

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from



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Tuesday Bible Study Tackles Daniel!

Beginning Tuesday, August 31st the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will focus on the book of Daniel in the Old Testament. This study will be held in Founder's Hall from 9:30 - 10:30 each Tuesday. Coffee and fellowship precede the study each week. Everyone is invited to join this exciting and challenging study. EJ

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Auria Agrinzoni and Rachel Howell joined the Holmes Street family on Sunday and were baptized.

Auria is the daughter of Sinuhe and Marie Agrizone. Her address is 3000 Summit View Circle, Brownsboro, AL 35741.

Rachel is the daughter of Charlie and Phyllis Howell. Their address is 1415 Wellman 35801.



DISCIPLE 2: Into the Word, Into the World

DISCIPLE Bible Study is back! This 32-week series focuses on the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. It will be led by Billie Long with assistance from Rev. Clem. We plan to meet on Wednesday afternoons.

Bad Girls of the Bible

A new group for women, led by Rev. Clem, will begin September 16 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We will use the bestselling books by Liz Curtis Higgs to explore the ancient stories of some infamous women in scriptural history and experience the grace, compassion and hope of God whose sovereign power can work with even the most nefarious of us. All women are invited to join us for laughter, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study

Interested in an introductory Bible study group? DISCIPLE now offers a 6-week course designed to give an overview of the Bible. A group will begin in October. Please let the church office know if you are interested. Rev. Clem will lead this group and all are welcome.

BANNER TAKING SHAPE underway but needs more squares!!!



A signature banner will be quilted to benefit the Holmes St. Building Fund. The banner made for the Narthex will serve as a memorial to our church's heritage and it's members.

The minimum donation is \$50.00 per signature block and they will be available for purchase until **September 7th**.

If you have questions, see Lisa Marshall or Kelly Clem.

Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world?

We invite you to join us Sunday, September 12 in Founder's Hall at 10 AM following Next Step to explore **Crazy Love**. Taught by Kathy Morris and Tina White.



LIFE. MONEY. HOPE.

A special series is being offered only in the Next Step Services at 9:00 a.m. featuring Dave Ramsey who will bring our sermon with some relevant and useful messages. These will be held on August 29 and September 5. Dave Ramsey is a popular and renowned speaker, national radio and television talk show host, and author of several books, including The Complete Money Makeover, on the subject of Christian financial management. Bring friends, bring an open mind, and prepare to receive a blessing!

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HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - August 25
 Mobile Medical Transport
 5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study
 6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - August 27
 8:15 AM - First Stop Breakfast
 4:00 PM leave for Music Retreat at CampSumatanga

SUNDAY - August 29
 9:00 AM - Next Step
 9:40 AM - Sunday School
 (Confirmation Class begins)
 10:55 AM - Morning Worship
 5:00 PM - Snack Supper
 5:30 PM - TEAM and UMYF

MONDAY - August 30
 6:00 PM - Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY - August 31
 9:30 AM - Bible Study
 10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service

WEDNESDAY - September 1
 5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study
 6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - September 2
 10:30 AM - HopeKeepers
 5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

REMEMBER -

The church office is closed on Fridays. Call a staff member at home if you have a need.

Hasn't it been nice and cool in the sanctuary!

The congregation is thankful for that but almost \$10,000 is still owed on the new unit. Your contributions will be appreciated.

THE SUNDAY REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

10:55 AM Morning Worship 215

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Children	13
Youth	35
Adults	82
Total	131

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Vaughn	Huntsville
Mary Blanchard	"
Larry & Jerri Clark	"
Judy & Paul Balance	"
John Howell	"
Mrs. Charles Howell, Sr.	"
Bobby & Cindy Marsh	"
Dave Atkins	"
Lee Hale	"
Rachel and Lisa Lozier	
Neely Johnson	Scooba, MS
Janet Jutcherson	Gainesville, AL

IN THE HOSPITAL: None known

OFFERINGS:

On the Budget	\$2,344.00
First Fruits	24.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Building Fund	490.00
Air Conditioner Project	1,000.00
Needed Monthly for Budget	\$37,572.00
Offerings on Budget this month	\$27,733.55

HONOR GIFT:

In honor of Judy Steely:
 Anonymous Building Fund

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Bobbie Patterson:
 M/M Jim Pucktt
 Jim & Mickie Puckett
 Elena & Billy Lee Puckett
 Frances Cagle Building Fund



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Openings for 2010:

September no openings
 October 17
 November - no openings
 December - no openings

Altar arrangements are \$45. Call the church office if you would like to fill one of these dates. Thanks, Ann

NOTARY SERVICE

is available in the church office at no charge to church members.

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Check out the pics of the week!

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FROM THE MAILBOX:

What an awesome "Discovery" Spiritual Retreat we had this past weekend! Our Senior Highs did an outstanding job leading the 6th-9th graders. Thank you, Seniors, for doing such a great job! Our humble thanks go out to all of the Discovery Team members and all of the Church Family that supported this ministry in any way. Discovery started out as a prayer-based event and it was readily evident through all that happened this weekend that God answered your prayers. This weekend kicked off the first year of a three year program for Discovery. Please continue to pray that the next two yearly events will be as meaningful and touching as this first one.

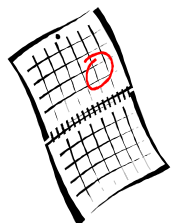
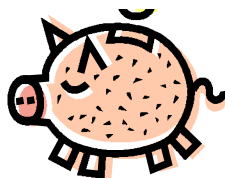
Bill & Sue Glover

Discovery 2010 Coordinators

Thanks to all who have helped serve the homeless at First Stop. Holmes Street has such generous folks. So many help each month and so many help in so many different ways, such as furnishing food, serving the food, contributing money, and I am sure that you pray for this ministry. This week, we serve again - Friday 27th. We welcome anyone who wants to be a part of this ministry. We don't want anyone to feel left out. We leave the church parking lot at 8:15. Thanks again, *Helen*, 256-534-6016

Pennies for Piggy!

Remember this Sunday is the last Sunday of the month. Piggy will collect all of your pennies (change) before and after each service. He will also have a calendar with a daily list of bible verses for the month of September. Piggy says, "See ya then." *Keith*



RESERVE THE DATES:

Confirmation Class starts	August 29
Pledge Sunday/Church Picnic	September 12
Church Family Retreat	October 22-24
at Camp Sumatanga	
Holmes Street Open House	December 11



We had a great first night back at church for TEAM! Our supper, scavenger hunt, games, and lesson on Covenants were all a blast. Let's get everyone back at TEAM this Sunday. Thanks to Amanda Thomas, Debbie Burn, and Linda Mason for their help. We have so many great new ideas this Fall, including our TEAM room that the kids will get to help decorate, breaking our group into two age groups for maximum fun and effectiveness, and lots of surprises coming up! See all of you K5-5th graders at TEAM this Sunday. *Eddie Johnson*

See a
Discovery group
picture at
www.holmestreetumc.org

YOUTH NEWS

DISCOVERY WAS WONDERFUL!!!

Our youth were blessed in awesome new ways. Thanks, Holmes Street family, for your love and support.

Confirmation Class Begins Sunday

We are so excited to announce that we will be starting a new Confirmation Class this Sunday, August 29. Our 2010 Confirmation class will be in two parts each week with the big group meeting during Sunday School each Sunday morning. On Sunday nights, for the last half of youth each week, the confirmands will meet and work with an adult mentor! Throw in a Confirmation Retreat to Gulf Shores during Fall Break and you have the makings of an exciting time of learning, growing, bonding, and fun! EJ

NEW CELL PHONE INFO!!

The active collection of cell phones will end August 31; however, you may continue, always, to bring your old phones to the church for recycling. Let's keep them out of the landfill.



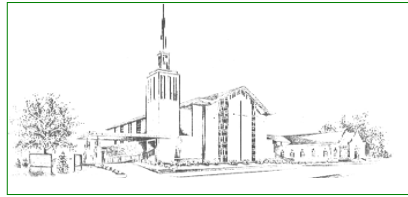
Choir Rehearsals and

Christmas Cantata rehearsals begin again.

Join us on Wednesdays at **6:00 PM in the Choir Room.**

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



Rich Towards God

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God." (Luke 12:21,22)

One of my pastor friends shared with me a recent story about a family that made an appointment to come and talk with him. He had no idea why they wanted to meet with him as a family, but he welcomed them. As they sat down together, the parents began to share with the pastor about how they had experienced God's blessings in their lives through a recent business gain. They understood what the connection between discipleship and stewardship is, and so they wanted to give a very large check to the church to support its building fund. What impressed me about this story was not the size of the check, but the way that the parents wanted the children to be witnesses to the response of the parents. I imagine that they were quite proud of their parents and that they will grow up to be tithers as well. They were modeling one of the most difficult facets of Christian discipleship: stewardship.

Speaking of stewardship, have you ever considered including the church in your will? There have been several people in our church who have left the blessing of a tithe or some share of their estate in their will. The saying, "you can't take it with you" is true, and those who give faithfully in their lives are almost always those who want to be sure that their faithful giving carries out all the way until the end. I have seen so many people leave the decisions up to their families upon their death, or they do not leave a will and thus, what happens to their estate does not reflect the way that they might have intended for their money and property to be used. If you don't plan it, it probably won't happen! Please consider having conversations with your family members about these matters.

I hope that by now everyone is aware that we are embarking on a new chapter in the life of Holmes Street. This is an exciting time, but as with all thresholds, there is risk involved. We would like to not have to borrow any more money than necessary, but rather to depend on the faithful regular giving of our current congregation. For this, we need all hands on deck to support the financial needs of our ongoing ministry budget as well as our building demolition and construction plans. You have been extremely supportive of the fundraiser meals and activities. Thank you, church! Now it is time to support the church with our weekly or monthly pledges to give as a personal discipline: to be "rich towards God", as the scripture verse says. May God continue to help us grow in our practice of Christian discipleship.

See you in church on Sunday!

Kelly

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