

From Our Pastor

What is Most Important

You may have never heard of the man with one suit... it sounds like the opening line of a tall tale. For many people across the US, and even around the world, that crumpled, driven, faithful man was the person who introduced them to Jesus Christ. His name was Harry Denman, and I meet him once in Nashville, Tennessee when my dad worked for him at the Upper Room on Grand Avenue. Mr. Denman was a friend to taxi drivers, missionaries, housewives, students, world leaders, pastors and the United Methodist Church. A force to be reckoned with, Denman's service and commitment to Methodism spanned more than 60 years.

Mr. Denman sought to live his life as a testament to Jesus Christ in whom he believed passionately. Denman strongly challenged modern materialism and prejudice by exemplifying and teaching a simple life, and by personally relating to all people. His personal property was very limited for example: he usually had only one pair of shoes, one suit and refused to wear a watch, preferring to ask for the time as a way of starting a conversation. Articles that were given to him were generally given away to the needy. His friends had a hard time keeping him in a warm coat.

In the end, he considered himself no different from anyone else. He was called just like every Christian to show the love of Christ, writing: "Today, the only way one can see [Christ's] love is to see it wrapped up in a person.

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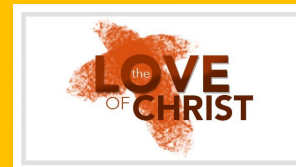
This is true of faith. The only way we can see Christ is to see him wrapped in a person. Evangelism can only be seen in a person. We need to become a package of love, a package of faith, and a package of Christ. Then we will be a package of evangelism."

Building relationships with people was critical for Harry Denman, it helped him to bring Christ into their lives. One of Harry Denman's friend was Dr. Billy Graham who wrote, "Harry Denman was one of the great mentors for evangelism in my own life and ministry... the thing people will remember above all about Harry Denman was his love of Christ and his desire to see others come to know Him. He truly was one of those rare individuals whose impact will continue for generations to come."

The temporal things that we can possess should never be our focus in life. Still we think that if we only had more money, we could prevent problems from coming our way. We think that money will allow us to enjoy a better life. The sooner we get over the illusion that more stuff means a better life; the sooner we can pursue true treasure, a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus.

May God bless you and your family during the month of October as you seek what is most important, a deeper and more abiding relationship with Jesus.

**In Christ's arms,
Brother Matt**



*Thank you for the cards, calls, and especially your prayers during the illness and passing of our sister, Charlotte Jordan.
Jonny McCune and Julie Powell*

*Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, food and especially your prayers during my recent illness. The support of my Church family meant so much during this time.
Carolyn Osborn*



QUILTING GROUP
meets each Wednesday
10 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

Our CHRISMON MINISTRY
meets each Thursday from 10 a.m.
until noon in Wesley Hall.

We are working on some new Chrismons for the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary. This is a learning process for all of us under the direction of Judy Dudley.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

"Prayer Shawl" meets each Friday at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Education Building. We continue to add new members and are excited about what we are doing for the Lord. Come and be part of this ministry.

**In His Light,
Celestra**





Fall is here...even though it doesn't feel like it! We have some fun things planned this month for our kids. Due to some of our kids going out of town for Fall Break,



we will have Jesus Crew on Sunday, October 20 immediately following the late service.

Pizza will be served in the Family Life Center and then we will head out to one of our kids' favorite field trips! Cornfield County Farms here we come! Our kids will enjoy games, a hay ride, and a corn maze. Cost is \$10, which includes their pumpkin. Please RSVP for this event since space is limited on the bus.



This month we are following along with Brother Matt's study of how to be a good steward. Our kids will be learning about Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development,

Risk Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. As always, Word & Table Fellowship will be the second Sunday of the month. We would love for your kids to join us for this special time of communion with Brother Matt.

Last, but definitely not least, **our Fall Festival will be Wednesday, October 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on the front lawn.** This is a rain or shine event so if it rains, the event will be moved into the Family Life Center. Kids will enjoy games, dinner, snow cones, and of course CANDY! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a great time!
Blessings, Ms. Michelle



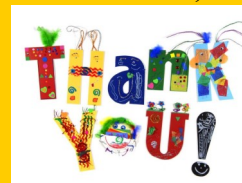
Ever felt like the person others think you are doesn't match up with who you really are? Or maybe you've put on different masks for different situations; masks that help you fit in with certain crowds (even if that mask doesn't reflect who you really want to be).



We can all relate, because, at times, we all struggle with the same big questions: **"Who am I? Who loves me? Why am I here?"** This month we will explore those questions as we discover that **in Jesus we are loved, we are forgiven, we have purpose, and we belong.**

October is filled with lots of excitement! We have a lock-in planned for early October, will be serving at the Fall Festival and Elmore County Food Pantry, and much more. Be sure to look for details and more information as these come up on Instagram and GroupMe. If you need to be added to GroupMe or would like a calendar of events, please talk to me, and we'll get you set up!

Thank you SO MUCH to all the students, parents, volunteers, and generous hearts that made the student ministry spaghetti fundraiser a huge success! The students especially enjoyed serving everyone, were in awe of your excitement to invest in their spiritual growth, and are getting super excited for the worship/discipleship retreat in January! If you missed the fundraiser and would still like to show your support, the student ministry envelope fundraiser will be continuing on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights until October 13.



In Him, Jamie

Senior Adult Ministry

You don't want to miss this!!!!



"Sizzlin' Steak Night" Nov. 8th
5:30 'til-----A great night of delicious food and fun!

Menu: Ribeye steak, twice baked potatoes, green salad, rolls, fresh pies, cakes and fresh fruit. \$20.00 per ticket- Get your tickets now, as they are selling fast!!

SILENT AUCTION: Homemade cakes and pies (many other items to be listed later)

SELL ITEMS: Frozen camp stew, gumbo, soups and casseroles.

Prizes!!!!!!! and Music!!!!!!!

Come and join us for a delicious meal and a great night sure to be so much fun!!!! Tickets are available for purchase in the church office. For more information call Celestra at 334-301-3920. *(House of Holidays is an annual fundraiser that supports community groups and our church.)*

SEE YOU FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8TH!!!!

Save these dates...

November 15th-
Gaithers Concert in Montgomery-
2 buses are going.

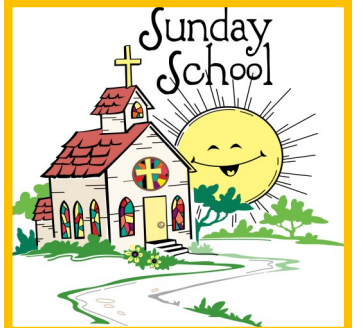


December 3rd- Christmas Keenage Luncheon featuring back by popular demand, "Upbeats"!!!! Plan now to come and enjoy beautiful Christmas music...

In His Light, Celestra (334/301-3920)



Mark your calendars...
GROUNDS COMMITTEE WORK DAY
Thursday, October 10
beginning at 8:30 a.m.





Join us for
Sunday School
 at 9:20 a.m.
 each week!
*We'll help you find
 the right class for
 your faith journey!*

Join us each Wednesday:
Children's Ministry: 3 pm
Youth: 3 pm
Meal Served: 5:15 pm
Choir Practice: 6 pm
Adult Bible Studies: 6 pm

Fun! Fun! Fun!!!
FUMC FALL FESTIVAL
Wednesday, Oct. 30
5—7 p.m.
**No scary costumes
 please.**

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 am	2 Wed Activities and Bible Study Meal 5:15 pm	3 Chrismon Ministry 10 am	4 Prayer Shawl 10 am	5
6	7	8 Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 am	9 Wed Activities and Bible Study Meal 5:15 pm	10 GROUNDWORK DAY 8:30 am Chrismon Ministry 10 am	11 Prayer Shawl 10 am	12
13 2nd Sunday Breakfast 7:15 am for everyone!	14 Offices Closed  <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 am	16 No Wednesday Activities CHARGE CONF 6 PM	17 Chrismon Ministry 10 am	18 Prayer Shawl 10 am	19
20 Jesus Crew goes to the Pumpkin Patch after 10:30 service	21 S.I.S. Wesley Hall at noon	22 Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 am	23 Wed Activities and Bible Study Meal 5:15 pm	24 Chrismon Ministry 10 am	25 Prayer Shawl 10 am	26
27 Stewardship Celebration Sunday!	28 Candy Walk behind City Admin Bldg 4:30-6:30 pm	29 Tuesday Bible Study at 9:30 am	30 FUMC FALL FESTIVAL 5—7 pm 	31 Chrismon Ministry 10 am	<i>Be sure to check out the Children's Ministry, Youth, and Sr. Adult Ministry pages for more exciting details!</i>	

Worship each Sunday at 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

*Save the date.....***United Appeal Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 13th!!!**

Come hungry and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal!!!

This fundraiser is an annual event that allows us to keep our tax exempt status.

Serving: Delicious spaghetti supper with all the trimmings!



**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR
OCTOBER:**

6 –Communion

13—Joy Sunday School Class

20—Alice & Andy Scarborough

27—Judy Price

*Thank you for beautifully adorning
the altar with fresh flowers.*



10/01	Betty	Nixon	10/14	Grady	Rowell
10/01	Gary	Barnes	10/15	Daniel	Lockwood
10/01	Nikole	Tyler	10/18	Kathy	Willis
10/02	Julianne	Hawkins	10/18	Madison	Andrews
10/03	Bonnie	Hall	10/20	Earl	Gillian
10/03	Jim	Rushing	10/21	Connie	Mann
10/03	Monica	Henderson	10/21	Elizabeth	Gillian
10/04	Jasper	LeFevre	10/22	Faith	Wheat
10/05	Fred	Enslin	10/22	Grady (Brother)	Rowell
10/06	Alice	Scarborough	10/22	Jane	Salter
10/08	Jimmy	Martin	10/23	Jamie	Farquhar
10/10	Tammy	Albritton	10/25	Carol	Hickman
10/12	Edna	Ayers	10/27	Dennis	Fain
10/13	Carli	Chavez			
10/13	Cheri	Martin			



FIRST NEWS

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Support Group

If you know of someone who is struggling, please let them know that the **Fresh Start Recovery Group meets each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Our goal is to help in overcoming problems, fears, and/or addictions. For more information, please contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.



10/05	Matt & Tammy Albritton
10/05	Josh & Leslie Rider
10/09	Alvin & Pat Ward
10/14	Rick & Sherrie Futch
10/27	William & Ashley Cousins

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office so that we can celebrate with you.



FALL FESTIVAL
*Wednesday,
October 30
5:00 -7:00 p.m.
More details inside...*

Stewardship Reflection: Lord, Find Us Faithful

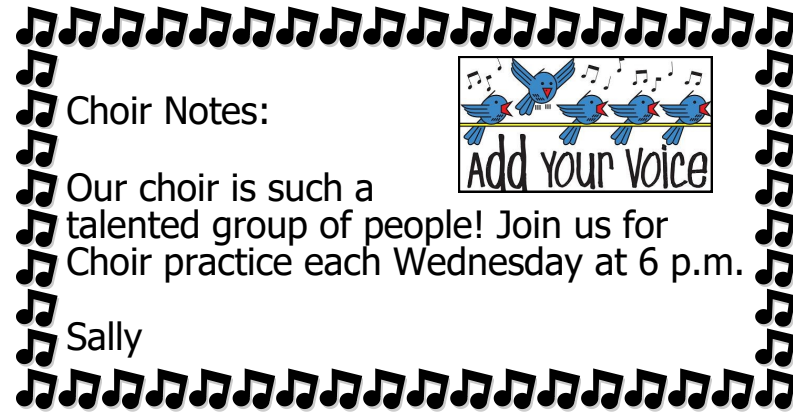
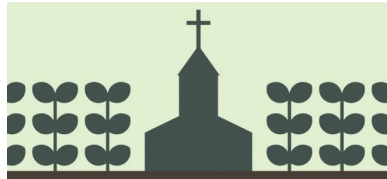
Please pray unceasingly for our congregation and our Spirit led plans this fall, as well as our plans for the future.

Pray for the many ways we equip each other for serving the Lord. Pray for guidance and for plans to reflect the commitment of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

May we grow, individually and collectively, as faithful stewards of all God has so abundantly given to us.

May we continue to grow as a congregation known for our radical hospitality, our passionate worship, our intentional faith development, our risk-taking missions and service, and our extravagant generosity. . . all for the honor and glory of God.

Lord, find us faithful.

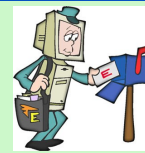


Choir Notes:

Our choir is such a talented group of people! Join us for Choir practice each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Sally

Are you receiving regular emails from the church?



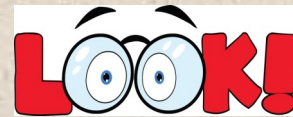
We send out prayer requests and important reminders several times a week. To stay informed please share your current email with us by contacting the church office at 334/567-7865 or email the church office at secretary@firstwetumpka.com and ask to be added to the email list.

We have a place waiting for YOU!!!

Why be in a small group?

In a small group we

- study the Bible together
- pray for each other
- periodically meet for fellowship outside the church.



Come join us on:

- **Sundays at 9:20 a.m.**
- **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**

IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS...

In preparation for an upcoming display honoring military veterans, the History Committee would like to:

Get a list of all of those in our congregation who have served in the United States Military. Please include your name and branch of service.

In addition, we would like to:

Get a list of church members who served in WWII.

If you have a parent or relative who was a member of Wetumpka FUMC and served in WWII, please provide their name and branch of service.

Please email this info to ann_lambert@att.net or leave in the church office. If you prefer, you can call or text Ann Lambert at 334/467-7488. Thank you!

