

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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A JESUS- SHAPED LIFE

In Lent, many times we try to modify our behavior. Instead, what we need is not modification, but transformation.

Forty Days Toward Christ-likeness

Transformed into what?

Transformed into being more like Christ. When we focus on this during Lent it gives us a goal and it helps us through the whole forty days.

For the forty days of Lent, I will not only be doing this sermon series, but I will also do a daily devotional that will be available via our Facebook page. My prayer is that this will help everyone think about the journey, as we grow closer and more Christlike

- Dr. Steve Strange



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 2024

Drive-up Imposition of Ashes - 7:00 to 8:30 am in the front parking lot.
Ash Wednesday Service & Imposition of Ashes - 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

FEBRUARY SERMON SCHEDULE

“A Jesus-Shaped Life”

Dr. Steve Strange

February 4th

Title: Send The Search Party

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

February 11th Transfiguration Sunday

Title: Why Are You Glowing?

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

February 18th

Philip McEvoy, preaching.

“A Jesus-Shaped Life” series begins:

February 14th Ash Wednesday

Scripture Matthew 6:1-21

Title: Ashes Ashes, We All Fall Down.

February 25th

Title: Made for Lent

Scripture: Romans 6:6-7, John 1:9

March 3rd

Title: Living in Obedience

Scripture: Luke 6:46-49

March 10th

Title: Made for Relationships

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

March 17th

Title: The Courage to Stand

Scripture: I Chronicles 28: 20-21

March 24th

Title: We Are Not the Justice League

Scripture: Matthew 12:15-21

March 31st Easter Sunday

Title: Mission Complete

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8

PRAYERS:

If you have a specific prayer that you wish to go directly to Pastors Steve & Shan, please email them at: prayers@trussvillefirst.com. You will still need to contact the office to be added to the published prayer list.

We will be selling **Easter ferns** for Missions again this year. The ferns are in 10 in. hanging baskets and are only \$22 each. Order forms are located in the Transept, Welcome Center and in the Church Office. Please support missions by ordering in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Our ferns are grown by Rainbow Omega, a residential home to 79 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79 years old, with developmental disabilities. Place your order form, along with payment, in the offering plate or at the church office. The last date to order will be Sunday, March 10th. For more info, contact Louise Jensen or the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Coming Soon! OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new church pictorial directory and it won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.



SAVE THE DATE!



Universal
Church Directories

Trussville First is excited to announce we will be getting a new church directory! We would love for you to be a part of it.

Directory Photography Week

Monday, April 15–Saturday, April 20, 2024

Visit <https://trussvillefirst.com/directory>
for photography scheduling and volunteer information.
Online photography scheduling opens Monday, February 5, 2024

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We are asking for donations for each meal. These donations will be going to projects and missions in and around our church and community!

Each month we will highlight a project or a mission. Once the cost of the food is deducted, the funds will be used for improvement projects or specific missions. If the menu says "fundraiser", the funds will go to the specific groups or ministries listed. These meals will be provided at the expense of the group and the funds will be collected by the specific group.

This is the current menu for February of 2024. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm* in the CLC. Please email Shan if you would like to have a fundraiser meal for a special occasion and it will be added to the calendar. Her email is shan@trussvillefirst.com or pastor.shankay@gmail.com.

February 7 Fundraiser | Red Beans & Rice | New Beginnings SS
February 14 Church Provided | Chicken Pot Pie | Children's Ministry
February 21 Church Provided | Stuffed Bell Peppers | Children's Ministry
February 28 Fundraiser | Taco Bar | Celebrate Recovery

*serving at 5pm on February 14, due to Ash Wednesday service.

Upcoming Missions / Projects :

February - (Project) Children's Ministry to aid their program

March - (Mission) Blessing Box canned foods

April - (Project) Student Ministry to aid their program

If we are truly going to be a mission minded church then we must start with our hearts and reach out to our community!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Our church will provide 50 **Easter Baskets for Lovelady**. If you, or your group can help, please contact the office. We will do it differently this year-the Easter Baskets will not be gender or age specific but will need to contain items such as coloring or puzzle books, candy, games, etc. The deadline to drop off your basket at the church is Sunday, March 17.

- **SWAG**, our tween group, will be collecting new mittens, gloves, toboggans and socks for TEAM during their "Share the Warmth" Drive. Kids and adult sizes are needed. Please place donations in the designated spot by John Wesley (outside the Fellowship Hall) from January 15 - February 18. Thank you for your help!

- **Naomi Girls Luncheon** - Friday, February 16th at Cracker Barrel in Trussville at 11:30 am. Please let Linda Shaddix know if you will be able to attend.



**Please Don't forget
to bring food items
for our Blessing Box.**

- Have you completed the **member information update**, either online or hard copy? This is very important and much appreciated! Forms are still available in the Transept, Welcome Center and church office, as well as online.

- The **Trussville Methodist Men** will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Please remember that wives and children are welcome at the breakfast. Notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.

The Missions Team volunteers this month at the **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama** from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, February 15, 2024. 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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

"Better Together"

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT FIRST METHODIST TRUSSVILLE**

- **MORNING REFRESHMENTS WITH COFFEE FROM MAPLE AVENUE COFFEE HOUSE**
- **LUNCH PROVIDED BY TRUSSVILLE METHODIST MEN**
- **DOOR PRIZES, MUSIC AND A SPECIAL GIFT FOR ATTENDEES**
- **CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED**



Guest speaker

LAURA JOSEPH

**COST IS \$25. SIGN UP FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
MORE INFO, CONTACT TFMWOMEN@GMAIL.COM**

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of First Methodist Trussville

NAOMI GIRLS PROJECT

The Naomi Girls invite you to participate in our 2024 service project. We are sending donations directly to the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham. The Hope Lodge provides a caring supportive environment and lodging for a cancer patient and their caregiver. It is available for those undergoing active cancer treatment who live 40 miles or more from Birmingham. They provide 33 hotel style rooms, which are set up with cancer patients in mind. They have a laundry, library, outdoor area, and a common kitchen and dining area. You can go online and see more information on their facebook page at “American Cancer Society Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge Birmingham” or you can ask our church secretary for more information about this project.

Since there are a number of Hope Lodges across the country, please make your checks payable to the American Cancer Society with “restricted to Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge” on the memo line. Also please write somewhere above the memo line on the check, (or attach a note to it) that says “Naomi Girls Project” so that your name will show up in the name of donor list we will receive quarterly. All checks should be mailed to: Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge, Attention: Tonya Zapata, 1104 Ireland Way, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Envelopes with this information will be available in the Transept and Welcome Center, or you can see Candy in the church office. The Naomi Girls thank you for your help with this project and the blessing that this Lodge provides to cancer patients and their families.

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Need a stay?
Get a stay at
Hope Lodge.



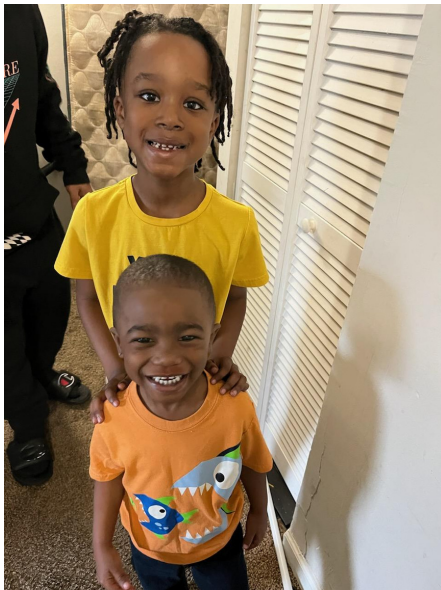
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

These are just a couple of the deliveries made with the beds we built. One was to a special young girl on her 12th birthday! Since December of 2022, Sleep in Heavenly Peace have built and delivered 539 beds!!

The next build in the Trussville area is in February and we can't wait to help again! Please put the information on your calendars:

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Event - February 17, 2024 from 9 am to noon. The parking lot of SPOC Automation Inc., 7363 Gadsden Hwy, Trussville, AL 35173



KIDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Kids First Day School children have enjoyed indoor activities due to the frigid winter weather.

Upcoming events include FROZEN Day, Valentine activities, a visit from the Tooth Fairy and Dr. Seuss.

Registration for 2024-2025 enrollment begins:

February 6: Presently enrolled families

February 20: Church Members

March 18: Opens to the Community

The School Age Summer Program enrollment begins:

March 18: Church members and currently enrolled families

April 1: Opens to the Community



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

STEP INTO
THE ENCHANTMENT &
JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL TIME



Princess Ball

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

AT 5:00 PM
ON FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF
TRUSSVILLE CHRISTIAN LIFE
CENTER

\$25.00 PER COUPLE, \$5.00 EACH
ADDITIONAL CHILD

TO RSVP EMAIL
KIDSMINISTRY@TRUSSVILLEFIRST.COM

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is starting it's 5th year in ministry. We are truly blessed to hit this milestone! Not many recovery programs survive the first year, much less reach the five-year mark. This is a huge accomplishment and compliment to our CR leadership team who serve with their whole hearts!

Celebrate Recovery is excited to announce that our Casserole Cookoff will take place on February 20! There are three categories including breakfast casserole, dinner casserole, and dessert casserole. Get those recipes ready and bring your appetite for a great time of food and fellowship! The winners will receive a custom casserole carrier to show off at your next potluck! Please let me know if you intend to enter your favorite recipe. You can email me at shan@trussvillefirst.com or pastor.shankay@gmail.com. Just let me know which category you want to enter and we will add your name! All casseroles need to be ready to judge by 5:30 on the 20th of February.

Phillip McEvoy will bring our Lenten message. We will have no small groups following the message.

Much Agape ev'body!
Rev. Shan Odom



CONSIGNMENT SALE

Public Sale Dates:

Friday, March 15th 10 am - 9 pm & Saturday, March 16th 8 am - 2 pm

TEAM DOLLAR DASH:

Saturday, March 16th, 4-6pm and Sunday, March 17th, 2-4 pm.
Located in the Fellowship Hall. Visit tmccsale.com for more info.

Trussville Methodist

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Spring 2024: March 10th-16th

WHO WE ARE: Trussville Methodist Children's Consignment Sale is a mission of Trussville First 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 (SWAG) & Youth
 - 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: tmccsale@gmail.com

 Trussville Methodist Children's Consignment Sale

 Trussville Methodist Consignment

OR

A committee member can answer your questions!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Memorials For:

Mary Herrin

By:

M. L. & Kiki Smitherman

Fund:

Celebrate Recovery



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Baby, It's Cold Outside by: Garey Morrison



I am writing this during the January cold snap. Wow, it is cold. I was feeling sorry for myself, then I realized the perfect opportunity for reflection was before me. What scripture can guide me into 2024? What things cause me to worry or experience fear? How can I deal with what is before me?

Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” (NIV)

Last month I wrote “It is easy to lose our focus.” The good news is that you are not alone on this journey. Your Stephen Ministers can provide support during challenging times. Your Stephen Minister can walk with you for as long as you need. AND, everything that is discussed with a Stephen Minister is completely confidential. Always.

You are part of a family called First Methodist Church Trussville. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. You are not alone and we are available regardless of the weather.

Blessings to you.
Garey Morrison

First Methodist Trussville Stephen Ministers

Stuart Garner
Linda Hester
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Martha Cusimano
Curtis Garner
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