stepped into the Waters of Baptism. We are grateful to the Scottsboro Rec-Com's use of the heated pool - Lake Guntersville would have been a chilling experience! It overflows my heart to be a part of this Holy Sacrament and literal life changing decision with Weston and Hunter. With over 50 folks in attendance including many of our Youth...we had Church and Celebrated! Continue to pray for these young men and all our Youth as we come up from the Holy Waters and dive deeply into everything God has next this next semester.

Blessed and prayers for Blessings, Hardin

Thank you to the children and youth who took down the ornaments from the Christmas trees and carried out the Christmas tree. We also appreciate the youth moving the Christmas Mail Box into storage for another year.

There were many hands on deck in the process of moving the decorations in & out for the celebration — we thank everyone for all the help.

Mary K & Gene Carlton



WEEK ENDED

**January 12, 2025
1,300**

Worship Attendance

In person Worship:
10:00am
Mercy Place, Children &
Youth Ministry,
& Special Services

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





Mr. & Mrs.

CONGRATULATIONS Brandon & Amanda Royal!

Married December 31, 2024
Sharon Royal and her family welcomed a new daughter into the family together in New York.



Look up! Look at the stars on a cold clear night.
 Each one, every one is known by God.
 Look up at the clouds dark over the hills,
 feel the rain splash – every drop is a gift from
 God.
 Look up to the mountains, there snow is falling;
 feel the blast of hail, the crisp beauty of frost.
 Every flake of snow, every crystal of ice its own
 unique complex pattern.
 Great is our Lord, incredible in power, endless in
 understanding!

-Psalm 147



Doss Family Fun



Do you want to build a snowman? -Lori N.



Luke Overby



INSIDE SNOW!



"Moo Snow?" -Holder's herd



Suzi & Victor "hitting the slopes"



Latham Snow Angels



Darby Kane shows Eloise how to kick up her paws!



Thank you so very much for your continued support of the **Discretionary Fund**. Thanks to your support, during the month of December we were able to...

- ...Stock our very well used food pantry;
- ...Assist 3 families with utilities;
- ...Assist a family in dire straits with a room for 2 nights;
- ...Contributed to Life Resources;
- ...Assisted one family with gas to get to an appointment;
- ...And, In December, our Food Pantry served 22 families, including 30 adults, 30 children, 11 seniors, and 2 veterans.

Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Many Blessings to You and Yours,
Joy

We offer Deepest Christian Sympathy & Prayers to the families & friends of:

Annette Collins Dowdy, sister of long-time member, Dr. A Carl Collins & aunt of Amy Cameron (Chris), who passed from this life week of December 18, 2024.

Edgar Dale Hutson, 92, of Huntsville, died peacefully on Friday, January 10, 2025. Dale is survived by his son, Dr. Leslie Dale Hutson (Talitha) of Scottsboro, AL; and daughters, Cathy Hutson Jowers (John) of Rabun Gap, GA, and Deborah Hutson Bagdigian (Robert) of Huntsville, AL; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Randy H. Helms, brother of Church family member-Steve Helms, age 69, of Scottsboro, passed away on Thursday, December 26th, 2024 at Highlands Medical Center. He is survived by his children, James Helms Tabettha), Ginger Helms (Becil Baldwin); grandchildren, Ethan Helms, Morgan Helms, Lexi Baldwin, Brody Baldwin; brother, Steve Helms; sister, Faylene Smith (Eddie); sister-in-law, Norma Helms; several nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Jo Ann Nicholas, sister-in-law of Church family members, Paula Butler Jim), who passed from this life, Monday, January 6, 2025. Funeral Service was held Thursday, January 9th in Athens, AL.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th at 3pm Church Council will meet in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

Our Youth, Children, UMC Conference, Community, Nation/World Community, U.S. Troops, Healthcare & First Responders, Schools

Our Church Family

Mary Abernathy	Angie Gant
Glenda Beard	Nancy Graham
Ben Beasley	Alex Holder
Mary Ruth Bennett	Shannon Hurt
Beverly Brackett	Jerry Kirkland
Linda Bray	Kay & Skip Rogers
Amanda P. Bryars	Ann R. Sanders
Nancy Campbell	Molly Sellers
Mary K. Carlton	Gary Stewart
Maria Copeland	Tal Thomas
June Corren	Tony Wallingsford
Johnny Crabtree	Tracy Wallingsford
Ralph & Libby Franklin	Keith Webb
Annie Ruth Fossett	

Pam Ayers
Margaret Bailey
April Ballard
Angie Bledsoe
Jocelyn Boles
Brother-Anita Tolliver
Bob Brune
Brenda Burns
Tjuana Coley
Charles & Frances Dawson
Judy Dawson
Annette Collins Dowdy family
Allan & Sarita Dozier
Wendall Dudley
Kristen & Colby Gann

Our Church Friends

Jim Gough family
Rev. Roy Hall
Wyatt Hovanec
Randy Helms family
Joannie Herbst family
Randy Hillhouse
Caroline Hodges
Mary Ann Holland
Judy Hughes
Foster Hunt
Edgar Hutson family
Bill Latham
Phyllis Ledford
Spence Ledford
Joan Lee
Bob Leighton family
Levi Lima

Susan Livingston
Jovina Mintz
Denise Monza
Jo Ann Nicholas family
Jordon Otinger
Leigha Phillips
Holly Sanders & baby
Jay Sherwood
Janet Sprouse
Dave Stinson
Ellen Thomas
Lee Ann Walker
Kaetlyn Weaver
Maurita Wiggins
Steve Wilburn

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

HUNTSVILLE
Faye Berry
Joanne Stewart

MARYVILLE, TN
Dorothy Hopps

ROSEWOOD MANOR
Kaye Johnson
Virginia Wallingsford

SOUTHERN ESTATES
Susan Barnes
Shirley Haislip
Bob Hodges
Jo Smith
Don Wright

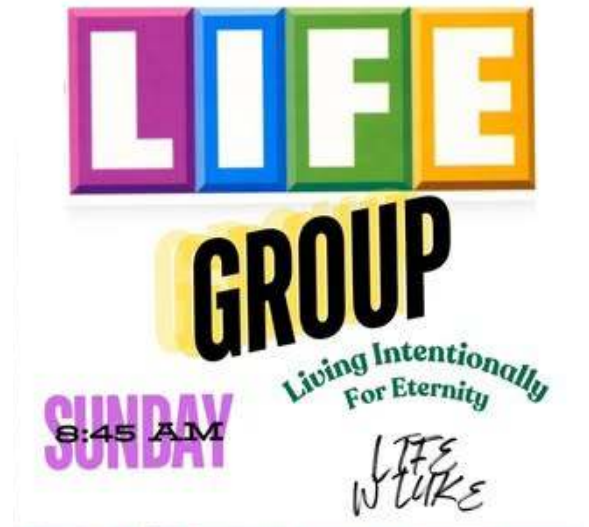
HOME
Revia Melton
Marilyn Reed
Mildred Shelton
Martha Lou Wright

Grace

In our **Grace Sunday School Group**, we are close to finishing our study on *Christianity and World Religions*.

Our next study will be on **The Prayer of Jabez**. In this four week study we will look at how this remarkable prayer of a little-known Bible hero can release God's favor, power, and protection. We will learn how this one daily prayer will help us break through to the life we were meant to live. We would love for you to join us as we explore together and ask God for the abundant blessings he has in store for us and for our church. Come and join us. We meet in 2nd room on left down from the elevator.

New Year-New You? ... Nope ... New Year-Same GOD! But does the new year have you thinking "I need to get back in Church?" Or "I need to study my Bible more?" Well, this Sunday at [Scottsboro First United Methodist Church](#) is for YOU. Join me for a Small Group Bible Study at 8:45am where we will draw life application from Luke 5:1-11. Then it's Worship and Word in the Sanctuary with Pastor Corey's new sermon series "All is Calm - All is Bright"!



United Methodist Women (a/k/a UMW)

I am asking all the women in our church to consider joining our UMW.

We have one active Circle. Its name is AGAPE. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. I know most of our younger women work and I would gladly help facilitate an evening meeting if there is a desire for a new Circle to meet. Our UMW holds two fundraisers per year and disburse the funds within our community.

If you feel like attending and want further information, please feel free to contact me at 256-218-9059.

Many Blessings to you all, Mary Layton

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th-25th.

Sunday, January 19 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Worship—Sanctuary
3:00pm Church Council Mtg in Fellowship Hall
5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Activities

Monday, January 20— The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance-Schools Closed.
5:30-7pm Tai Chi lessons @ Fellowship Campus

Tuesday, January 21

6-8:00pm Community Band @ Fellowship Campus

Remember the Lord's Prayer daily at noon. Matthew 6:9-13

Wednesday, January 22

1:00pm Nourish One Child packing begins @ FC
4:45-5:30pm Choir Practice @ Choir Room
5:30-7:00pm **The Table**—All ages Meal & Study @ FH
5:30-7pm Tai Chi Lessons @ Fellowship Campus
6:00pm Voice of the Heart-Adult Study

Thursday, January 23

4:30pm NOC Board meets @ Fellowship Campus

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26— 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Worship—Fellowship Hall
5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Activities