

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

'Not A Fan'
September 3 - October 8
Dr. Steve Strange

The dictionary defines a “fan” which is short for “fanatic” as “an enthusiastic admirer.” Now what the Scripture has called us to be is followers, not just fans of Jesus Christ. Fans follow close enough and want the benefits without the required sacrifice to be a part of the process. Fans mostly critique the team without investing or risking anything.

Fans will come to church sometimes, pray when they need something, and even put a Christian symbol on their vehicle to witness to the world. However, Jesus was never really interested in having admirers. He wanted followers that became fishers of men. This sermon series will challenge us to think about what it means to be a follower of Christ and not just a fan of Christ. We are going to take an honest look at our relationship with Christ and how we can be on the team, not just a fan of the team.

Jesus never asked us to sit and watch, he encouraged us to get in the game

'NOT A FAN' SERMON SCHEDULE

September 3rd
Fan or Follower
Scripture: Luke 9:23-26

September 10th
Follow Me
Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

September 17th
What must I do?
Scripture: Matthew 19:16-24

September 24th
Excuses, Excuses
Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

October 1st
The Hypocritical Fan
Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

October 8th
The Gates of Life vs. The Gates of
Destruction
Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14

REV. SHAN ODOM'S SERMON SCHEDULE

September 3
Identity Crisis
Jeremiah 6:16-17

September 10
Living Our Purpose
Matthew 22:37-40

September 17
It Is Getting Real
Galatians 5:1-5

September 24
We Fell Off Track
Romans 3:9-18

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

GLOBAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Summary of the North Alabama Provisional Annual Conference Global Methodist Church August 17-19, 2023

The first North Alabama Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church was held at Clearbranch Methodist Church.

it WAS AWESOME.

Rev. Shan Odom was ordained along with approximately 70 others! Your choir and acolytes were part of the ordination service making it even more special.

Almost all of the agenda was focused on worship, teaching and training. The energy in the building was incredible to experience. A brief business session was conducted Friday afternoon. The Conference's committee appointments and budget were approved.

The GMC's North Alabama Conference is new and there are many decisions to be made as this amazing movement continues. It was clear to me that GOD IS LEADING this Conference.

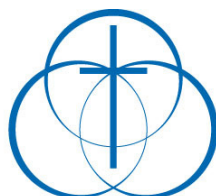
One of the speakers brought a welcome mat that said:
"WELCOME HOLY SPIRIT"

Indeed, The Holy Spirit was welcome and present.

A copy of the Preconference Journal and the Service of Ordination is in the Church office. Please let me know if you have questions.

Special thanks to Mike Payne and Nicole Gilliland for attending this special event.

Garey Morrison
Lay Delegate



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Women's Ministry is 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!

- The Disciple Series will begin on Sunday, October 1 at 4:30 pm and will run for approximately 34 weeks. Disciple 1 Classes will be led by Robert Park and The Story will be led by Dr. Steve Strange. Locations to be determined. Sign-up sheets are located in the Welcome Center, Transept, in the Sunday School Classrooms. You can also call the Church office or use our online form <https://trussvillefirst.com/signup> Please sign up early so that we have time to order the books.

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**Fall begins on
Saturday,
September 23,
2023**

- As Summer is coming to an end, it is time to think about our Fall Wednesday night Bible study groups. We are looking for at least 4 different studies this fall! If you are interested in leading an 8-week study, please contact the church office at 205-655-3259 or email Shan Odom at shan@trussvillefirst.com before September 11. Sign ups will be from September 12-25. Groups will start October 4th and continue for approximately 8 weeks.

- Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal Schedule:
(tentative schedule, updates to follow)

- September 20 - Hamburgers
Grace Vision Fundraiser
(microphone fund)
- September 27 - Italian Potluck

No Small Groups in the month of September Donations for meals gratefully accepted!

- Cherub/Children's Choir (ages 3 thru 6th grade) will begin meeting each Wednesday in room 154 upstairs over the Church Office beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 20th. The Children's Choir will meet 5:00-5:30 pm and the Cherub Choir will meet at 6:30-7:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mission Team volunteers this month at the **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama** from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Thursday, September 21, 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.

- This year we have an opportunity to help out with the **Talladega Football team**. We will have the opportunity to serve 1-4 pre-game meals and provide them with some other items. Our first meal to serve will be on Friday, September 15. We will need powdered Gatorade or Powerade that we can make up on game days. In addition, we will need snack crackers and other snacks for the away games. Please bring donated items to the church. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

- 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.

- 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 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.

- The **Naomi Girls** will end our projects for this year Sunday, September 10, 2023. Our projects are repairing water wells and solar box kits. All donations are greatly appreciated especially the women that live in the African villages. Some women have to walk five miles a day to get water for their families. Ladies we are truly blessed! Please make donations payable to FMCT for repair water wells or solar box kits. The money goes to a local nonprofit, Designs for Hope with Chris Bond. We appreciate all donations. The Naomi Girls thank you very much. If you are a widow and don't belong to the group and would like to become a Naomi Girl please contact Linda Shaddix through Candy in the office.

- **Naomi Girls September Luncheon** is Friday, September 15, 2023 11:30 am at Cracker Barrel in Trussville. RSVP Linda Shaddix by September 14

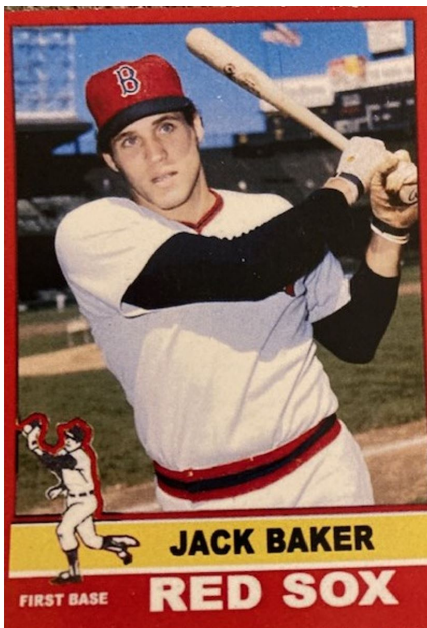
TRUSSVILLE METHODIST MEN

Join us for breakfast and our speaker Sunday September 10th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is provided by the "The Friendship" Sunday School Class. Our speaker for September is Jack Baker.



Jack Baker is the State Director for Talent Advancement for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which includes recruiting, training, and helping with events. (FCA). He was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. Graduated from Ramsay High School and Auburn University. At Auburn, Jack was on the All-SEC Academic Team and earned honorable mention All-American baseball honors.

Jack signed with the Boston Red Sox after college and played 8 professional years including a brief stint in the big leagues with one home run. Led four minor leagues on home runs.



Jack worked for Baker Dairy from the age of 12 until 46. He joined the staff after his baseball experience and continued to work there until the business was sold.

Three years after the business was sold, Jack joined the FCA as area director for Central Alabama. Jack challenges students and inmates with his story of his faith, commitment, and perseverance. From high school team, to walk-on at Auburn to the major leagues, Jack's story encourages those who might be tempted to give up.

Jack married Amy in 1976 resulting in three children and nine grandchildren.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church family,

Wow! What a wonderful end to summer we had. We wrapped up our last two Summer Art Nights with a bang! We talked about being made in God's image when making picture frames. Then, we discussed the roles and importance of angels in the Bible and our lives when making our very own angel paintings with our talented Mrs. Robin.

Our kids had a blast!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Back to School Bash was a success. Thanks to all of your donations our church was able to give away hundreds of packs of paper, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, and so much more! We gave every student (and many adults that came) keychains to remind them of how important they are and how much they are loved at our church. All of our students also received one when their backpacks were blessed. I have more keychains for anyone who would like one, feel free to take one for yourself or to give to a friend.



Now that school is back in session we are having regular Bible study lessons after dinner on Wednesday nights. We also hope to begin our children's choirs again in September so be on the look out for details on that. We are always in need of volunteers for the many classes we offer, we cannot do what we do without your help! If you are interested in volunteering, teaching, or just playing with some precious kids please reach out to me. We still need volunteers for the nursery, Preschool and Elementary Sunday School, Wednesday night Bible study, and children's choir.

God bless you,
Megan McEvoy
kidsministry@trussvillefirst.com
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CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

PUBLIC SALE

Friday, September 15th from 10 am to 7 pm

Saturday, September 16th from 8 am to 2 pm *MANY ITEMS 50% OFF!*

TEAM DOLLAR DASH

Saturday, September 16, 4-6pm

Sunday, September 17, 2-4 pm.

Located in the Fellowship Hall. Everything is \$1. CASH ONLY.

Due to limited space, NO strollers or children are allowed.

Thank you for your continued support of the sale!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Memorial	For:	Fund:
Connor Stewart	Rebecca Steadman David & Cheryl Newell	General Fund Celebrate Recovery
Megan Cook Laney	Rebecca steadman Phyllis Jordan Mike & Missy Milam David & Cheryl Newell Harold & Cathy Fulton Dwight & Robin Brown Candy Strickland	Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery General Fund Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery General Fund
Abbie Pannell Speer	Friendship SS Class	Choir



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let Us Know When You're Hurting

by: Garey Morrison



Recently, I was grieving over the passing of a longtime friend. Most of us have experienced that numb feeling after someone dear to us passes. It was a pretty day and I thought maybe a little time outside would help me. As soon as I was in the driveway, I heard happy voices and tried to figure out where they were coming from. The happy sounds continued as I decided which tools I needed.

Finally, I figured out which neighbor was making joyful sounds. I do not know them very well, but that did not keep me from walking over to say that the happy sounds were wonderful to hear. The wife was doing the yardwork because her husband was not feeling well. She felt like she was making a mess of the yard and was laughing at herself. I reassured her the yard looked fine.

As I walked back to my lawn mower, I realized she helped me by the positive way she was doing the unfamiliar yard work. Those happy sounds lifted me up.

My point? By connecting with a neighbor, we helped each other. If you are hurting, let us know. We are ready to help. Your pastors and Stephen Ministers are available for you.

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

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