

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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"I AM" THE WAY OF COMMITMENT

Stewardship 2024

Every year during the month of November, we think about all that God has done for us and the ways in which we are thankful. We celebrate the month with a Thanksgiving feast of the best gifts we can bring to one another. November is also the month in which we make a covenant with God as to what we are going to bring to Him in the next year. We pray over and then bring our estimated giving for the upcoming year to the altar. We have been through a tumultuous time of discernment, distraction, disaffiliation and then a new Methodist affiliation this past year. God has brought us through these stressful times and blessed us for the stance that we took to stay biblical and true to the Word of God. Now with that all behind us, we can focus on making disciples for Jesus through worshiping passionately, loving extravagantly, and witnessing boldly. Let's add one thing to this list of priorities that we give of ourselves through our first fruits. I think we need to give God our best gifts, not our leftovers. After all, God gave us his best and continues to give us his best every day. When we give back what God has already given to us, we can do amazing things for the Kingdom of God.

FALL SCHEDULES

Small Group Studies Schedule:

Wednesdays:

4:00 pm - Luke: The Compassion of Christ (Rick Sharp)

6:30 pm - CR - 12 Step Study

6:15 pm - The Story (Steve Strange)

Thursdays

6:00 pm - Bad Girls of the Bible (Shan Odom)

Sundays:

3:00 pm - CR - 12 Step Study

4:30 pm - The Story (Steve Strange)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal Schedule:

- November 8th - Choir Chili Fundraiser

- November 15th - Crockpot Dishes Potluck

- November 22nd - No meal or studies

- November 29th - Chili & Taco Soup Potluck

- December 6th - Fundraiser

- December 13th - Breakfast Potluck

Menus subject to change

Meals will be served at 5:30 pm in the Christian Life Center, followed by small group studies. Donations for meals gratefully accepted!

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SCHEDULE

November 5 - "I AM" The Gate | Scripture: John 10:1-10

Today, our focus is on Jesus as the gate to life, and the gate to stewardship.

November 12 - I am the Way, Truth and Life | Scripture: John 14:1-14

Today, we focus on hearts overflowing with gratitude for Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life. Our giving helps other people experience the way.

November 19 - Total Commitment | Scripture: John 14:15-21

Today, we emphasize that Jesus continues to be with the community through our Advocate, the Spirit, as we seek to respond to his commandments, chief of which is to love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

· **The Angel Tree for the Church Without Walls** will be put up by the Front Doors on November 12th. Unwrapped gifts in large trash bags will need to be returned to the church office WITH THE ANGEL TAG by December 10th. Minimum \$100 gift(s).

The Naomi Girls would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the water wells and solar box kits projects in Africa, with Designs for Hope. We raised a total of \$10,615! We had our last meeting for 2023 and plans were made for 2024. If you, or someone you know at Trussville First, is a widow and would like to be connected to the Naomi Girls, let the church office know, so your information can be shared with Linda Shaddix. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



**Turn your clocks
back one hour
before going to bed
on November 4th!**



- Pick up your **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** Shoeboxes in the Transept or Welcome Center. We'll be packing these again this year and our goal is 150. Please return your box to the church office by Sunday, November 12. We will count them and drop them off at the collection point. Don't forget to include the \$10 donation for postage and handling for each box. You can pay by cash or check. Make the check to "Samaritan's Purse" and place it inside one of your boxes. Thank you.

- **Choir Fundraiser Meal**
Join us on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 pm for a delicious Choir Chili Fundraiser Meal. We appreciate your donations and support as we raise funds for our new choir stoles. Thank you.

You are invited to come and join our **HANDBELL CHOIR**. If you are not an experienced ringer, we can teach you. Everyone can learn and you will enjoy playing. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm in the Handbell Room. Please see Joe Faughender for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Church has not done a complete member information update in some time. As changes were provided to the office, they were entered into the electronic data base. But much information is not current and or missing. We are asking everyone to complete a **Church Information Update form** (a separate sheet should be completed for each family member living in a household who is currently involved at FMCT). For children you may omit a repeat for the address and not include phone numbers or email addresses if you would prefer that they not be included in the data base. We do not share the data base information with anyone, except as it relates to Church business. Forms are available at the entrance to any service and in the church office or online at this link <https://forms.gle/CQD9hCyczyqFVpgA7>
Complete your information form update by December 1, 2023.

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

- **Celebrate Recovery** would like to say THANK YOU for your continued support over the past 4 years. We have seen lives changed, marriages restored, souls surrendered at the altar and 2 baptisms this year. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2024. Please continue praying for this ministry and participants.

- We are collecting for the **Overdose Outreach Programs** in Jefferson County:
Socks (Mid-calf or long socks preferred)

Mittens/gloves

Scarves Hats/toboggans

underwear (NEW men's and women's)

Hothands

Band-aids

antibiotic ointment

wet wipes/baby wipes

deodorant

toothpaste

Chapstick

Bug spray (wipes or non-aerosol)

Place your donations in the bins beside the Children's Ministry Office. For more info—contact Megan McEvoy at kidsministry@trussvillefirst.com

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS



This Christmas season Missions is selling poinsettias to help support our Church missions. You can order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Order forms are in the Transept, Welcome Center and Church office. Poinsettia Sunday will be December 17. Please leave poinsettias in the church until after our second service. Orders may be placed until Sunday, December 3. Please place orders, along with your payment, in the offering plate or turn in to the Church office. An 8-inch pot is \$20.00. Make checks out to FMCT and please put Poinsettia on the memo line. You will need to indicate on your order where you would like your poinsettia displayed, either the Sanctuary or Grace Vision. Our poinsettias are grown by Rainbow Omega, a residential home to 79 adults ranging in age from 18 - 79 years old, with developmental disabilities. Rainbow Omega means "hope in the end". For more information call Louise Jensen at 205.907.2723.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Community
CONCERT BAND



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, November 26th
3:00 pm in the Christian Life Center

TRUSSVILLE METHODIST MEN

- The **Trussville Methodist Men** will conduct their next monthly meeting on - Sunday, November 12, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. This month's speaker is our Executive Minister, Rev. Shannon Odom. She will be giving information and an update on the Celebrate Recovery ministry as a whole and future plans to continue growing this important ministry. 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.



Rev. Shan Odom will be our November speaker at the Trussville Methodist Men's monthly breakfast!

Celebrate Freedom from

HURTS Damages to your heart	HABITS Unhealthy patterns	HANG-UPS Road blocks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Abandonment . Abortion . Abused as a child, or by a spouse, employer, or the church . Adoption . Betrayal . Cheating, affairs . Dysfunctional family (divorce, alcoholism, drug abuse, rage, etc.) . Neglect . Rape . Rejection . Unforgiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abusive behavior Alcohol Bitterness Drugs Eating disorders Gambling Gossip Isolation Lying Self-harm Sexual integrity Spending problems Wasteful pursuits Workaholism Pornography addiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anger Anxiety, worry Arrogance Body image Bullying, bigotry Guilt (false) and/or shame Lack of self-control Lack of trust in God Laziness Materialism People pleasing Perfectionism Pride Procrastination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Codependency Control Depression Fear Greed, envy

She will give information about the Celebrate Recovery ministry as a whole and give an update on how the past four years have proven there is a need for such a ministry in the Trussville area!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



– The Women's Ministry of Trussville First is asking for your help with donations toward their "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" mission. The deadline to donate is November 24.

The Women's Ministry will be host a bed building event on December 16 to assemble 20 bed kits at a cost of \$250 each.

The kits include the frame, mattress and bedding. The Women's Ministry is asking for donations to fund the kits. Any amount is appreciated! Please mark your checks for "SHP beds" to donate.

For more information, contact Kim Cooper at 206-655-8616. Visit Sleep in Heavenly Peace's website at <https://shpbeds.org>



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

– We are still asking for monetary donations for specifically requested hygiene products to be purchased for Lovelady Center and Brother Bryan Ministries. Please make your donations to the church and put "HYGIENE PRODUCTS" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your help with this new ministry!

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Ministry Conference - February 3, 2024

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church family,

We are having a wonderful time in the Children's Ministry. Our fall classes are in full swing! We are currently learning about the Fruits of the Spirit on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings we are walking through the Bible. Our Trunk or Treat was a success and I would like to thank everyone that made it possible. We could not do it without all the amazing volunteers hosting trunks, donating candy, and helping with set up and break down. THANK YOU! We are looking forward to what these fall months will bring and for the season of Thanksgiving. We have several projects planned for our children to be able to give back to our church and community.



Our current schedule is:

Sundays

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Nursery

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cherub Choir/Elementary Lesson

7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Children's Choir/PreK Lesson

We are still in need of volunteers for Nursery, Sunday Schools, and Wednesday nights. If you are interested in committing to one Sunday or Wednesday a month, or would like to be added to our sub list please contact me.

Thank you for all that you do.

God bless you,

Megan McEvoy

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STUDENT MINISTRY

First, we would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who helped with our Jerseys and Concessions Night in October. We had people cooking hotdogs, donating desserts, and adults playing games with our students. We had a blast with our fellowship, games, lessons, and giveaways. The students also had an opportunity to serve our community by bringing canned goods for our Blessing Box and boy did they capitalize on that by bringing over 100 cans. We look forward to doing this next year.



November is a busy month for the Student Ministry.

Our event schedule is as follows:

Sunday, November 5th → TOP GOLF!!! We will be leaving from the church at 4:45 to golf and eat from 5:30-7:30. We will arrive back at the church around 8-ish. We have 36 spots reserved and plan to fill all of them! The cost for this is \$40/person and that covers the 2 hours of golf and the buffet of food. Please let me know if your student will be attending.

Sunday, November 12th → Student Ministry/SWAG Thanksgiving Dinner. We will be having our Family Style Dinner on this date. Students, siblings, and parents are all invited! Doors will open at 4:45 and we will eat at 5:00, have a large game for EVERYONE, and then have a lesson before dismissing at 7:00. We will supply the turkeys and hams like last year. Please let me know as soon as possible if your family will be attending.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday, November 19th → The Student Ministry will be cooking for our homebound and shut-ins on this night and packing to-go boxes to be delivered on Monday, November 20th.

Outside of our events we are still having our normal meeting times:

- Sunday school is from 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings.
- Sunday evenings we meet from 5:00-7:30 and eat, have a large group game, and finish with our lesson.
- Wednesday nights we eat with the church in the CLC from 5:30-6:30 before heading upstairs for small groups. We just recently finished our study in Galatians, and the students have voted to move into the book of James.

If anyone would like to get involved with the Student Ministry then please contact Phillip McEvoy at phillip@trussvillefirst.com



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

In Memory of:

Meg Cook Laney
Frank Kitchen

By:

Bill & Beth Counce
Sharlene Love

Fund:

Celebrate Recovery
Friendship SS Class

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

IN HONOR OF:

Michael King Anonymous
Jim & Nancy McKinney Anonymous
Judy Colee by Don Colee
William E. King Family by Faye King
Our Children by M. L. & Kiki Smitherman
Chancel Choir by Steve & Debbie Woods
Friendship Class by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Harold & Cathy Fulton by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
The Strange Family by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Jelly Lepper by Barber Clark
Ben & Molly Cook by Curtis & Joan Bynum
The Gospodareck Family by Marie Gospodareck
Our Great Grandchildren by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Our Grandchildren by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Our Children by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Daly K. Herrin by David & Kim Herrin
Garrett R. Herrin by David & Kim Herrin
Kim D. Herrin by David Herrin
Rusty, Julie, Kate & Carter Jordan by Skip & Barbara Jordan
Rebecca Leigh Day by Randy & Susan Day
Fulton Lawrence Day by Randy & Susan Day
Sally H. Day by Randy & Susan Day
Mr. Dan Marlow by Maynard & Lucia Brothers
Charles & Shirley Brothers by Maynard & Lucia Brothers
Dr. Ben Cook by Maynard & Lucia Brothers

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF:

Keith & Peggy Hollis by John & Cathy Cook
Samuel & Kathy Sharp by Rick & Charlene Sharp
Clyde & Dot Culcron by Rick & Charlene Sharp
Our Parents by Ron & Liz Burton
Jordan Long by Fred & Janice Long
Glenn & Anna Holland by Bill & Beth Counce
Paul & Catherine Counce by Bill & Beth Counce
Ralph & Sybil Bynum by Curtis & Joan Bynum
Uvernon Day by Randy & Susan Day
Betty C. Fulton Caldwell by Randy & Susan Day
John W. Fulton by Randy & Susan Day
Susan J. Burluson by Maynard Brothers
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton by Maynard & Lucia Brothers
Richard & Sue McRee by Leigh Ann McRee Corvin
Ernest Frankl by Betty Frankl
Louise & Lewis Powell by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant
Robert & Evie Bryant by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bryant



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

What Is In Your Tool Kit?

by: **Garey Morrison**



My dad passed in May 2019. I miss him. Heck, I even miss his grumpiness. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to say everything that I wanted to say before he left us. What I really miss now is not being able to call and say “why is the hot water heater making a funny noise?” or “my car has a vibration”. He seemed to know something about most mechanical things. Over the years, he gave me all sorts of tools. I have a well-stocked tool box but not all of those tools have been used.

The blessing that I am receiving is my baby brother is filling my need for fatherly mechanical and practical advice. And yes, I have told him recently how grateful I am to be able to call his number. He not only answers his phone, he helps me without judgement or making feel like I do not know the difference between a Phillips screwdriver and an air gauge.

If you are experiencing a period in your life where you need someone to help you through a tough time, please let us or your pastors know. We can provide a Stephen Minister to help you. Your Stephen Ministers are always available to provide support. We will walk along with you as long as you need.

Remember, you are part of a family, First Methodist Church Trussville. When a life event affects you or someone you love, please let us know. You are not alone.

Blessings to you.

Garey Morrison

First Methodist Trussville 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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