

The Neighborhood Watch

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CONNECTING HEARTS TO CHRIST



AUGUST SERMON SERIES, "IF."

Based on Romans 8
Dr. Steve Strange

How often in life do we say if only, eventually this "if only" turns into one of life's biggest regrets. During this series, we are going to learn how to turn "If Only" into God's promise of What if. There are 1784 'ifs' in the Scripture. The most significant is that 'If God is for us who can be against us?'

We will be focusing on Romans 8 for the entire sermon series. So, if God is for us and is with us, then we can turn our "if only" into celebrations, not regrets.

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Date: August 6, 2023

The First if: "If Only"

Scripture: Romans 8: 31-35

Date: August 13, 2023

The Second if: "As If"

Scripture: Romans 8:9-11

Date: August 20, 2023

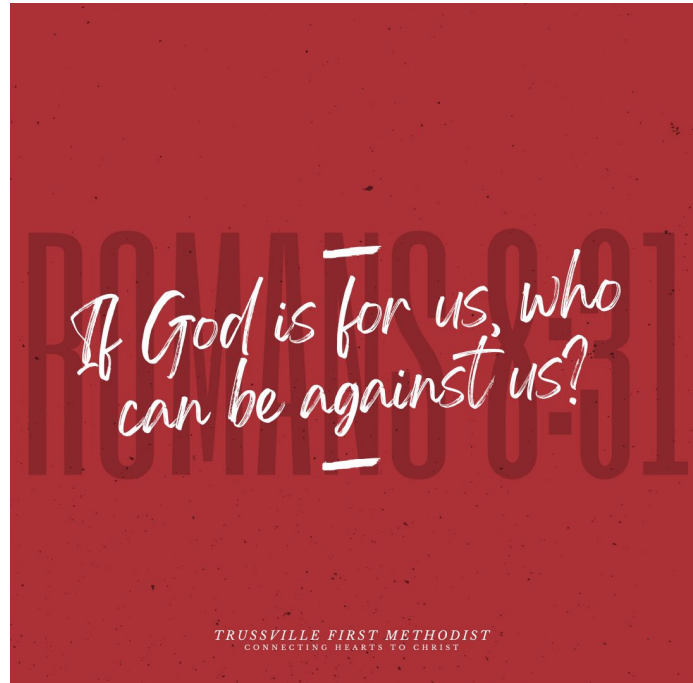
The Third if: "The Big What If"

Scripture: Romans 8:23-25

Date: August 27, 2023

The fourth if: "No if, and, or buts"

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39



Ongoing Ministry Opportunities:

- Blessing Box on our front lawn-donation boxes just inside Front Door
- Toilet tissue collection for the Lovelady Center-area next to Fellowship Hall inside Front Door (Marked with sign on the wall)
- Serving as a volunteer for Nursery or Children's Ministry-see Megan McEvoy (kidsministry@trussvillefirst.com)
- Volunteering as an usher or liturgist-see Lynda Payne
- Serving as a member of our Tech Team-see Dan Shirah
- Kitchen Committee-help with potlucks and special events-call the church office (205-655-3259)
- Community Food Bank Volunteers-3rd Thursday of each month-see Charlene Sharp
- Flower Committee-working with floral arrangements for the Altar and other church functions-contact Pat Glenn slatzglenn@aol.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Dinner 5:30-6:30

Small Groups 6:30-7:30

August 2nd - Potato Bar

August 9th - Soups

August 16th - Pancakes & Bacon

August 23rd - Chicken/Pasta Salad

August 30 - Picnic Potluck (church
provides meats)

No Small Groups on September 6th or 13th
Donations for meals gratefully accepted!

SCHEDULE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤➤➤ SIGN FUND DONATIONS

Trustees are starting a “Sign Fund” and asking for donations. The purpose of this fund is to replace all the small and large parking lot and building signs that had the cross and flame and the word “United” on them. It will also be used to repaint the signs on the buses. Thank you for donating to this fund.

➤➤➤ SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

Come join us for dinner on Wednesday, August 16th to support an exciting new fundraiser for Designs for Hope titled ‘Downrange Kilimanjaro’. In October 2023, Lee Neal along with a team of 8 other climbers from across the US and Africa will climb to the 19,341’ summit of Mt Kilimanjaro in an effort to raise funds and awareness for water projects in 6 African countries. They have all committed to raising an ambitious \$15,000 apiece to meet their collective goal. All donations toward their goal are greatly appreciated. A couple of team members will be present and available for any questions or further details.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

If you enjoy working with floral arrangements, we invite you to join our Flower Committee.

For more information please contact Pat Glenn at slatzglenn@aol.com

➤➤➤ PRAYER WALL

We have a Prayer Wall that is available to add your prayer requests to. It is also for anyone who would like to pray for the requests that are on the wall. It will be moved between the Christian Life Center and the Transept so that everyone has an opportunity to add prayer requests and/or pray for prayer requests. Your ministers and staff will also take turns praying over the Prayer Wall. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATES:

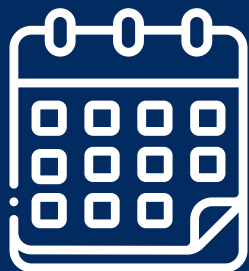
Saturday 8/5 - "Back to School Bash" - 4-7 pm in the Back Parking Lot

Sunday 8/6 - "Blessing of the Backpacks" in all services.

Sunday 8/13 - Trussville Methodist Men's Breakfast 7 am in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 8/16 - "Downrange Kilimanjaro" Designs for Hope Fundraiser Dinner in CLC

Thursday 8/17 - Community Food Bank—leave the church at 8 am. Contact Charlene Sharp for more information at csharp@bellsouth.net



ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤➤➤ NAOMI GIRLS UPDATE

Naomi Girl's Update—Project Deadline September 24, 2023. Thank you for all the donations that have been given toward the Naomi Girls project, repairing water wells (\$1,500 each) and solar box kits (\$100 each) for communications. Please continue to send checks to FMC Trussville. Write for water wells or solar box kits. The money is sent to a local nonprofit, Designs for Hope, with Chris Bond. With your help we can repair five water wells by the deadline. Contact Linda Shaddix through the church office 205-655-3259 if you have any questions.

➤➤➤ TMM MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The Trussville Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Our speaker for August is Dr. Patrick M. Martin, new Superintendent of Trussville City Schools. As always, children and wives are welcome at meetings. Please notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.

➤➤➤ COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The Mission Team volunteers this month at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, August 17, 2023. We welcome ALL who wish to help! If you would like to join the team, please call Charlene Sharp at 205-835-2691 or email at csharp@bellsouth.net to register.



Women's Ministry Meet & Greet
Sunday, August 20, 2023
9:45 - 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

*Make new connections, ask questions about our
growing ministry and sign up to volunteer.*



Feel free to reach us at any time if you have questions!
We look forward to meeting you.



Email: tfmwomen@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

➤➤➤ MEGAN, MCEVOY, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

What an awesome month we have had here in the Children's Ministry. A special thank you to the wonderful and talented Nicole Gilliland, Pat Glenn, and DiAn Thompson. They have lead our Wednesday night class in creating some amazing pieces of art. From scripture drawings to rock painting, we have been having so much fun.



I cannot wait to see what other beautiful things our children create.

In August, we will be getting back to normal with our classes. I will be looking for volunteers, especially on Wednesday nights. I am also creating a rotation for Sunday school help. We have some wonderful Sunday School teachers and I would love to have a rotation of volunteers to help them, if you are

interested in committing to one Sunday a month or being added to our sub list, please let me know.

If you are interested in volunteering I would love to talk with you!

Megan McEvoy
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First Methodist Church of Trussville

Community Wide Back to School
Bash
August 5th 4:00-7:00

Bring your Backpack and fill it with
some of the following School
Supplies!

Crayons, Markers, #2 pencils,
Packs of paper, etc.

Inflatable Water Slide, Inflatable Bounce
Houses, Slip-N-Slide, Water Stations,
Cornhole, Spikeball, and Basketball!
We will also be serving hotdogs and
drinks as well!

120 North Chalkville Rd
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STUDENT MINISTRY

➤➤➤ PHILLIP, MCEVOY, YOUTH MINISTER

The Student Ministry has been in full force this summer! From our Mexico Mission Trip, to our Beach Retreat, our students have had an absolute blast. We want to thank everyone who helped make these two trips possible...which means all of you! A big THANK YOU from our students. We will continue to swim on Sundays through the month of August, so if you would like to host our group, then please let me know so we can work out the details. We look forward to our Wednesday night classes as we will begin by eating with everyone in the CLC before going upstairs for a praise and worship set and then breaking up into small groups for our lessons.



We especially hope to see everyone, your children, and your friends at our Back to School Bash on August 5th in the back parking lot of the church from 4:00-7:00 pm.

We are excited about everything going on, not only in the Student Ministry, but what is continuing to take place in our students spiritual lives. If you have any questions about this ministry, or would like to help in any way, then please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Phillip McEvoy
Youth Minister
phillip@trussvillefirst.com
205.353.1458.

SWAG TWEEN MINISTRY

➤➤➤ FOOD DRIVE FOR TEAM

Thank you to our church family for your overwhelming support of the snack food drive for TEAM. The collection was very successful, and TEAM was very appreciative of your donations.

Many Thanks,
SWAG and Children's Ministry

REMINDER!

-Back-to-School Bash, Saturday, August 5 from 4-7pm in the back parking lot. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. We'll have food, games and lots of fun for the whole family!

-Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 6, in all services.



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CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Fall 2023: September 10th-16th

WHO WE ARE: TFM Children's Consignment Sale is a mission of the church to provide affordable children's clothing to both church members and members of the community.

OUR MISSION: *Connecting hearts to Christ.* We pray that every consigner, shopper and volunteer experiences the love of Christ through their interactions with the sale. We hope the sale is an opportunity for our church to connect with the community and to share ways they can be involved.

WHO BENEFITS?

1. Consigners receive 70% of sale (80% if 20 or more hours volunteered)
2. After consigner payouts, proceeds go to 3 main areas within the church:
 - Children's Ministry, Youth & Kids First
 - Missions of TFM
 - Projects within TFM
3. Community: TEAM (Dollar Dash), local schools, etc.



GET INVOLVED!

We need volunteers for the sale to run. Volunteer opportunities are available *every day* the week of the sale! Men, women, youth, limited mobility... there is a place for you! For more info, visit tmccsale.com, follow us on social media, or see a committee member.

CONTACT:

EMAIL: trussvilleconsignment@hotmail.com



Trussville Methodist Consignment Sale



Trussville Methodist Consignment

OR

A committee member can answer your questions!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Honorarium:

Candy Strickland
Louise Jensen
Adam Smith

By:

Jackie Mullins
Jackie Mullins
Jackie Mullins

Fund:

General Fund
General Fund
General Fund

Memorial:

Connor Stewart

Maynard & Lucia Brothers
Randy & Susan Day

Celebrate Recovery
Hymnal Fund

Don Mullins

Friendship SS Class
Jim & Brenda Barnett
James & Roberta Brunson
R.G. Harbison
Ann Cooper
Faye King
Tom Fox

TEAM
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund
General Fund

Jesse Shaddix

Adriane Newman

Naomi Well Repair Fund

Harry Lee

Lee Roy & Doreen Lee

Hymnal Fund

Logan Steele

Ann Bowman

Naomi Fund (Solar)



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

STEPHEN MINISTRY

»»» HELP ALONG THE WAY

by Will Northern



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

I had been skiing all day with friends and family. It was a cold December night in North Carolina. It was about 8:30. I was tired, but wanted one more run down that hill. Kristie had asked me to not go, the hot chocolate was ready. "One more", I said, "then I'm done." No truer words were spoken that evening.

Night skiing can be fun, but dangerous. There were shadows everywhere and the temperature was falling, meaning that some of the snow that had melted during the day was turning to ice. I sensed danger and prayed, "Lord, please help me get down this hill." As I started down, I gained speed and felt in control - at least at first. About one-third of the way down, the edge of my left ski caught ice and spun like a helicopter blade. My left leg snapped like a twig. I instantly knew it was broken. I lay there in a heap. Minutes later, I was coming down the mountain - on the back of a medic's sled.

Seven months later, after surgery and a long recovery, I completed a 10K run - an accomplishment that I did not achieve alone. I had lots of help. From the instant of my injury to running that 10k, I was blessed to have folks assisting me along the way. I look back at the whole event and see all kinds of lessons. I had no business being at the top of that hill. God did answer my prayer, only maybe I should have been more specific. Or perhaps, if I hadn't crashed when I did, I could have a bit further down where the injuries could have been more severe - or worse, hurt someone else.

One key lesson is to never underestimate God's ability to take a negative and turn it into a positive. The old self, becomes something new. New to us, but not new to God. If you are having trouble seeing God's work in the dark times of life - or know someone who is - ask one of the Pastors about Stephen Ministry. Your inquiry, like everything else we do, is confidential. We will walk with you as you find the path that God has set before you. You have help along the way.

We love you and are here for you. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. We partner with you as long as you need us to. Confidentially. Confidently.

Blessings to you from your local Stephen Minister Team.

Trussville First Stephen Ministers

Stuart Garner	Martha Cusimano	Garey Morrison	Bob Murray
Linda Hester	Curtis Garner	Betty Frankl	
Will Northern	Teri Freeman	Kim Cooper	



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