

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from
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Wednesday Supper News

Beginning Wednesday, September 8th Holmes Street will offer a mid-week meal from 5:15pm -6:00 pm. Cost is \$6.00 for adults (6th grade and older), \$3.00 for children in K5 -5th grades, and free for pre-schoolers (\$25.00 maximum per family). Let the church give you and your family a "kitchen break" during the middle of a hectic week! Standing reservations as well as weekly reservations are now being accepted. Call the church office at anytime to sign up, or fill in a reservation form at church this Sunday.

Note from the Building Committee:

Celebrating a victory of reaching our First Fruits Goal of \$100,000. The total is now \$101,063.00. This is considered a great accomplishment before Pledge Sunday which is September 12. Thanks to all members who made this amount possible.



It's time for a good old fashioned potluck picnic...

Bring your potluck dish and/or dessert and a smile for a good old fashioned time. You may even consider bringing a lawn chair, fishing pole and/or a softball glove. We will eat, play games, fish, and sing good old fashioned hymns. All the fun will be located at the Dean Farm in Woodville on Sunday, September 12 at 2:30 PM. The meal will be served at 5:00 PM. Directions are on page 3 of this newsletter. Let's have a big celebration, join the fun.



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.

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.

SIGNATURE QUILT ORDERS CLOSES OUT NEXT WEEK... GET YOUR ORDER IN SUNDAY

Final date to order is **September 7th.**

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



Are you hungry for an *crazy love* 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. The last one will be held this coming Sunday, September 5th. Bring friends, bring an open mind, and prepare to receive a blessing! *KClem*

SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Barbara Hughes and family on the death of her mother, Jean Cramer.

www.holmesstreetumc.org Check it out!

HAPPENINGS FOR:

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

SUNDAY - September 5
9:00 AM - Next Step
9:40 AM - Sunday School
Confirmation Class, also
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
No evening activities

MONDAY - September 6 - Labor Day
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY - September 7
9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service
6:30 PM - Trustees

WEDNESDAY - September 8
5:15 PM - Supper Served
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - September 9
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.



THANKS
to you, the
First Fruits
goal
has been
exceeded!!!

THE SUNDAY REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

10:55 AM Morning Worship	159
Next Step Service	114

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Children	13
Youth	17
Adults	103
Total	133

VISITORS:

Larry & Jerri Clark	Huntsville
Lynn Nevels	Decatur

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Betty Buck (dismissed)	Crestwood
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OFFERINGS:

On the Budget	\$6,664.00
Major Maintenance	100.00
First Fruits	1,475.00
Building Fund	585.00
Bettie Roberts Memorial	200.00
Needed Monthly for Budget	\$37,572.00
Offerings on Budget this month	\$34,397.55

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Pete & Mary Taylor:

Scott, Renee, Josh & Courtney Bishop Building Fund

In memory of Bobbie Patterson:

Melba Sanders

M/M Glenn Cagle	A/C Fund
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Charlsie Woody

M/M Bill Glover	First Fruits
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M/M Ray Carter	First Fruits
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M/M Gerald Wheelock	First Fruits
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In memory of Faye Williams:

M/M Ray Carter	First Fruits
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M/M Bill Glover	First Fruits
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Tuesday Bible Study Tackles Daniel!

Beginning Tuesday, September 7th 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

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.

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:

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for all the things you have done for me...visits, cards, food, flowers and especially the visits by Bro. J. B. Pendergraft and Ralph Teasley for their many visits. I am still in therapy with my arm and shoulder, so I still need your prayers. Thanks, *Elise Taylor*

CELL PHONE UPDATE!!

Even though less than \$50.00 has been collected so far for the building fund, this can be an on-going project. Continue to bring old cell phones to the church for recycling. Fifty four phones were collected as of August 30. I will also continue to take any scrap gold you have and give an update on our earnings. *B. Blount*

Pennies for Piggy!

Remember pick up your Bible reading calendars in the church office if you missed getting one on Sunday and keep feeding the piggy. Total collection for the first month: \$114.50. Great result... keep it up *Keith*



Big thanks this week to Amanda Thomas for leading our TEAM Kids in a great "Sanctuary Saints" service project for the church! Thanks also to Linda Mason, Shelley Miller, and Debbie Burn for their help. TEAM won't meet again until Sunday, September 19. We have a Labor Day break next week and then the Church PicNc is on September 12 - I hope all you TEAM kids and your families will join the rest of your church family at the Dean's farm for the Pic Nic that afternoon. So, we will see you on the 19th. Another Big thanks to Belinda Wright and Cindy Giles for the awesome snack supper Sunday night...it was great! *Eddie*

YOUTH NEWS

Fun..Serious..Exciting ...Emotional....Proud.... Felt God's Love and Presence...Can't wait to do it again... These are all terms I can use to describe the Discovery weekend! I hope that everyone who participated had a great time and left feeling really good about their experience. I think we were all a little unsure at the beginning of weekend about what was going to happen but I know for myself, the weekend far exceeded my expectations. Thanks to all the Senior Highs for their hard work before and during this weekend and to the Junior Highs for coming and opening their hearts and minds. Thanks also to the many, many adults who made this weekend happen for our Youth! We had adults who were here all weekend working, praying for the youth and speakers, night leaders who slept at the church with the junior highs, adults providing transportation, families who opened their homes for our Youth to shower, Sunday School classes who financially supported us and many of you who prayed at home for our success. It could not have happened without all of this support. Bill and Sue Glover did a great job organizing this weekend and John Nevels made sure that everything ran smoothly. Again a big THANKS to you all.

Now, what do we have coming up for our Youth in the Future. Well, Confirmation Classes have started for our Junior Highs and we are looking at literature now for Small Group Studies for our Senior Highs. We have plans to attend the Chris Tomlin concert in early October but we are interested in planning other activities for the fall and winter. If you have an idea or interest, let us know. Wednesday nights will be starting up again as well.

We hope everyone is having a great week and that you are sharing God's love with your friends at school. See you Sunday!

Kim T.

Choir Rehearsals/ Christmas Cantata

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

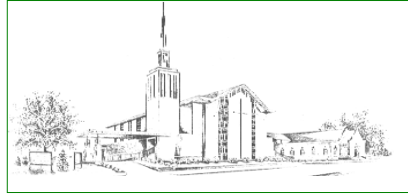


DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 12TH

From Huntsville: Take Hwy 72 East toward Scottsboro to Hwy 35. Turn left onto Hwy 35 to Woodville. Go approximately 1 ½ mile to a blinking yellow light, turn left onto Jackson County Road 8. At the railroad tracks, follow the road to the right (90° Turn). Follow County Road 8 up the mountain and turn left onto Jackson County Hwy 215 (there will be a two-story grey house right before the turn. This is the first paved road to the left after you get to the top of the mountain.) Go 1 mile, and you will pass a two-story white house on the right; Dean Family Farm is the next house on the right. (It is a small yellow house with two big trees in the front yard.). Look for sign or balloons on the mailbox. In case you want to give the GPS a workout, the address is 1160 County Rd. 215 Woodville. But, if you get lost, call Lacey Dean: 256-655-0247
Dennis Dean: 256-698-4254

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



When God Says to the Church: Answer My Call

"Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you...'" (Jeremiah 1:4,5)

God's call, as Brittney Gilliland reminded us in her sermon for Discovery weekend Sunday, can take all kinds of forms. God's call can lead us to ordained ministry, to missionary work, to teaching, to parenting, or to an endless range of possibilities. Different times in our lives we are called to respond in different ways. Sometimes God's call says, "wait". Other times, "jump!" The importance of our following the call is that it is an invitation to God's best hopes and dreams for our lives.

Therefore, I think we can say, it is not surprising that we sometimes resist God's call. Temptations to do things our way vs. God's way, and simply our selfish desire to be in charge of our own lives can limit our responsiveness to God's call. People often speak of hearing God calling them at a young age, and then not responding, or responding and then letting go. So where is God in all of this? All of the pastors in our Northeast District have been reading [On the Threshold of Grace: Methodist Fundamentals](#) by Donald Haynes. In this book, he talks about different theological perspectives on God's nature. Some believe that God's call leads us to where God plans for us to be. In a Methodist understanding, God's call is that knock at the door, that gentle call of our name, that nudge in the pit of our stomach – all forms of God's invitation for us to follow. We can, and sometimes do, say "no" to the call.

In William Paul Young's novel, [The Shack](#), the character of God says to Mack:

"True love never forces. Let's say it takes forty-seven life situations and events before you actually hear me. When you don't hear me the first time, I am not frustrated. That first time will be a building block to construct a bridge of healing that one day you will walk across."

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of how he was called in his mother's womb. Can you imagine having such a maturity of understanding to recognize that God has been working on your life a long, long time? God is patient and waits for us to respond from the moment we were formed in our mother's womb. God has a call for each of us, and it's up to us to respond to God's invitation to follow.

See you in church on Sunday!

Kelly

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