

FROM OUR PASTOR

What a Friend We Have in Jesus!

THE GREEK word Philos (Friend) appears 29 times in the New Testament. It emphasizes a special relationship we can have with a person who knows us well, has been one of us, and yet has the power to solve our problems and relieve our sorrow. This is the type of friendship Jesus desires with each of us.

Who knows us better?

Both the Old Testament character Jeremiah and the New Testament character Paul would attest to the fact that; He knew you before He formed you in your mother's womb. He set you apart and determined the times set for you and the exact places where you should live. Jesus knows you better than anyone else, but he also knows what is best for you. He has been one of us?

Jesus left behind many things to visit this world. He left the glory of heaven. We know little about what heaven looks like. We know it is inhabited by God and his angels. And John the Revelator describes it as a beautiful place.

By coming to earth as a human, Jesus took on certain limitations. For example, the timeless One became bound by time. He had basic human needs for food, rest, warmth, shelter and more. In heaven he had no such needs, but on earth he felt hunger and thirst, weariness, and emotional and physical pain. He knows what you are going through, and He wants to meet your every need.

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Who has the power to solve our problems and relieve our sorrow? The One who was pierced for our rebellion; the one who was crushed for our sins; the one who was beaten so we could be whole; the One who was whipped so we could be healed. He is the One who says to you: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28, 29b).

John the beloved disciple wrote, "Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:1). Jesus has always had people in the world that are his own; he has purchased them, and paid dearly for them, and he has set them apart for himself. All he asks in return is that we devote our lives to Him. The way we do that is to ask Jesus into our hearts, ask Him to forgive our sins and be the Lord of our lives. Those whom Christ loves; he loves to the end. Nothing can separate a true believer from the love of Christ. What a friend we have in Jesus!

May God continue to bless you and your family during the month of June.

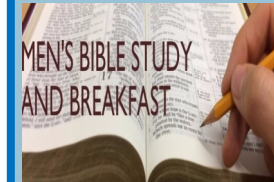
**In Christ's arms,
Brother Matt**



FUMC Scholarship Program

Applications may be picked up in the church office or emailed to you.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 15th!



MEN'S BREAKFAST WITH BROTHER MATT

All men of all ages are invited to come enjoy the Fellowship with Your Brothers in Christ. We meet every Thursday morning at 6:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be plenty of coffee, a breakfast snack, prayer, and a short message of encouragement to Bless your day. There may even be a few adventures shared. Remember Proverbs 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."*



**Thank you for providing beautiful
Altar Flowers:**

June 6—Communion

June 13—Dan & Diane Lockwood

June 20—Alice & Jerry Barnhart

June 27—Still available

Sunday School Update:

All Sunday School classes that have not resumed will resume on June 6th at 9:00 a.m.





Summer is here! We have some exciting things going on in Children's Ministry. First, Sunday School started back on May 30 at 9:00 a.m. for ages five years old—sixth grade. David and Susan Barnes will be teaching, and they can't wait to see those sweet kids' faces! We will be meeting in the big Children's Ministry room (where Children's Church is held).

We are having so much fun in Children's Church. It's held every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month due to communion.) Don't forget we also have Bible Story Time With Brother Matt on the second Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour.

This month our kids will be learning about confidence, which is learning to see yourself the way God sees you. We can be confident because God loves us! Our Bible Memory Verse comes from Psalm 27:13. *"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."*

Blessings,
Ms. Michelle

The Bible has a time machine feel, an ability to teach us about the past, present, and future simultaneously. It's the story of God who exists outside of time and who has had a plan to save us since before we (or even the universe) existed. 2,000 years ago, God came to earth in the form of a man named Jesus, but prophets like Isaiah had been leaving us hints about God's plan hundreds of years before that. And what was that plan? To set us free from brokenness and death and make wrong things right. Before time even began, Jesus' mission was to set people free and rebuild what has been destroyed. Jesus also calls us to do justice and to daily remember what He's done for us and wants to do for others, and the whole world, through us.

For all the exciting things happening every week (including a fun family event this month!) as we continue to seek God's wisdom on how He is calling us to move through these uncharted waters, check out the hangout schedule on our page of the church's website, and/or contact me if you have any questions. Make sure you are on our text and e-mail list for updates regarding all things going on with the student ministry! Also don't miss out on tips and tools in our e-mails for growing a relationship with God personally and as a family!

In Him,
Jamie

We were disappointed, but we had to cancel The SENIOR ADULT TRIP to SAVANNAH as we did not have enough people participating. We worked hard in trying to get the number needed to make the trip, but just didn't meet the goal of 30...so, maybe another day...

Several people from the Church have mentioned they would like a trip to Laurel, Mississippi, and as soon as I put some details together, we will begin making an overnight trip to Laurel, MS, home town of Ben and Erin Napier...so be thinking about it.

I am looking forward to starting Keenage Luncheons again. It has just been too long in not getting together with all of you. Good food and Fellowship.

Enjoy the month of June! Visit friends, take a pie to someone, hug someone. BE SAFE...ENJOY...

Rest in the arms of Jesus,
Celestra

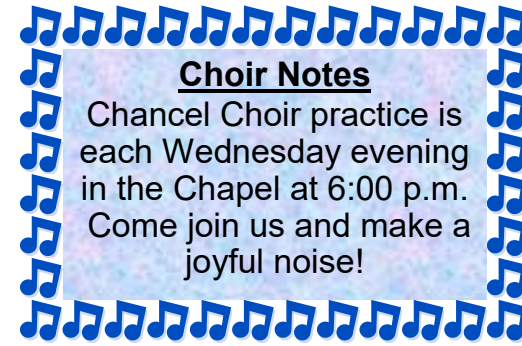
A Special Thank You



It has been exciting to watch the progress and completion of the stained glass windows! The outside coverings have been removed and replaced by new coverings that highlight the stained glass's beauty.

Your continued generosity makes it possible for us to continue caring for and improving the First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka campus and to take care of what God has entrusted to us. Thank you!

A special thank you to those who contributed to the stained glass windows: Matt Albritton, Shelton & Linda Prine, Joy SS Class, Fran Chance, Charlotte & Mabrey Whetstone, Barbara & Hilton Knight, Lou & Margaret Ebrecht, Asenath Coker, Hubert Staley, Cal & Lynda Estabrook, Hughett & Mardre Williams, John & Carol Bush, Judy Price, Gary & Debbie Barnes, Bill & Ann Lambert, Sonya Arnold, Barry & Sally Blackwell, Nancy Holdbrooks, Tina Spears, Gerald & Alice Barnhart, John T. Holmes, Shirley Brannan, Margie Roate, Nell & Tommy Head, Felix & Judy Dudley, Julianne Hawkins, Lee & Janice Cash, Jeanelle Andrews, Sam & Susan Legvold, Carey Hawkins, Rick & Diane Tyler, Paula Sullivan, Sharon Riordan, Rick Beauchamp, Jonny McCune, Julie Powell, Joe & Lyn McDonald, and Chancel Choir.



Choir Notes

Chancel Choir practice is each Wednesday evening in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. Come join us and make a joyful noise!



Prayer Shawl meets every Friday at 10 a.m. upstairs in our Educational Building. We knit, crochet, make prayer beads, and put together prayer bead pens. There is something for everyone to be busy with and enjoy this time together. You really can just come to fellowship. Come and See. Want to know more? Call Celestra at 334-301-3920 for more information.



FUMC t-shirts are going fast! Sizes left: 3 medium, 3 large, 2 x large, 2 3 xl and 1 4xl. See Andrea or Jamie to get yours before they are gone.



Trails Temple Ministry

We have 2 groups of folks walking at Gold Star Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays behind City Hall (one at 8:00 a.m. and one at 8:30 a.m.). Join us and glorify God by taking care of his "Temple".

This month's Trails Temple Ministry walk is scheduled for June 5th at 9:00 a.m. on the Speckled Snake Trail at Wind Creek State Park. It's a 4.2 mile moderate trail that you can walk/run as much if as you'd like. Anyone who needs a ride please contact me and we can make arrangements. As usual, there will be a short devotional afterward at the pier where you can grab some eats or an ice cream!

We need a big crowd, so invite your friends. Tony Lowe is bringing some runners if running is your thing.

Blessings,
Carl

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

Join us as we celebrate our fathers and those who love us as fathers on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

EXODUS

Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Book of Exodus will begin June 2 at 6:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You don't want to miss a night of this study led by Karen Reneau.

Reading the Bible Through—June

- ☐ 1 2 Kings 4-5 Job 10 Rom. 10
- ☐ 2 2 Kings 6-8 Ps. 70 Rom. 11
- ☐ 3 2 Kings 9-10 Job 11 Rom. 12
- ☐ **4 Reflect on God as Restorer**
- ☐ 5 2 Kings 11-13 Ps. 71 Rom. 13
- ☐ 6 2 Kings 14-15 Job 12 Rom. 14
- ☐ 7 2 Kings 16-18 Ps. 72 Rom. 15
- ☐ 8 2 Kings 19-20 Job 13 Rom. 16
- ☐ 9 2 Kings 21-23 Ps. 73 1 Cor. 1
- ☐ 10 2 Kings 24-25 Job 14 1 Cor. 2
- ☐ **11 Reflect on God as Center**
- ☐ 12 1 Chron. 1-3 Ps. 74 1 Cor. 3
- ☐ 13 1 Chron. 4-6 Job 15 1 Cor. 4
- ☐ 14 1 Chron. 7-9 Ps. 75 1 Cor. 5
- ☐ 15 1 Chron. 10-12 Job 16 1 Cor. 6
- ☐ 16 1 Chron. 13-15 Ps. 76 1 Cor. 7
- ☐ 17 1 Chron. 16-18 Job 17 1 Cor. 8
- ☐ **18 Reflect on God as Living Water**
- ☐ 19 1 Chron. 19-21 Ps. 77 1 Cor. 9
- ☐ 20 1 Chron. 22-24 Job 18 1 Cor. 10
- ☐ 21 1 Chron. 25-27 Ps. 78:1-24 1 Cor. 11
- ☐ 22 1 Chron. 28-29 Job 19 1 Cor. 12
- ☐ 23 2 Chron. 1-3 Ps. 78:2-48 1 Cor. 13
- ☐ 24 2 Chron. 4-6 Job 20 1 Cor. 14
- ☐ **25 Reflect on God as Perfector**
- ☐ 26 2 Chron. 7-9 Ps. 78:49-72 1 Cor. 15
- ☐ 27 2 Chron. 10-12 Job 21 1 Cor. 16
- ☐ 28 2 Chron. 13-15 Ps. 79 2 Cor. 1
- ☐ 29 2 Chron. 16-18 Job 22 2 Cor. 2
- ☐ 30 2 Chron. 19-21 Ps. 80 2 Cor. 3

Support Group

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



06/07	Ryan	Easterling	06/19	Sharon	Potts
06/08	Julie	Powell	06/21	Barry	Blackwell
06/08	Gwen	Browne	06/22	Leslie	Rider
06/09	Judy	Bianchi	06/24	Ellen	Wells
06/09	Mark	Langley	06/24	Mary	Boston
06/10	Rebecca	Schultz	06/26	Karrie	Wheat
06/13	Marjorie	Roate	06/27	J.D.	Hobbie
06/15	John	Bush	06/28	Kelly	Macon
06/17	Samson	Legvold	06/28	Neal	Pridgen
06/18	Mary	Patchel	06/29	Brysene	Lee



06/02	Larry & Connie Mann
06/04	Drew & Candace Glass
06/04	Tommy & Nell Head
06/05	John & Carol Bush
06/08	Joe & Lyn McDonald
06/12	John & Dee Mann
06/17	Len & Bonnie Hall
06/27	Marvin & Jane Salter
06/28	Jamie & Andrea Farquhar
06/29	Bill & Ann Lambert
06/29	David & Allannah Tindal

If you are a member of FUMC and your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office so that we can celebrate with you.



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Please note:

The church office hours are
Monday—Thursday
8 am until noon.
Closed on Friday.

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