

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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First Annual General Conference



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This past Sunday was the one-year anniversary of our vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. In the coming weeks, we will celebrate the Sunday we voted to become a Global Methodist Congregation.

We have been very busy this past year, changing signs, logos, and getting new hymnals. It has been an exciting time of growth, healing and development for our congregation. In 2023, we held our first provisional annual conference in August and became The North Alabama Provisional Annual conference.

We will meet again in 2024, prior to the first General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The Global Gathering will be in San Jose, Costa Rica on September 20-26, 2024. The reason for Costa Rica is to show that we really are a Global Denomination.

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GLOBAL METHODIST

On March 2, 2024, we held a called Annual Provisional meeting so that we could elect delegates to represent us from Alabama. Our Church had two delegates on the laity side elected—Mike Payne and Laura Strange. This delegation will continue to help us work out the details of starting a denomination from the ground up. They will also see that we remain Biblical in every aspect of our decision making.

If you want to know more about the North Alabama GMC, here is the website. <https://northalabamagmc.org/> If you want to know more about the Global Methodist church, their website has all the ongoing and upcoming events. <https://globalmethodist.org/>

It is truly and exciting time to be Methodist, not just in Alabama but across the globe, We are now living out the great commission that was given to us by Christ, **“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

Dr. Steve Strange

Below are the delegates from the North Alabama Global Provisional Conference:

John Kearns - Clergy
Toby Chastain - Clergy
Ann Lee - Laity
Michael Payne - Laity
Lyle Holland - Clergy
Donna King - Clergy
Jeremy Auvil - Clergy
Dana Gilliam - Laity
Allen Wilson - Laity
Alan Beasley - Clergy

Matt O'Reilly - Clergy
Tim Barnes - Clergy
Laura Strange - Laity
Kim Woodin - Laity
Steve Pemberton - Laity
Liz Bowlin - Laity
Rudy Guess - Clergy
Mike Shotts - Laity
Robert Lancaster - Clergy
Joy Hand - Laity

SCHEDULES

This is the current menu for April 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.

May 1 - Church Provided | Taco Bar | Community Food Bank

May 8 - Church Provided | BBQ Pork Sandwiches | Community Food Bank

May 15 - Fundraiser | BLT | Celebrate Recovery

May 22 - Church Provided | Chili Dog | Community Food Bank

May 29 - Church Provided | Red Potato Bar w/Chicken | Comm. Food Bank

Mission / Project :

May - (Mission) Community Food Bank

Current Sermon Series

How Jesus Can Make Your Impossible Possible

Dr. Steve Strange

May 5, 2024

Title: Impossible Math

Scripture: John 6:1-6

5+2 =leftovers

May 12, 2024

Title: Take off Your Burial Clothes

Scripture: John 11: 38-44

From the Cross to Pentecost

Rev. Shan Odom

May 6 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

May 12 - Titus 3:3-8

May 19 - Acts 2:1-4

Note:

- 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.

Upcoming May Events:

May 5 - Confirmation Sunday

May 8 - Children's Musical - (6:30 pm) after meal in CLC

May 6-10 - Teacher's Appreciation Week at Kids First

May 19 - Senior Sunday and Senior Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

- Trussville Comm. Chorus Spring Concert 5 pm in the Sanctuary

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- **If you are 89 years or above**, please make sure that the church office has your correct birthday and year. Some of our records do not have the year of birth. Thank you.

- The **May Naomi Girls' luncheon** meeting will take place on Friday, May 17th at 11:30 am at Costa's Mediterranean Café, 5891 Trussville Crossings Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35235. Please let Linda Shaddix know if you will be able to attend.

- The **Mission Team** volunteers this month at the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama from 9:00 to 11:30 am on May 16, 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.



**Please don't forget
to bring food items
for our Blessing Box!**

- **The family of Noah Popwell** would like to sincerely thank everyone for their loving thoughts, prayers, calls and cards. Without this Church family I personally would be lost and your support is greatly appreciated. Diane popwell and the entire Popwell family!

thank you

- **The Women's Ministry** will be sponsoring a Mother-Daughter-Mentor English Tea Party. The Tea Party will be Sunday, August 18 from 2:30 to 4:30 in the CLC. The event is open to women from high school and up. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Embrace, our 2024 project that supports foster children. Seating is limited. More information will be coming soon.

- On Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm **Michael King's Student Showcase** will entertain and delight! Then, at 5 pm, the Trussville Community Chorus will present it's Spring Concert in the Sanctuary. Be sure to join us for an afternoon of beautiful music.

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Church Family,

Thank you all so much for helping with another successful consignment sale!! This couldn't happen without each and every one of you! The Spring 2024 sale profited \$22,800. The funds will be donated to the following:

General Tithe = \$2,300

Youth = \$1,000

Children/SWAG = \$1,500

Blessing Box = \$300 per quarter (\$1,200 total)

School Donations = \$1,500

Trip Scholarships = \$1,500

Tech for new Student Service = \$1,000

Long Term CLC Windows Project = \$8,000



We will also hold funds in the account in order to appropriately plan for the next sale (replacing equipment, purchasing snacks & meals, etc). Please bring any future donation ideas to a committee member! While the sale is primarily to benefit the children & youth ministries, we want to contribute to projects and ministries that the church as a whole is pursuing!

Again, thank you all so much for serving with us during consignment week! We are looking forward to the fall sale - mark your calendars for September 8 - 14!

In Christ,

TMCC Sale Committee - Katelyn Asbury, James Cobb, Molly Cook, Taylor Daniel, Casey Foster, Susan Hatcher, Kayla Jane Howell, Melissa Howell, Rachel Kirkpatrick, Alana Lawson, Megan McEvoy, Shan Odom & Savannah Strange

TRUSSVILLE METHODIST MEN



Charles T. Moore
Methodist Men Speaker
May 19, 2024

Charles T. Moore
President & CEO of Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity.

Charles has served as President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity Greater Birmingham since 2001. He has more than thirty years of not-for-profit business, development/fundraising experience and is a Certified Fund Raising Professional (CFRE). Charles began his career as an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church and later worked with Wesleyan World Missions/Global Partners.

Other not-for-profit experience includes major/planned giving development for American Bible Society and vice president for Baptist Health Foundation. A native of Fairhope, Alabama, he earned a B.S. in Business from Mercer College, a B.A. in Religion from Asbury College and holds an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Join us for breakfast and our speaker Sunday May 19 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is provided by the “New Beginnings” Sunday School Class.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church family,

There are lots of exciting things happening in our Children's Ministry. Classes are growing, our children are learning, and so much fun is being had. We have a lot of fun things coming up so I hope you will all be a part of it.

First, I want to update all of our parents on some changes that will be happening. After much discussion with our Sunday School teachers, we feel it is time to make some changes in the ages of our classes. Please see the classes and ages/grades below and see that your child is going to the right Sunday school class:

Nursery (Infant-2 years old) with Ms. Patrice and Mrs. Diedra

PreK (3K-5K) with Mrs. Christy

Elementary (1st grade-3rd grade) with Mrs. Barber

S.W.A.G. (4th grade-6th grade) with the Hatchers

This adjustment is being made to ensure that all our classes are not too diverse in age range and our teachers are able to help each child understand each lesson and craft accurately. If you have any questions about your child's class, feel free to contact Megan.

With the growth we have experienced we are also in need of some more Children's Ministry Volunteers in every area. Sundays we are looking for those who may be interested in volunteering with our babies in the nursery during a service or two, or in one of our Sunday school classes. On Wednesdays we could always use extra hands in our classes or choir. If you may be interested in committing to one Sunday or Wednesday a month please contact Megan McEvoy.

Another exciting change we will be making for our children are Bibles! Now, when our children enter first and fourth grade they will receive a new, age-appropriate Bible from the ministry. The goal is for each child to have a Bible to use in their Sunday school class and Bible studies when they start in the Elementary and S.W.A.G. classes.

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We hope having these Bibles will equip our children with the necessary tools needed to read, understand, and live out the gospel while helping build their confidence to share the gospel with others. If you have a child who will be entering the first or fourth grade this coming school year please reach out to Megan and make sure they are on the list to receive one. Also, if you have a child older than entering first grade that has not received a Bible in the past please let her know as well, as we want all of our children to have one by the time they are in first grade.

Save the dates for these upcoming events!

May 5th Confirmation Sunday in all services

May 8th Children's Spring Musical 6:30pm

May 12th Mother's Day

June 10-14 Community VBS "Start the Party!" 6:00-8:30pm

@Clearbranch Methodist (Rising 4k-6th grade)

We are so excited for the warmer weather and all the fun it will bring!
Megan McEvoy, Children's Minister



NAOMI GIRLS PROJECT

All the Naomi Girls are very thankful for everyone who has supported our local Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge here in Birmingham. Your support touches lives in a meaningful way at a difficult time. To date, the Naomi Girls' service project has resulted in a total of \$765 in donations given directly to the Birmingham Hope Lodge.

In case you are not familiar with it, the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge here in Birmingham provides a caring and supportive lodging place for those who are undergoing cancer treatment from out of town-40 miles or more away. They provide lodging for the patient and one caregiver at no charge.

Some of the amenities include a kitchen, library, and an outdoor screened area. Each room is assigned a space in the kitchen for food so that their caregiver can prepare meals there according to their needs. Transportation to different hospitals can also be arranged if needed. This is a wonderful blessing in our community that many people are unaware of. If you have not yet gone online and looked at all the wonderful things our Hope Lodge does, please take a minute to look. You can type in Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge or Birmingham Hope Lodge and it will take you to it.

In addition, churches and groups are invited to contact the lodge about cooking a meal or providing crafts or games for the guests. If your group is interested in doing this, please get in touch with Candy at the church office. She will provide you with a contact at the Lodge to find out more information about it.

Please send your donations directly to the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham. 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/Naomi Girls Project" on the memo line, so that your name will show up on the donor list. All checks should be mailed to: Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge, Attention: Tonya Zapata, 1104 Ireland Way, Birmingham, AL 35205. Envelopes (with all this information inside) are available in the Transept and Welcome Center. Thank you for giving!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

In Honor of:	By:	Fund:
Pioneer SS Class	Sybil Barber	3 Hots & A Cot Curtain Pack
Dan Milam, Randy Day, Gene Lang, Don Alston Garey Morrison & Mike Payne	Sybil Barber	Choir
Betty Milam	Sybil Barber	SWAG
Louise Jensen	Sybil Barber	Sympathy Fund
Rick Sharp	Sybil Barber	Missions
Carol Alston	Sybil Barber	Choir
Barber Clark	Ann Pogue	Missions
In Memory of:		
Bill Nielsen	Kenneth & Carol Sharp Cathy Coe Mike & Lynda Payne Jelly Lepper	Missions Missions Missions Missions
Noah Popwell	Pioneer SS Class M.L. & Kiki Smitherman Randy & Susan Day Steve & Sebra Woods Phyllis Jordan Bill & Pat Smith Diane Popwell	Youth Youth Youth Youth Choir Choir Youth

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In Memory of:	By:	Fund:
Rick Barber	Bill & Carol Alverson	Choir
	Kent & Nancy Sargent	Choir
	Bill & Mollie Lyle	Choir
	Marilyn Anthony	Choir
	Don & Judy Colee	Choir
	Faye King	Choir
	Pell City High School Class of '62	Choir
	Craig & Stephanie Fulton	Methodist Men
	Charles Brown	Choir
	Tim & Kay Tarte	Choir
	Rick & Charlene Sharp	Choir
	Phyllis Jordan	Choir
	Dwight & Robin Brown	Choir
	M.L. & Kiki Smitherman	Choir
	Lee Roy & Doreen Lee	General Fund
	Sharon Dunson	Choir
	Linda Hester	Choir
	Richard & Sheila Searson	Choir
	Pioneer SS Class	Choir
	Candy Strickland	Choir
Cathy Coe	Choir	
Randy & Susan Day	Choir	
Amanda Craig	General Fund	
Eric Horst	Jeanette Williams	Choir
	Mike & Lynda Payne	Choir
	Jelly Lepper	Choir
	Ann Pogue	Choir
	Joy Gwin	Choir
	Dan & Betty Milam	Choir
	Jelly Lepper	Missions

Spring Has Sprung by: Garey Morrison



**Spring is sprung, the grass is riz.
I wonder where the birdies is.
They say the birdies on the wing, but that's absurd.
I always thought the wing was on the bird.
Anonymous**

Oh my, a new season has started. Spring has sprung. The grass is growing and there are so many things to do. It is so easy to lose track of what is important. Sometimes working on "stuff" (yardwork, planning a summer trip) takes our mind off of more important matters.

I wrote last month that the question is "How can I deal with what is before me?" Part of the answer is having a Stephen Minister walk along side you. Stephen Ministers provide support during challenging times. Your Stephen Minister will walk with you for as long as you need. We are here to help. Remember everything that is discussed with a Stephen Minister is completely confidential. Always.

If you know of someone who may benefit from having a Stephen Minister walk with them, please contact one of our pastors or a Stephen Minister. We are here to listen, to walk with you, and to provide assurance that you are not alone.

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.

Blessings, Garey Morrison

Our First Methodist Church Stephen Ministers are:

Stuart Garner	Martha Cusimano	Garey Morrison
Linda Hester	Curtis Garner	Betty Frankl
Kim Cooper	Teri Freeman	



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