

FROM OUR PASTOR

Worship the Lord

“Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets” (2 Samuel 6:14). In one of the most heartfelt displays of worship recorded in the Bible, King David danced “before the Lord with all his might.” The occasion was the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. It was a day of rejoicing as David “and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.” David had set aside his royal robes and was “wearing a linen ephod.”

When someone says the word worship, we often times think of a church service. Or maybe we think of a spiritual retreat. We usually think about a worship leader on stage guiding us through songs, scripture and then the sermon. Sometimes the order changes, sometimes it doesn't. To most of us, that is all the worship we know. But worship is so much more than a church service or worship leader.

We all have our own opinions of worship and that is partly the problem. We think worship is about us and what we gain from doing it. We walk into church expecting to be entertained because that happens everywhere else we go. We go to the movies, we're entertained. We go to a sports game, we're entertained. We see our favorite band in concert, we're entertained. We plug in our video game system, we're entertained. We watch TV, we're entertained. We walk into church, we want to be entertained.

But worship is not about being entertained. By definition worship is about expressing our reverent love for the one true God and what he has done for us. Worship isn't always about the songs we sing, whether they are contemporary or traditional, slow or fast, rocking with an electric guitar or sung acapella. We can experience worship without any music at all. There are times in my life, when I just shut the music off and spend time in conversation with God, expressing my love and adoration for Him. This is worship.

True worship is a matter of the heart expressed through a lifestyle of holiness. If your lifestyle does not express the beauty of holiness through an extravagant love for God, and you do not live in daily submission to God, then I invite you to make worship a non-negotiable priority in your life. May God bless you and your family during the month of November, as we worship the Lord together.

In Christ's arms, Brother Matt

Come join us on Wednesdays!!!



There's something for everyone so bring the whole family! The kids have bus pick up from school and children and youth meet. Brother Matt is teaching a new Bible Study in 1 and 2 Timothy in the library at 6 p.m. A scrumptious meal will be served from 5:15 until 6 p.m. Our nursery is available. Please note: The Verse by Verse Bible Study will resume in person Wednesday, November 3 at 6:15 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The Book of Exodus will be taught and no special materials are needed except your Bible. So, pack up the family and we'll see you on Wednesday!!!

Points to Ponder (Author Unknown)

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church. 🏠❤️🙏



We are so glad to have our kids back on Wednesdays after school! If you haven't signed your kids up yet, we would love to have them come. We offer bus pickup from public schools, snack, outside time, an awesome lesson, fun activities, choir, and dinner. To register your child, please see me or email me at michelle@firstwetumpka.com.

Please note that we will not have activities Wednesday, November 24 due to Thanksgiving.

Our monthly virtue for November is contentment. Our kids will learn that God wants us to be content with what we have. Our Bible verse comes from Luke 12:15. *"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.'"* What blessings has God given your family?

In Him,
Ms. Michelle



Online shaming, call-out culture, and cancel culture are real things occurring in our society now. They happen when people (usually online) attack, dismiss, or try to remove people, ideas, or actions from our culture's favorable standing. Shining a light and getting others to focus on things happening in our society can be a good thing when it's done to challenge or boycott actions or ideas that are actually unjust or harmful. But sometimes we can be too quick to shame/call-out/cancel and become cruel without personally thinking things through instead of just joining in what others are saying and how they are responding. We don't always just do this on social media, though; we do it in our offline relationships too. In Jesus' time, people were often shamed, called-out, and canceled by society because they sinned, got sick, were poor or disabled, or because they were from a different country or culture. Jesus challenges our tendency to ignore, exclude, or despise people who are different from us by often making outcasts the center of His ministry. Through the teachings of Jesus and the story of Saul, this month we're going to be discussing and exploring how we are called to **love people who aren't like us, love people who are in need, love the people we are tempted to dislike because we wish we were more like them, and even love the people we are tempted to hate.**

For all the exciting, super fun, and community building things happening every week 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. Please 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



HOUSE OF HOLIDAYS was October 16 2021. It was a beautiful day when our community people starting arriving to support us. It was everything I could have imagined. We made the Wetumpka Herald with a nice write-up. I can't imagine what it would have been like without all the workers and volunteers. You did an awesome job and I thank you. So far, we have taken in \$12,700.00 (minus expenses). That is awesome. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!!!!



NOVEMBER 9-10, we are taking a trip to Laurel, MS . I guess we could call Laurel our sister city, since that is where HGTV with Erin and Ben started their show. Just look at what all the HGTV show has done for Wetumpka, so we are going to pay them a visit. Everyone is looking forward to the trip.



On Tuesday, December 7th is our first "KEENAGE LUNCHEON" in a long time and I am looking forward to it. We are planning a great meal and our Christmas program will be Hunter Goff from Birmingham and you don't want to miss him. You are in for a treat..

In His Light,, Celestra

God's Great Faithfulness Beckons Our Obedient Faith

Look around you! See evidence of God's great faithfulness poured into our lives - evidence of his promises kept and never broken to meet our basic needs and beyond. The month of November is a glorious time for an annual stewardship emphasis to celebrate God's gift of great faithfulness. Let's saturate this season of Thanksgiving with unceasing prayers.

November 7th will be All Saints Celebration Day. Our Church Family stands on the shoulders of the saints who came before us. We will celebrate their faithfulness to God, which has provided a firm foundation on which we follow and grow in steadfast obedience to God's call of faith in our lives. Thanks be to God for this heritage of FUMC faithfulness.

November 14th will be a day to celebrate the abundant blessings of God even in today's challenging time. We will celebrate how our expressions of faith are making a transformational, life-changing difference in our community. With joy and thanksgiving, we will celebrate how we are experiencing the fruits of faithfulness right in our midst; and, how we are strongly positioned to ask, "What now, Lord?"

November 21st will be a day to celebrate God's abundant, enduring faithfulness to us when we trust him completely. We show our faithfulness when we listen and obey God's call on our lives. Individually and as a Church Family, God has big, bold plans for us - plans that will become reality **IF** we totally trust God to work through us to accomplish exceedingly more than we can imagine or hope. Thus, on November 21st we will also consecrate our 2022 Declaration of Giving cards to proclaim our total trust in God to multiply our giving to his honor and glory - his will to be done. Thanks be to God.

Indeed, God's great faithfulness beckons us to respond through a life of faith expressing itself through love. Please earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to lead your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness into actions of faith. Thanks be to God.



Serving with you, Your Stewardship Team



Sisters In Service's final meeting of the year will be on Nov. 15th, in Wesley Hall, at 1 P.M. **We will be hosting a guest speaker, Rev. Angie Long, from Embrace Alabama Kids, formerly United Methodist Children's Home.** Everyone is invited to attend and hear Rev. Long's message. We ask that you please R.S.V.P. either the church office or Alice Barnhart at 334-478-4640.

**Thank you,
Sisters In Service Pres.
Alice Barnhart**



The ladies just completed their awesome study of Elijah with Priscilla Shirer. We are eager to share our FIRE with our world! We will begin another study early next year. Ladies, be on the lookout for a study that interests you!



Thank you for providing beautiful Altar Flowers this month:

- Nov. 7—Communion Sunday
- Nov. 14—Tommy & Nell Head
- Nov. 21—Geraldine Perkins
- Nov. 28—Jennie Payne

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Be sure to thank ALL of our veterans this Veteran's Day!!!

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CHRISTMAS ALIVE coming back this December!!! Stay tuned for exciting details!

Reading the Bible Through—NOVEMBER

□ 1 Jer. 47-48	Ps. 119:169-176	Rev. 20
□ 2 Jer. 49-50	Prov. 7	Rev. 21
□ 3 Jer. 51-52	Ps. 120-121	Rev. 22
□ 4 Ezekiel 1-3	Prov. 8	Luke 1
□ 5 Reflect on God as Beginning		
□ 6 Ezekiel 4-6	Ps. 122-123	Luke 2
□ 7 Ezekiel 7-9	Prov. 9	Luke 3
□ 8 Ezekiel 10-14	Ps. 124-125	Luke 4
□ 9 Ezekiel 15-18	Prov. 10	Luke 5
□ 10 Ezekiel 19-22	Ps. 126-127	Luke 6
□ 11 Ezekiel 23-26	Prov. 11	Luke 7
□ 12 Reflect on God as Maker		
□ 13 Ezekiel 27-29	Ps. 128-129	Luke 8
□ 14 Ezekiel 30-32	Prov. 12	Luke 9
□ 15 Ezekiel 33-35	Ps. 130	Luke 10
□ 16 Ezekiel 36-38	Prov. 13	Luke 11
□ 17 Ezekiel 39-41	Ps. 131	Luke 12
□ 18 Ezekiel 42-45	Prov. 14	Luke 13
□ 19 Reflect on God as Rock		
□ 20 Ezekiel 46-48	Ps. 132	Luke 14
□ 21 Dan. 1-2	Prov. 15	Luke 15
□ 22 Dan. 3-4	Ps. 133	Luke 16
□ 23 Dan. 5-6	Prov. 16	Luke 17
□ 24 Dan. 7-8	Ps. 134	Luke 18
□ 25 Dan. 9-10	Prov. 17	Luke 19
□ 26 Reflect on God as Gardener		
□ 27 Dan. 11-12	Ps. 135	Luke 20
□ 28 Hosea 1-2	Prov. 18	Luke 21
□ 29 Hosea 3-4	Ps. 136	Luke 22
□ 30 Hosea 5-6	Prov. 19	Luke 23



11/02	Phoebe Hillsamer	11/17	Calvin Estabrook
11/03	Louis Ebrecht	11/19	Bobby Singleton
11/05	Annabelle Campbell	11/20	Wanda Rushing
11/06	Donna Matthews	11/20	Martha Hutsler
11/07	Nell Head	11/20	Camden Rushing
11/08	Malinda Brannan	11/21	Patrick Hutsler
11/08	Shelly Moody	11/22	Alvin Ward
11/09	Jeanelle Andrews	11/23	Jonny McCune
11/10	Marjorie Mallard	11/23	Hadden Hutchinson
11/10	Frances Watts	11/23	Ronald Nelson
11/13	Shelia Wallace	11/27	Leah Pridgen
11/14	Bob Strickland	11/29	Mabrey Whetstone
		11/30	David Barnes



Nov 4	Sanford & Malinda Brannan
Nov 8	Tim & Kasey Emmons
Nov 22	Damon & Miranda Abernethy
Nov 24	Andy & Alice Scarborough
Nov 30	Bob & Donna Strickland

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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Connect with us any time on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and our website at @WetumpkaFirst and www.WetumpkaFirst.com

Support Group

Fresh Start meets at 6 p.m. each MONDAY in Wesley Hall. 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 please contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.

