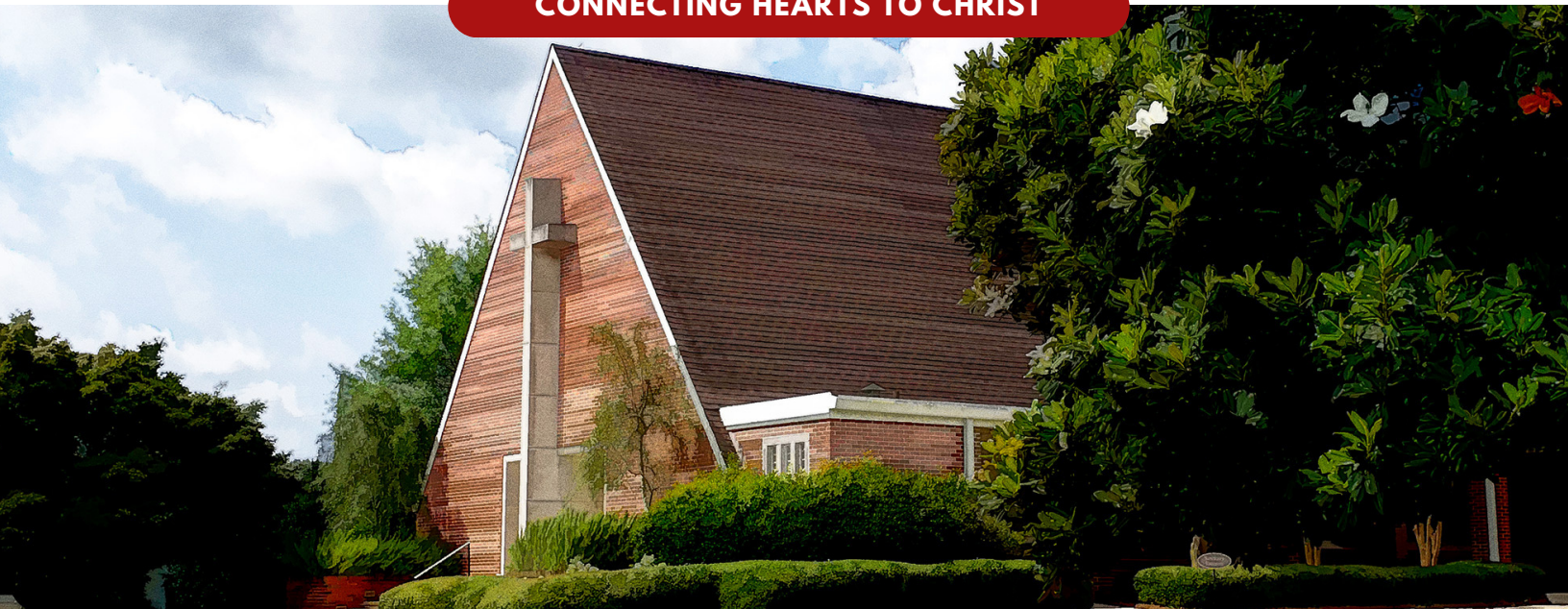


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The Neighborhood Watch

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CONNECTING HEARTS TO CHRIST



AFFILIATION VOTE RESULTS

On May 21, 2023, 219 members of First Methodist Church of Trussville voted on which Methodist Denomination it should affiliate.

198 or 90.4 percent voted to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church. 1 member voted for Free Methodist and 20 members voted for Independent Methodist.

We have begun the process for affiliation with the Global Methodist Church. Thank you to all the members who came out to vote.

For more information about the Global Methodist church, visit their website at <https://globalmethodist.org>



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤➤➤ TMM MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The Trussville Methodist Men will conduct their next monthly meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. Our speaker for June is Mike Milam, founder of Milam & Co. building contractors. As always, children and wives are welcome at meetings. Please notify Allen Hatcher by phone or text at (205) 773-9591 if you will be attending the meeting.

LOVELADY CENTER

The Lovelady Center has once again requested our help with toilet tissue. We will collect it by the front doors.

Thank you for your help with this need.

➤➤➤ NAOMI GIRLS LUNCHEON

The next Naomi Girls luncheon will be on Friday, June 16, 2023. They will meet at Jim & Nick's in Trussville at 11:00 am.. Please RSVP to Linda Shaddix as soon as possible, so she can make reservations..



➤➤➤ CONSIGNMENT SALE INTEREST MEETING

We are holding a Consignment Sale Interest Meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for anyone who wants to be involved with our Consignment Sale Ministry, whether they want to lead or want to help. If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, we would love to have you join us.

➤➤➤ COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

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

SAVE THE DATES:

--Sunday, June 4 -
Commission Youth
for Mexico Mission
Trip

--June 8-14 - Mexico
Mission Trip

--Wednesday, June
14 - GMC Celebration
potluck dinner 5:30
to 6:30pm in the CLC

--Saturday, June 24 -
Youth Block Party

--Wednesday, June
28 - Fellowship
potluck 5:30 to 6:30
pm in the CLC

--Wednesday, July 12
*Spaghetti Dinner -
Celebrate Recovery
Sponsored 5:30 to
6:30 pm
*Small group study
'Life's Healing
Choices' begins 6:30
- 7:30 pm

NEEDED:

Volunteers are
needed for Tech
Support during our
services. Please see
Dan Shirah or call
the church office at
205-655-3259 if you
are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤➤➤ SOLAR BOX KITS & WATER WELL REPAIRS

Thank you for all the donations that have been given for the Naomi Girls project, repairing water wells \$1,500 each and solar boxes \$100 each for communication. We need \$300 to repair the third water well. Hope to get four water wells repaired. Please continue to write your check to Trussville First Methodist Church for solar box or water wells. The money is sent to the non profit Designs for Hope with Chris Bond for Africa.

Please continue to pray for this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Shaddix.

➤➤➤ READY, SET, MOVE! VBS 2023

Trussville First and other area churches have joined with Clearbranch for Vacation Bible School this year. June 5-9, 2023 from 6-8:30 pm. The theme is Ready, Set, Move! and they'll have music, games, snacks and lots of fun along the way. This event is for rising 4k - 6th graders. Registration is now open!

** Transportation will be provided. The church bus will leave TFMC at 5:15 pm. Please contact the church office at 205-655-3259 for your child to be included. 4k kids will need to provide their own car seat or booster seat for the church bus.



SWAG

>>> TWEEN MINISTRY

Our tween ministry, SWAG, will continue to meet throughout the month of June. We will kick the summer off with a mission day on June 6th. We will meet at the church at 8 AM for breakfast before departing for Urban Ministries. We will return to the church for lunch and more mission activities. Pick up will be at 2 PM. Please let Molly Hatcher know if your child plans to attend (205-746-8137).

SWAG will meet on Sunday nights, on June 11th and 25th, for dinner, devotion, and fellowship from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will also meet on Wednesday nights, on June 7th and 21st at 6:00 PM.

Please contact Molly Hatcher or Carolyn Matthews with questions or to be included in our weekly updates and announcements.



Confirmands:

Alexis Mei Coe
 Nealey Armstong Butler
 Bayleigh LeAnn Gorham
 Braxton Dean Gorham
 Emilia Reese Greene
 Avery Minette Hopper
 Lily Marie Neal



SWAG

>>> NEW MISSIONS

-SWAG Mission Day

Tuesday, June 4 from 8 am - 2 pm. The day will include breakfast, a trip to Urban Ministries, lunch, and additional service projects. Please contact Molly Hatcher to RSVP 205-746-8137.

-Food Drive for TEAM

June 14 - 28. Help our Kids and SWAG ministries stock the shelves at TEAM with snack food items and pre-packaged meal kits for families this summer. Drop off your items in the bins in the Welcome Center and at the portrait of John Wesley. They will be marked "TEAM". Thank you.

Trussville First Methodist

FOOD DRIVE



**HELP FAMILIES THIS SUMMER!
ACCEPTING KID-FRIENDLY SNACKS AND
PREPACKAGED MEAL KITS**

June 14-28 | All donations go to
TEAM

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STUDENT MINISTRY

➤➤➤ PHILLIP, MCEVOY, YOUTH MINISTER

This is a big month for the Student Ministry as we begin to kick off our Summer schedule filled with “Home Invasions”, mission work, and our beach retreat. If any of you would like to host the Student Ministry at your home to swim or have backyard games, then please reach out to Phillip and he will work on getting you on the calendar.

A big thank you to our entire church congregation and the Consignment Sale Committee for helping us to raise the funds for our Mexico Mission Trip. The entire cost for our trip for 21 people is \$18,900. With your help, we were able to raise \$19,600 to go toward both this trip, as well as future trips and events. Thank you for enabling our Student Ministry, and allowing them to be good stewards of our funds. What a blessing it has been for our church to come together and raise what is needed!

Also, a big thank you to everyone who came out to be a part of Graduation Sunday. We have received such great feed back from the parents on how loving everyone was on this day and how supportive they were towards our graduates. We also want to point out that we will continue to leave the journals in the Transept until June 4th for anyone to write their favorite verse/verses or a prayer over them.

**As always, if you have any questions,
Phillip's phone is always open...
But sometimes needs to be called more
than twice.**



**Much Love from the Student Ministry to
our biggest supporters!**





HIGH SCHOOL :

**CAMERON CANTWELL
MOLLY COOPER
LIAM EUBANKS
KATIE HARBIN
BRANSON HUGHES
KATE JORDAN
JACOB PAYNE
WILL PHILLIPS
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MARY GRACE LABORDE
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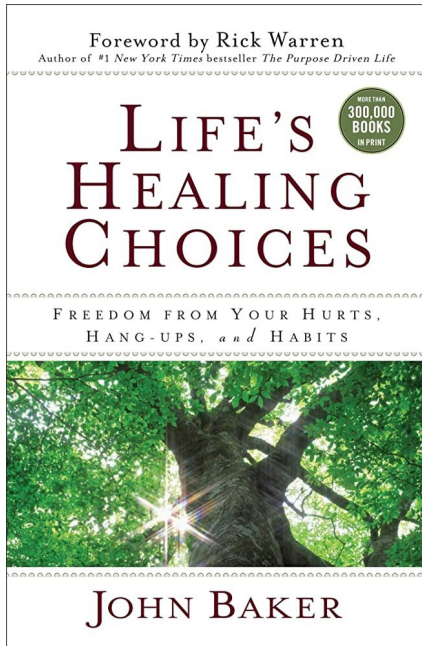


**SENIOR
SUNDAY
MAY 21ST**

CONGRATS 2023 GRADS!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

➤➤➤ **REV. SHAN ODOM, CELEBRATE RECOVERY MINISTER**



Beginning on Wednesday, July 12th, we will begin a study group! Everyone is invited. We will be studying Life's Healing Choices by John Baker. This is an 8 week study that will follow the introduction week.

This setting will begin with everyone together to hear lesson details. After the lesson details, we will split into groups to work through the discussion questions for each lesson. Tentatively, we hope to meet at 6pm each Wednesday and have a meal together as a church family while hearing about the overview of each lesson before breaking into smaller groups. If you are interested in being a part of this new Wednesday night group, please email Shan at

pastor.shankay@gmail.com so we can know how many workbooks we need to have on hand.

The only way to become a disciple is to make disciples. Before we can make disciples, we need to really look at ourselves in the mirror of Truth which is Scripture! We hope this will be a great kick off to many future Wednesday night study groups to come in the future as we grow closer to God and His purpose for our lives and our church!

Much Agape ev'body!

Shan



KIDS FIRST DAY SCHOOL

»»» AMY GULLEDGE, KIDS FIRST MINISTER

Kids First Day School has been busy during the months of April and May.

- Our children had their vision screening by Impact Alabama on April 4.
- Our Spring Music Program was held on April 27.
- A “Royal Celebration” was held the week of May 8 – 12 to show our Teacher’s appreciation.
- Our 4K graduation was held on May 11.
- Our School Age Summer program begins May 30. We have 61 enrolled in our school age program that are ready for great adventures!

Congratulations 2023 Kids First Day School 4K Graduates!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Honorarium For:
Judy Sapp

By:
Rick & Charlene Sharp

By:
Naomi Fund - Well Repair

Memorial For:
Harry Lee

Rick & Sybil Barber
Candy Strickland
Randy & Susan Day
Cathy Coe

Naomi Fund - Solar Boxes
Naomi Fund - Solar Boxes
Hymnal Fund
General Fund



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- Psalm 147:3

STEPHEN MINISTRY



>>> BACK TO NORMAL, REVISITED

by Will Northern

Many times over the past 3 years I heard some variation of the following: “I just want to get back to normal.” Finally, after three long years, COVID seems to be in the rearview mirror, for the most part. On top of this, our church has just completed the disaffiliation process and voted to connect with other Methodists by becoming part of the Global Methodist Church. It seems we cannot escape perpetual change. We are continuing to look for a new identity for our congregation. A new normal.

When I heard someone say they wanted to get back “normal” it didn’t bother me. After all, who could blame them. But through trial there is opportunity for growth. Sometimes I wonder if getting back to normal would be a good thing from a spiritual standpoint. If you have gained something over the past three years - particularly if you have garnered spiritual growth - would you really want to return to the way you were? I don’t know if I’ve come to the point where I can thank God for my trials. But if I can take the spiritual growth - the positives from these past few year’s experiences - then maybe my “new normal” will be better for it.

If you are struggling to see the positives in a time of transition, that is human nature. Faith helps us overcome that challenge. But, what if the immensity of the crisis starts to cast the long shadows of doubt on faith? If you or someone you know is struggling to see God’s presence in the midst of trial and tribulation, a Stephen Minister can help. That is what we are trained to do. We can’t remedy the issue, but we will be there with you for as long as you need us - to be present, to be supportive...to listen. Contact me, Pastor Steve or any of your Stephen Ministers for more information. You are not alone.

Will Northern

Trussville First UMC 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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