

OCTOBER 2023 | FALL EDITION

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

First Methodist Church of Trussville
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FALL SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Studies start the week
of October 1st.

"The Story"

Begins Sunday, October 1 at 4:30 pm and
Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm. The studies
will run 34 weeks. Led by Dr. Steve Strange.

CR 12 Step Study (Began September 17th)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 3 pm.
Led by Rev. Shan Odom. All are welcome!

"Luke: The Compassion of Christ"

by Dr. David Jeremiah.

This Bible study will begin on Wednesday, October 4 at 4 pm and will run
approx. 12 weeks. Led by Rick Sharp.

"Bad Girls of the Bible"

Thursdays, starting October 5 from 6-7 pm and will run approximately 8
weeks. Led by Rev. Shan Odom.

Bring your food and your babies! (No nursery)

FALL SCHEDULES

Small Group Studies Schedule:

Wednesdays:

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

6:30 pm - CR 12 Step Study

6:30 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:

- October 4 - Grace Vision Burger & Hotdog Fundraiser Meal

- October 11 - Celebrate Recovery Potato Bar Fundraiser Meal

- October 18 - Casserole Dishes potluck

- October 25th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

- November 1st - Soups Potluck

- November 8th - Fundraiser

- November 15th - Crockpot Dishes 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!

REV. SHAN ODOM'S SERMON SCHEDULE

October 1

What It Is

Corinthians 10:13-17

October 8

What It Is Not

John 2:1-6

October 15

Grounded and Foundational

Leviticus 11:43-45

October 22

Fully Received

1 Peter 1:25-30

October 29

Hope For Tomorrow

Matthew 11:43-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wonderful Church Family,**

Thank you all so much for your help during consignment sale week! We had the best time serving with you!

In the end, we had 115 church volunteers and profited approximately \$25,000 for the church & missions!! Amazing!! We are so grateful to have such a generous church family with servant hearts.

Thank you again for showing the community what an amazing church we have! Go Trussville First!!

In Christ, TMCC Sale Committee
Katelyn Asbury, Molly Cook, Susan Hatcher, Kayla Jane Howell, Melissa Howell, Rachel Kirkpatrick, Alana Lawson, Megan McEvoy, Katie Morse & Savannah Strange

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**Halloween is
Tuesday, October
31st. Be safe while
trick or treating!**

Celebrate Recovery

- Celebrate Recovery will host our annual Chili Cookoff on October 31st. Please email Pastor Shan to sign up at pastor.shankay@gmail.com.
- We have t-shirts for \$10, long sleeve shirts for \$15 and sweatshirts for \$20 on sale. See one of the leadership members to purchase yours and support our ministry.
- We will have our 2024 planning meeting October 8th from 4 to 5 and everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about our goals for the new year. We greatly appreciate all of the love and support you have shown over the past 4 years of this ministry.

- We are still preparing meals for the **Talladega Football** team this year. We have the opportunity to serve several pre-game meals. We need your help with funding the meals and also, we need lots of snack crackers and powdered Gatorade or Powerade. Thank you for your help!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note:

- If you would like to purchase one of the new hymnals for our Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, the cost is \$35 and order forms are in the Transept. The order will be sent out October 29th. Thank you.
- 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 Lovelady Toilet Tissue Drive continues. You can stack the tissue by the front doors next to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.

- **TEAM (Trussville Ecumenical Assistive Ministry)** is supported by donations and volunteers from First Methodist Church of Trussville and seven other Christian churches in this area. WE HAVE MOVED to 570 Simmons Drive, Suite A, close to the Trussville Post Office and are now open Mondays and Fridays from Noon until 2:00 pm. If you know of people in Trussville or the surrounding areas who could benefit from assistance with food or clothing, please help us extend Christian charity and love by referring them to us. For additional information, call us at (205) 661-5039 or contact your Board representative Louise Jensen.

- The **Trussville Methodist Men** will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall by the Open Door Sunday School Class. During this meeting, Curtis Garner and Garey Morrison will provide information on the current status of the Global Methodist Church and what took place at the Global Methodist Church Provisional State Conference held in June. They will also discuss the financial status of the Global Methodist Church as well as First Methodist Church of Trussville. 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.

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Naomi Girls Update

- We've had an exciting year! Thank you very much to all who gave donations to the Naomi Girls project, repairing water wells and solar box kits, a total of \$10,615,00. You have made a difference in many lives. Naomi Girls, please be thinking of a project we can work on for 2024. We will discuss the names for the new project at our October meeting. This meeting will be the last luncheon for 2023. Hope to see you then.
- Naomi Girl's October Luncheon at 11:30 am on Friday, Oct. 20th. RSVP Linda Shaddix, by Oct.18th. Tamburro's Italian Restaurant— 5954 Chalkville Mountain Rd., Birmingham, Al 35235

- **Circle One will be selling pecans from Priester's again this year.** The price will be \$11.50 per bag for halves or pieces. Please complete an order form and submit it along with your check made payable to "Circle One". Forms are available in the Transept, Welcome Center and church office. You can place your order with Robin Brown, Cindy Lawson or bring it to the church office. The deadline for orders is Monday, October 23. They will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

- We have a **Prayer Wall** that is available for adding your prayer requests. It can also be used by anyone who would like to pray for the requests that are on the wall. It is 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.

- The Mission Team volunteers this month at the **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama** from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, October 19, 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.

- Come out for a morning of fun at **Foundations for Hope's** 2nd Annual 5K on Saturday, October 7, starting at 8 am. The race will be held in the Trussville Entertainment District. Runners, Walkers, or relay teams can participate. The goal of the Foundations For Hope 5K is to provide clean drinking water to underserved communities in Kenya and provide protection from preventable disease while empowering the witness of the local church. You can register from our website [@foundations4hope.org](https://www.foundations4hope.org)

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Save the date for our Trunk or Treat on
Sunday, October 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
in the back parking lot.**

We are looking for Sunday School classes, small groups, bible study groups,
church members and families to host a trunk!

We are collecting candy for this as well in the bin by the portrait of John Wesley.

To sign up for a trunk:

Call the church office at 205-655-3259 or sign up online here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABAC23AAFCC07-44618545-trunk>



First Methodist Church of Trussville's Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Back Parking Lot
Trussville First

Sunday, October 29, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 PM

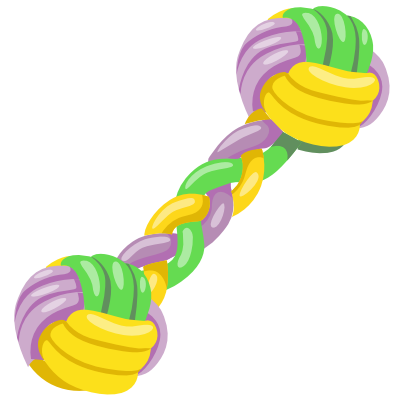
Bring the kids for an evening of
treats, games and costumes!

SWAG TWEEN MINISTRY

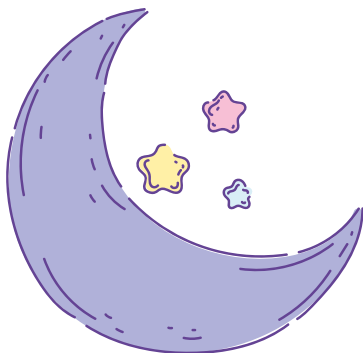
SWAG continues to meet every Wednesday for bible study from 6:30-7:30 PM upstairs. They also meet every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 PM for dinner, fellowship, and devotion. This group is open to all 4th-6th grade students.

Our group just completed the student version of “Everyday Theology”.

We also enjoyed an overnight lock-in at the church on September 8th. Our ongoing Fall mission project is making homemade dog and cat toys that will be donated to the Birmingham Humane Society.



All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to join in the fun!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church Family,

We are so excited for another month of fun! We are settling well into our semester schedule. I thank all of you for your love and support of this ministry, we are able to do so much because of all of our wonderful volunteers.

Our Sunday Schools are booming and the children are having so much fun as we walk through the Bible. We have Sunday School classes for all ages between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. SWAG (4th-6th grade) meets upstairs in the children's building in the room beside the youth room. Elementary Sunday school (kindergarten-3rd grade) meets upstairs in the room across from the youth room. Preschool (3 years-4K) meets downstairs in the first classroom on the left and nursery meets in the second classroom on the right.



Our Children's and Cherub Choirs have started meeting on Wednesday nights. If you have a child interested in participating, we would love to have them join. Cherub choir (3 years-Kindergarten) meets from 6:30-7:00 and Children's choir (1st grade and up) meets from 7:00-7:30 upstairs in the Children's Choir Room. Wednesday night lesson times are SWAG (4th-6th grade) 6:30-7:30, Elementary school (1st-3rd grade) 6:30-7:00, and PreSchool (3 years-Kindergarten) 7:00-7:30. All are upstairs in the children's building.

There are still many areas that we can use volunteers. If you are interested, feel free to contact me!

God bless you,

Megan McEvoy | kidsministry@trussvillefirst.com | 205-739-8579

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 and the amount needed is \$5,000.

The Women's Ministry will be hosting 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. You can also donate online and select Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beds as the fund.

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. Thank you for your help with this new ministry!

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Ministry Conference - February 3, 2024

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Memorial	By:	Fund:
Conner Stewart	Beth Morris	General Fund
Meg Cook Laney	Beth Morris Jack & Peggy Connell Perry & Elaine Cook Marilyn Cook Donald & Shirley Parsons	General Fund Celebrate Recovery Communion Fund Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery
Abbie Pannell Speer	Jelly Lepper	General Fund
Don Mullins	Jelly Lepper Ann Bowman	General Fund Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beds
Frank Kitchen	Linda Hester Margaret Gaither Harold & Cathy Fulton Faye King Tom Gore Friendship SS Class Jelly Lepper Ann Bowman	Designs for Hope Friendship SS Class Friendship SS Class Friendship SS Class Friendship SS Class Student Ministries Friendship SS Class Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beds
Eulene Crumbley	Friendship SS Class Jelly Lepper	Student Ministries Friendship SS Class



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

IN HONOR OF:

Betty Boatwright by Lynn Porter
Buddy Choat Family by Mary Choat
Allen Hatcher by Rick & Sybil Barber
Our Grandchildren by Richard & Shelia Seanson
Garey & Patty Morrison by Linda Hester
Dan & Betty Milam by Linda Hester
Rick & Sybil Barber by Linda Hester
Ann Pogue by Linda Hester
Nancy Russell by Dave & Melissa Smith
Jensen Lee Edmonds by Louise Jensen
Maggie Jensen by Louise Jensen
Michael Payne by Lynda Payne

IN MEMORY OF:

Clarence Boatwright by Lynn Porter
Al & Margaret Hamman by Jerry & Susan Marlow
Dennis & Anna Marlow by Jerry & Susan Marlow
Roy & Sara Adkins by Mike & Cindy Adkins
Jeff & Roma Saxon by Mike & Cindy Adkins
Brenda Faughender by Joe Faughender
Frank Scheinert by Pat Scheinert
Sue M. Mason by Ann Hydrick
Albert Dee Mason Sr. by Ann Hydrick
Harold Hydrick by Ann Hydrick
Louise Hydrick by Ann Hydrick
Meg Cook Laney by New Horizons Sunday School Class
Conner Stewart by New Horizons Sunday School Class
Martha Lang by Gene Lang
Judy Lang by Gene Lang
Boyd & Marzee Owen by Linda Hester
Donna Hall by Melissa Smith
Bob Pogue by Ann Pogue
Tommy Williams by Jeanette Williams
C. A. Williams by Jeanette Williams
Ronald David Bray by Ron Camp
Fred Jensen by Louise Jensen

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your Stephen Ministers Are Here For You, ANYTIME

by: Garey Morrison

Last month I wrote about hearing happy voices and sounds from one of our neighbors while she was doing yardwork. You may recall I was grieving over the passing of a longtime friend. A few days ago, I saw my neighbor working in her yard again. I started toward her house to thank her for lifting my spirits. Before I could walk over, she was in her car and passing my house. I waved, she stopped. She and a friend were ready to run errands, no more yardwork that day!

I thanked her again and mentioned that I shared her joy and the wonderful effect on me with our entire church in this newsletter. My neighbor had just shared with her friend what had happened last month. There were smiles all around. Those happy sounds from last month are still lifting me up. By connecting with a neighbor, we helped each other.

Our calendars are turning toward “happy” events, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. The holidays can also remind us of a loved one who will not be at the table or have a gift under the tree. If you are hurting let us know. We are ready to help. Your pastors and Stephen Ministers are available when you need someone to listen and share your current life challenges.

If you know of someone who may benefit from having a Stephen Minister walking with them, please let us know. We are here to listen, to walk with you, and to provide assurance that you are loved.

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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