



# THE HERALD

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Greetings Church Family,

I hope you are well and enjoying God's abundant blessings in your life!

## 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

I trust everyone made it through this past Saturday's round of severe storms with little to no impact other than being a little sleepy on Sunday morning. While this is certainly a preview of what to expect this Spring, as I am writing to you, we are bracing for another shot of arctic cold and some wintry precipitation this week across the Tennessee Valley. Of course, you know what they say, "In Alabama, if you don't like the weather, just wait until tomorrow!" Only in the South would we experience all seasons within a matter of a week!

My girls are not fans of severe weather. As a matter of fact, if there is but a whisper of the potential for storms, they will ask to spend the night in the church basement! So, as you can imagine, Saturday was an anxious day for them. Nobody wanted to go to sleep for the night, especially Miss Emma!

Before going off to sleep, she made me promise that I would stay up and keep an eye on the weather and come and get her if it got bad. Of course, we were up with Sophia Kate anyway, so we watched the weather progress across our state. The storms were quite noisy as they approached; I kept thinking, "Well it's just a matter of time before everybody in the house is up!" Sure enough, a little after midnight, a tornado warning was issued for Jackson County and the weather sirens began blaring.

But wouldn't you know, even with all that noise from the wind, the thunder, and those loud weather sirens, those girls snoozed right through it all! Once we determined that the worst of the storm would miss us, we kicked back and hoped everyone would sleep through it, and they did!

I was reminded of the strange, yet powerful story in the Gospels about Jesus falling asleep on a boat in the middle of a storm (Luke 8:22-25; Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41).

First of all, this story shows us the very human nature of Jesus of Nazareth. After a long day of teaching and ministering to the crowds of people, Jesus was exhausted, so he found a quiet, comfortable spot on the boat to get a "power nap" in.

So, while Jesus was snoozing, a furious storm arose on the water that threatened the vessel and its crew. Now, many of Jesus' disciples were commercial fishermen; they had certainly experienced their share of storms over the years. But, according to the Gospel texts, this was a rough one, and the disciples were scared for their very lives, so they went to wake Jesus up!

I've always found Jesus' response quite amusing. I mean, this storm was bad enough that it scared a bunch of roughneck fishermen, yet Jesus was tired (and comfortable) enough to just snooze right through it. Then, when they wake him up, he totally rebuffs them for getting scared and waking him up, like, "Seriously guys, can I just have a minute?!"

Of course, we know the rest of the story. Jesus "rebuked the wind and sea" and calmed the storm. Then he asked the crew, "Where's your faith!?" It's interesting that no one offered a response to Jesus' seemingly snarky question, and instead, they just marveled at the miracle they had witnessed.

How often have we found ourselves in that boat in our own lives? We've endured so much, we have experienced deliverance, mercy, and grace time and time again, only to look at our situation and say, "Come on Jesus! Aren't you going to do something about this!?" because we perceive that Jesus is somehow "snoozing" on us.

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**THOSE SERVING  
FINANCIAL**

**February**  
Bob Hughes  
Bill Layton  
Howard McCutchen  
Gene Carlton

**SOUND SYSTEM/  
AUDIO VISUAL**

Byron Burton  
Leisha Holland  
Kameron Brown

And yet, time after time, Jesus responds to us by saying, "Don't worry. I've got this!" Even though the storms are noisy and scary when we're in the boat on the waters of life, we are reminded that the source of peace is sailing with us! What a picture of God's mercy and grace! May we find solace in God's promise throughout Scripture to never leave us for forsake us, especially in our times of distress and need (Deut. 31:8).

Grace & Peace,



Pastor Corey

# UnityYouth

## CONNECTION = COMMUNITY = CHRIST

Community connections and outreach are important for Disciples of Christ and continue to be an evident priority for FUMC. I love the many ways we reach out as the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to so many. The first action of Earthly Ministry for Jesus was to surround himself with His crew and get to work serving others. When our connection is through Christ then our Community is for Christ.

I am blessed with a wonderful outreach opportunity on Wednesday afternoons to take a Bible Study to Highlands Health & Rehab. I cherish this time digging into the Word with such experienced and faith-filled Brothers and Sisters. This past week our connections in outreach created an even more unique community. Lora brought her after school kids from Caldwell to socialize, play games, and just bring joy to the group! It was a blessing to stand on the periphery of God using kids to inspire elders and Elders to encourage kids.

The same night, our Unity Youth teamed up with Reclaimed for Good, the philanthropic arm of Unclaimed Baggage to help with a small service project. Although our only task was creating & bagging ribbons & tags, it is our hope that the love and prayers will go along with every Foster Child gift pack these will adorn. Let us continue to be connected as Disciples of Christ to grow and enhance the community of Christ to be the love of Christ.

Blessings, Hardin



**WEEK ENDED**

**February 16, 2025  
1,246**

**Worship Attendance**

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

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



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the **annual UMW Soup Day**. Gross from soup day \$3,270. Net \$2,779. All proceeds will go to Jackson county charities and our church programs.



We offer our Deepest Christian Sympathy & Prayers to the family & friends of **Bernie Dunn**, (father-in-law of Andy Skelton) who passed away February 13th. Arrangements will be shared when received.



**PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES**

Our Youth, Children, UMC Conference, Our Community, Nation/World Community, U.S. Troops, Healthcare & 1st Responders, Schools, families of the victims from local train accident, plane tragedies in Philadelphia & Washington DC.

**Our Church Family**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mary Abernathy     | Nancy Graham       |
| Ben Beasley        | Alex Holder        |
| 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      |
| June Corren        | Gary Stewart       |
| Johnny Crabtree    | Tal Thomas         |
| Ralph & Libby      | Tony Wallingsford  |
| Franklin           | Tracy Wallingsford |
| Annie Ruth Fossett | Keith Webb         |
| Angie Gant         |                    |

- Pam Ayers
- Margaret Bailey
- April Ballard
- Jordan Beebe & Brycen
- Angie Bledsoe
- Jocelyn Boles
- Brother-Anita Tolliver
- Bob Brune
- Billy & Brenda Burns
- Don Campbell family
- Ron Clements
- Tujuana Coley
- Creed & family
- Charles Dawson
- Frances Dawson family
- Judy Dawson
- Annette Collins Dowdy family

**Our Church Friends**

- Allan & Sarita Dozier
- Wendall Dudley
- Bernie Dunn family
- Anne Flournoy
- Kristen & Colby Gann
- Jim Gough family
- Rev. Roy Hall
- Beth Hargrove
- Shirl Haswell
- Randy Helms family
- Joannie Herbst family
- Randy Hillhouse
- Caroline Hodges
- Mary Ann Holland
- Judy Hughes
- Foster Hunt
- Edgar Hutson family
- Bill Latham
- Joan Lee

- Bob Leighton family
- Levi Lima
- Susan Livingston
- Brian Masters family
- Jovina Mintz
- Denise Monza
- Jordon Otinger
- Leigha Phillips
- Holly Sanders & baby
- Hunter Sherwood
- Jay Sherwood
- Janet Sprouse
- Dave Stinson family
- Ellen Thomas
- Donna Vincent
- 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



**Sundays During Lent**



**Sunday, February 23— 7th Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

**Monday, February 24**

5:30-7pm Tai Chi lessons @ Fellowship Campus

**Tuesday, February 25**

9:30am UMW Board meeting @ Parlor  
 6-8:00pm Community Band @ Fellowship Campus

**Remember the Lord's Prayer daily  
 Matthew 6:9-13**

**Wednesday, February 26**

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, February 27**

6-8:00pm Music Valley Playhouse @ Fellowship Campus

**Friday, February 28**

**Saturday, March 1**

8:00am-4:00pm **Church Council Planning Mtg @ FC**

**Sunday, March 2— Transfiguration Sunday**

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