

Will you Be Renewed?

Will You...

- Be Renewed and take **HEART**?
- Be Renewed in your **THINKING**?
- Be Renewed with a **STEADFAST SPIRIT**?
- Be Renewed in your **STRENGTH** powered by **HOPE**?

Be Renewed isn't about giving more for the sake of giving more or to just start giving. It is about God changing you...speaking to you...and growing you spiritually to give and be generous in the way He wants for you.

Be Renewed isn't a transactional decision...it is a transformational response. God doesn't need our money, nor does He want us to give out of obligation.

God brings money into our lives so we can give and be a part of the life-changing ministry He wants to do here at First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka.

We are blessed to be a part of a life-changing blessing to others.



Join us for worship each week of Be Renewed as we learn at an even deeper level how to be renewed.

Start praying daily about how God will ultimately want you to respond to Be Renewed.



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Be Renewed

“...but those who hope in the Lord will RENEW their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

Renewal Begins with Prayer

Prayer is the most personal way to experience God, to encounter Him, and grow in knowledge of Him. Prayer is essential to our Be Renewed discipleship initiative, if it is to make a transformational difference in our congregation.

Please pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to totally renew each of us and prepare us for the next season of our ministry together. Through prayer, scripture, study, and worship, you are invited to yield to God's will in your life . . . to be open to how God will challenge each of us to consider honestly the condition of our hearts . . . and to have open conversations about the generosity of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

The vision and ministry of First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka is needed more than ever. Pray for us to come together as a church and Be Renewed to make our vision a continued reality. To the honor and glory of God, we have three key ministry goals:

- To grow numerically
- To grow spiritually
- To grow our community impact

We urge you to contemplate the powerful Bible verses included in this brochure, exhorting us to trust the Lord and honor Him with all the resources He provides us.



...AND TAKE HEART

Being renewed is a choice. Sometimes when we're dealing with chaos, fatigue, and frustration it is easy for those feelings to take root inside of us. But 2 Corinthians 4:16 gives us hope: **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. You have a choice to be renewed and take heart!"** We have a choice to take heart in our vision as a church and how God is calling each of us to give generously to make that vision a reality.

...IN YOUR THINKING

We cannot allow the challenges that we face right now to corrupt our thinking. Ephesians 4:23 tells us to, **"allow the Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and our attitudes."** We can throw off the negative thoughts and be renewed in our thinking. As we each do this together it renews our thinking about our giving and generosity.

...WITH A STEADFAST SPIRIT

Psalms 51 talks about being, **"renewed with a steadfast spirit."** Being steadfast means to be unwavering. The idea of renewal is to be reinvigorated. These challenging times can put strain on our relationship with God and our resolve to be faithful in many of the spiritual disciplines, especially giving. We need to be renewed with a steadfast spirit in our relationship with God, His Church, and our giving.

...IN YOUR STRENGTH BY HOPE

Isaiah 40:31 says this: **"...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."** When we hope in the Lord our strength is renewed. Be Renewed is about each of us listening to the Lord and allowing our hope in Him to give us the strength to be faithful in every aspect of our walk with Him...including our giving. That may mean giving for the first time or taking a step of faith and grow in your giving. But if we will all respond to Be Renewed, just imagine the vision we can bring to reality through First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka.