



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

As we enter the Lenten season, a time traditionally set aside for reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal, we are invited to embark on a journey of deeper faith. For Christians, Lent is not merely about giving something up; it is an opportunity to cultivate a richer relationship with God and to transform our lives in ways that honor Christ's sacrifice.

The 40 days of Lent reflect the journey Jesus took in the wilderness, where he faced temptation and emerged spiritually renewed. This invites us to consider our own wilderness experiences. What temptations pull us away from God? What distractions prevent us from experiencing the fullness of our faith and our own humanity? Through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we can shed the burdens that weigh us down and focus on what truly matters: our relationship with God and our service to others.

In Romans 12:2, we are reminded not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. Lent calls us to examine our thoughts, behaviors, and priorities. Are we living in alignment with God's will for our lives? Are we demonstrating Christ's love in our interactions with others? These questions challenge us to seek transformation not only within ourselves but also in our communities.

This season also encourages us to practice self-reflection. In the quiet moments of prayer and contemplation, we may confront our shortcomings. It is a time to confess and seek forgiveness, not in a spirit of guilt but with the hope of restoration. The beauty of Lent lies in its affirmation of grace. We are reminded that while we may falter, God's grace is abundant, offering us hope and a fresh start.

Moreover, Lent is a communal journey. As Christians, we are called to support one another in our spiritual growth. Sharing our struggles and breakthroughs with our church family fosters a sense of accountability and encouragement. When we come together in worship, study, and service, we embody the body of Christ, reflecting God's love and purpose in tangible ways.

As we progress through Lent, let us not only seek personal transformation but also discern how we can be agents of change in the world around us. Our faith compels us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Each act of kindness, each moment of service, is a step towards fulfilling this calling.

Ultimately, Lent invites us to experience the fullness of God's love and grace. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, let us commit to a path of transformation that glorifies God and brings hope to a world in need. Through our faith and actions, we can share the promise of new life that Easter represents, not just for ourselves but for all who are longing for redemption and renewal.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Corey

**THOSE SERVING
FINANCIAL**

March

Jim Butler
Hank Frazier
Robin Kirkland
George Armstrong

**SOUND SYSTEM/
AUDIO VISUAL**

Byron Burton
Leisha Holland
Kameron Brown

FOR THE PANTRY...

We are accepting donations diapers, wipes, onesies, rice or oatmeal cereal and baby food for infants to year old babies to keep in stock in the food pantry to help families with their new babies.

UnityYouth

The Mission Ignition

It was a very special and anointed time last Saturday as the Church Leadership gathered for a day of prayer, planning, and procedure. Corey called it Vision Casting in which all eyes clearly are focused on the love in our Church extending love beyond our Church. Our 4 groups for discussion and heart-storming were in the areas of Administration, Worship, Evangelism, and Missions. Personally, I enjoyed every minute with the Missions team; we shared laughs, tears, and sometimes both, forecasting God's Glory being revealed with faith put to actions. Tanya gave us 2 pages of Scripture - igniting passion for service. My heart has stored this one from Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* Our sub-committee concluded about 2 dozen outreach ideas that could bear fruit for Glory. Prime goals centered around taking Worship outside the Church walls, working with existing community resource providers to amplify their efforts, and others means of showing the homebound, hurting, and hungry that we love them and God loves them. So Church, light up that Holy Spirit with faith, hope, and love...it is love that will be our Mission Ignition!

Our Confirmation and Affirmation classes were fired up for a Mission Excursion this past Sunday. We partnered once again with the Lion's Club to serve their Vision Ministry. As the students sorted eyeglasses, each pair received a prayerful touch that will eventually reach needy eyes in Honduras, rural Western US, and other designated Mission Fields. Also as we worked, the students reflected on many examples of faith-fulfilling service in the Bible including the re-building journey to Jerusalem by Nehemiah, the loving actions of the Good Samaritan, and the miraculous love of Jesus. The ignition has been turned, the spiritual flames of love burn, and our Missions will affirm God's goodness, glory, and grace!

Blessings, Hardin



WEEK ENDED

**March 2, 2025
1,067**

Worship Attendance

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

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





The annual prayer breakfast for women will be held at **Trinity United Methodist Church** in Huntsville on March 29 at 9:30a. A wonderful brunch will be served. Cost is \$15. Mary Layton will be driving the church bus to the event. For reservations, please see Ruth McCauley. There is always a wonderful speaker and special music. We will be delivering hygiene kits to the event.

Lay Leadership Vision Casting @ SFUMC's Fellowship Campus



UMW would like to ask for the congregation help in providing hygiene kits for **UMCOR**. Please bring the items in a bag to the church office. There will be a collection box available near the Church Lobby. UMW will assemble the kits and pay for the postage.

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

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

Our Church Family

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

Our Church Friends

Pam Ayers	Anne Flournoy	Levi Lima
Margaret Bailey	Kristen & Colby Gann	Susan Livingston
April Ballard	Jim Gough family	Brian Masters family
Jordan Beebe & Brycen	Rev. Roy Hall	Jovina Mintz
Angie Bledsoe	Beth Hargrove	Denise Monza
Jocelyn Boles	Shirl Haswell	Jordon Otinger
Brother-Anita Tolliver	Randy Helms family	Leigha Phillips
Bob Brune	Joannie Herbst family	Holly Sanders & baby
Billy & Brenda Burns	Randy Hillhouse	Hunter Sherwood
Don Campbell family	Caroline Hodges	Jay Sherwood
Ron Clements	Mary Ann Holland	Janet Sprouse
Tujuana Coley	Judy Hughes	Dave Stinson family
Creed & family	Foster Hunt	Ellen Thomas
Charles Dawson	Edgar Hutson family	Donna Vincent
Frances Dawson family	J.B. Kane	Lee Ann Walker
Judy Dawson	Ryan Klimek	Kaetlyn Weaver
Allan & Sarita Dozier	Bill Latham	Emily Webb
Wendall Dudley	Joan Lee	Maurita Wiggins
Bernie Dunn family	Bob Leighton family	Steve Wilburn

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

Susan Barnes

Shirley Haislip

Jo Smith

Don Wright

HOME

Revia Melton

Marilyn Reed

Mildred Shelton

Martha Lou Wright

The Agape Circle met today with 25 members present plus our youngest Sophia Kate.

It was a great meeting planning for Lent and future endeavors!!

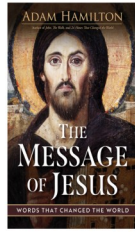


Adult Book Study

with Pastor Corey

March 12–April 23

Sign up to reserve your copy today!
\$15



We are joining in with St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Fridays at Noon during Lent for a meal and a time of devotion.

March 14, Scottsboro FUMC-Rev. Corey Burns, Scottsboro FUMC

March 21, Scottsboro FUMC-Rev. Dale Clem, UMC Elder (Ret.) & Author

March 28, St. Lukes Episcopal-Dr. Hardin Coleman, Family Physician & Youth Pastor

April 4, St. Lukes Episcopal-TBA

April 11, St. Lukes Episcopal-TBA

April 18, Scottsboro FUMC-TBA



Sunday, March 9— 1st Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings time begins

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am Worship—Sanctuary

11:00am Communion offered-Chapel

11:15am Church Council meeting @ Fellowship Hall

5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Activities

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

9:30a-3p Quilters meeting @ Fellowship Hall

5:15pm Finance meeting-Chapel

6-8:00pm Community Band @ Fellowship Campus

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

12 noon **Lenten Lunch** hosted by UMW @ FUMC-
message by Rev. Corey Burns

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16— 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am Worship—Sanctuary

11:00am Communion offered-Chapel

5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Activities