

## A Note from our Pastor...

### Jesus Is Lord

In the New Testament, Lord is the most frequently used title for Jesus Christ. Although we rarely use this term in our daily lives, we are all quite familiar with another word: boss. That is basically what Lord means—one possessing authority, power, and control. The Word of God describes Jesus as the head of the church, the ruler over all creation, and the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Following the resurrection, the term “Lord,” being applied to Jesus, became more than an indication of devotion or respect. Stating, “Jesus is Lord,” became a way of recognizing Jesus’ divine standing. References of Jesus as Lord started with Thomas’ declaration when Jesus revealed Himself to the apostles after His resurrection: “Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” From thereafter, the message of the Apostles was that Jesus is Lord, signifying that “Jesus is God.”

Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost carried that idea: “Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Peter later declared this in the house of Cornelius, stating that Jesus is “Lord of all.” It is important to note that in Romans 10:9, Jesus’ lordship is connected to His resurrection: “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

The declaration “Jesus is Lord” indicates that Jesus is God. Jesus holds “all authority in heaven and on earth.” He is “Lord of the Sabbath;” “our only Sovereign and Lord;” and “the Lord of lords.” The realm of Christ’s reign covers everything that happens in heaven and on the earth. No one—not even those who deny His existence—can be free of His rule or outside His sphere of authority.

Although Satan tries to convince us that liberty is found in doing what we want, true freedom is acquired only through submission to Christ’s loving lordship. Even death cannot release anyone from the authority of God’s Son. He is Lord of both the living and the dead. All people must decide to either yield or rebel against Him, but they have the opportunity to make this choice only while they are still living. After death, they will acknowledge Christ’s lordship through accountability to Him. If we have not bowed the knee to Jesus in life, we will be forced to bend it in the judgment.

Is Jesus the Lord of your life?

May God continue to bless you and your family during the month of June as we surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**In Christ’s arms, Brother Matt**



**Sunday, June 16**

Celebrating and honoring our fathers and those that fill that role in our lives.

We will have a special token of appreciation for our men.

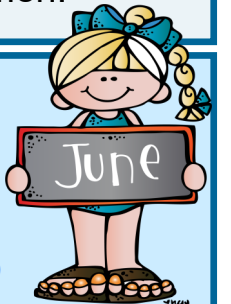
### **JUNE SCHEDULE**

#### **Sundays:**

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship  
*(Except for June 23—10 A.M. ONLY)*

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

- Meals served from 5:15—6 p.m.
- Children and Youth 6—7 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study 6 p.m. in the library
- NO WED. MORNING BIBLE STUDY





Thank you for providing beautiful altar flowers:

June 2—Communion

June 9—Eddy Brantley

June 16—Jerry & Alice Barnhart

June 23—David & Becky King

June 30—Available



Since school is out, there is a greater demand for families to have enough food to feed kids who are home for the summer. Beginning mid June, we will begin collecting non-perishable food items in support of our Elmore County Food Pantry.

In addition to any non-perishable food items, the pantry can always use child and adult diapers and baby food.

Items can be brought to the church and placed in one of our designated containers.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet every Friday at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Educational Building. This year we have taken The Wetumpka Gardens (Assisted Living) as a project. The most beautiful roses were knitted by Cindy Jones. Then we all put them together with greenery and they were given to all Mothers at the Wetumpka Gardens. The Prayer Shawl started jn 2010 and continues every Friday. It is a time to connect with God and each other. It is a place to enjoy love and joy while being one of God's servants. You do not have to knit to belong to Prayer Shawl.  
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These beautiful knitted roses were taken to Assisted Living for the mothers to enjoy!



You're invited to a **Free Concert** featuring *Ivan Parker*—**Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m.** in our Sanctuary!!!

**Please take note:** There will NOT be an 8 a.m. worship service. Due to concert rules, we will not be able to live stream our service. Worship with us in person!

**Ivan Parker** is an American Southern gospel singer. He was raised in Sanford, North Carolina, where his father was a pastor in a Pentecostal church. He was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 1993 and has a vibrant career touring with the Gaither Band and as a solo artist.

To learn more about Ivan, visit [ivanparker.com](http://ivanparker.com).

**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 23, 2024  
10 A. M.**

**Invite someone  
to join us!  
Everyone is  
welcome!**







**Choose joy!** This may be a commonly used phrase you've heard, but what does it actually mean? Joy is more than being excited about the good things that happen to us. Joy is an attitude—a decision to trust God no matter what is going on in our lives. From the very beginning, God had a plan for the world. As we dive into the Bible, we'll discover God's plan for us and how God has been at work through it all. When we see and celebrate what God is doing, we can find true joy! We will be starting our summer series, Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News.

**Memory Verse:**

"A cheerful heart makes you healthy.  
But a broken spirit dries you up."  
Proverbs 17:22

**Virtue:**

Joy: Choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

**Tell your friends!**  
**It's time for VBS!!!**



**We are kicking off the month with VBS. We will Build Our Life on Jesus June 2-5!** If you haven't signed up, there is still time or just show up and have a great time making memories to last a lifetime! Don't forget to bring a friend.

On June 14th, we will be going to Wetumpka Depot to watch Mother Goose State Your Case and support Mrs. Sally Blackwell, who will be in the play. We are so excited to support one of our church members! I am looking forward to growing our bonds and love as a church family.

As always, I want to thank each one of our volunteers for all the hard work and love they show the kids. You are all amazing!

**Blessings, Mrs. Ashley**







Summer is here!! From using our time, talents, and gifts to volunteer at VBS this month to Summer Camp to a great backyard bash; there are so many opportunities to have a blast as we make new memories, grow closer together as a student ministry fam, and become increasingly transformed into Christ's likeness! How amazing does that schedule sound (including our normal weekly summer hangouts) for June?!

All of us in the student ministry want to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who bought things from, or donated in any way to, our summer camp fundraiser last month! We are so blessed to have a church family who loves its students so deeply and wants to pour into and invest in their lives and ongoing transformation into Christ's likeness! We ask that you keep praying for not only those going but our whole ministry as well, and we cannot wait to see and share how God continues to move!

This Month's Series Focus:

There are some things we just *have* to share. A funny video, some encouraging text, or a profound moment of kindness are all things we've probably shared this week. When we share, we just want the people we care about most to experience what we have. We're quick to send videos to each other, but how easy is it for us to share our faith? Maybe it's not that we don't *want* to share, but we might have a hard time overcoming some of our obstacles or insecurities. Throughout this month we'll look at and discuss the story of Samuel and the ways that God called him to share his faith through both words and action. Together we'll explore how **God invites us to share the good news**, why **sharing the good news should start with prayer**, what to do when **sharing the good news requires risk**, and how **sharing the good news can happen every day**.

For all the other exciting weekly hangouts and community building events happening this month, check out our page on the church's website, and/or contact me at the e-mail address listed above if you have any questions! Please make sure you are on our text and e-mail list for all updates and access to other helpful tips, tools, and resources for growing a relationship with God personally and as a family!

**In Him, Jamie**





# Senior Adult Ministry

It seems as if January just passed but oh no! It is June and half a year has gone by. I think what they say about aging and how fast time passes may be true, or maybe we just don't remember ha! Ha!

This is part of what I do remember.

In January we all met and made all of our plans for Keenagers.

In February we celebrated Valentine's and Mardi Gras with a good lunch.

In March we went to Monroeville and learned a lot about the book *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and had lunch at Dave's Catfish House.

In April it was Bee Day when we had a great lunch with all things honey and a very informative program. We even got to see some live honey bees.

In May we took our shortest bus trip. We traveled to Montgomery to Martins Restaurant, and ate the best fried chicken and mild high pies.

Now it is June and we are having lunch in the family life center. This one will be called travel day. Come travel with us as Julianne Hawkins shares her experiences while traveling to Dubai. So be sure and mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 10 at 12 noon in our family life center. Remember everyone is invited to any and all Keenagers activities.

Here are a few things I remember about the past six months.

Brother Matt always preachers a great Sermon.

Easter sunrise was beautiful.

Softball games—I have two great granddaughters playing softball, so I remember to be ready every day and night, Ball! Ball!

There are other things like my dog Willow, but I won't bore you with any more about what I do when not at church.

Remember we all have to pray for everything in our life and the lives of others.

## **2 Corinthians. 7:14**

*Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sins and heal their land.*

**Always Believe, Gloria (334/312-1764)**



## **Next Destination: DUBAI**

Julianne Hawkins will be sharing with us her experiences and show pictures while traveling in Dubai! You don't want to miss this special time of food, fellowship, and learning opportunity!

***Tuesday, June 10 at 12 noon  
in our FLC...  
everyone is invited!***





## An adventure for Young(ish) adults...

Hey! Won't it be fun to get the young(ish) adults together for a kayaking trip down the Coosa this summer!!! The trip is on July 20. Everyone would need to be at Coosa River Adventures by 9:30 a.m.

Here is the cost—to be paid there on July 20:

Sit-on-Top Kayak Rentals:

- One-person sit-on-top \$39
- Two-person sit-on-top \$79

Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) Rentals:

- SUP \$39

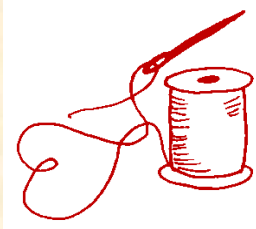
Please email Hope Sanders at [hopenicolern1991@gmail.com](mailto:hopenicolern1991@gmail.com) by June 14 if you plan on participating!



## Would you like to learn to sew?

**FREE Beginning Sewing Classes begin on June 12** and each Wednesday night following at 6 p.m.

I am Bonnie Hall and I am offering to teach beginning sewing classes to anyone who is interested in learning.



My philosophy about sewing is that it is a creative art form. It is taking a piece of fabric and making something out of it. One creates a designer original that fits. If you like this art form it gives a great sense of accomplishment. It is also a great way to reduce stress.

Another benefit of sewing is the practicality that can save you money. Sewing on buttons, hemming, mending a tear, making a simple alteration or making a simple costume can save you quite a bit of money over time.

**My classes will offer:** Organizing; time to sew, a place to sew, supplies and equipment, fabrics, needles, thread, sewing machine; getting to know your sewing machine, the attachments and how they are used. Studying a pattern; how to read, how to put together, how to change Cutting out a pattern and practice sewing, putting it together. Students will be responsible to provide their own equipment and supplies. Hope to see you soon! Bonnie Hall

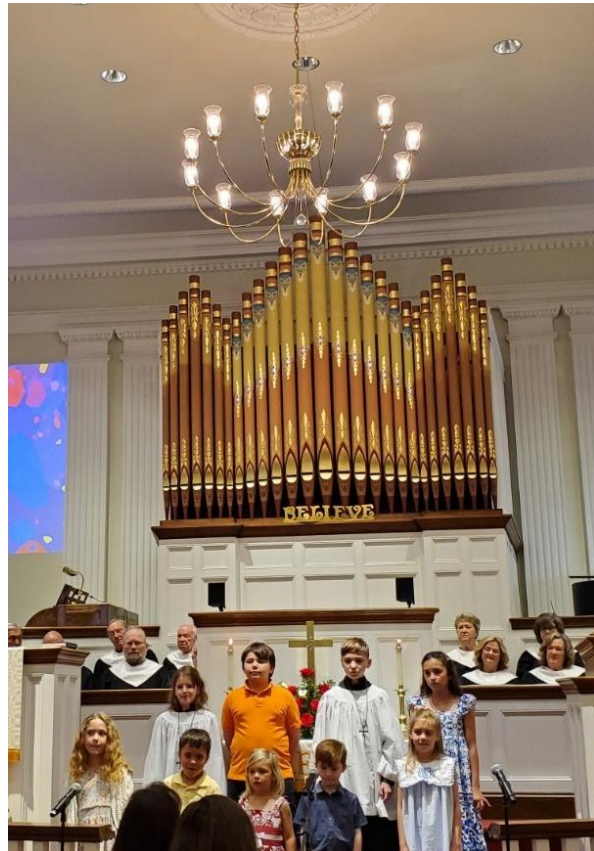
**Great worship, food and fellowship!!!** On May 5, 2024 we joined with our Hispanic ministries to celebrate our One Year Anniversary as part of the Global Methodist Church and the Hispanic Ministries 19th year as part of First Methodist Wetumpka!





## Celebrating Mother's Day...

*Our Children's Choir delighted us with their singing and our mothers were gifted beautiful hand-made ornaments.*



**VBS 2024**

**BUILD YOUR LIFE ON JESUS**

**JUNE 2-5 • REGISTER NOW!**

*Interested in Volunteering for VBS?  
See Mrs. Ashley or Jamie!*

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## Vacation Bible School is here!!!

**June 2 – 5, 5:30—8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 5 is Family Night** when we are inviting the families of our kids to come have dinner, view the slide show of all the happenings of the week, and have some fun with their kids.

There are several VBS volunteer opportunities for decorating and behind the scenes work!

**Help make VBS amazing for the kids at these VBS work days:**

- June 1: 9 a.m.-2 p. m .(lunch provided)
- June 2: 4:30 p.m. Volunteer meeting then VBS starts!

Does  
Vacation  
Bible  
School  
Matter?



### **You might be asking yourself - Does VBS really matter?**

Just ask a family who grew up in southern Alabama. Their neighbor invited their family to come to VBS when the youngest of three kids was age 10. During the week-long bible school, their daughter and two sons were introduced to Christ, and all three walked to the front of the church that following Sunday, gave their lives to Christ and were baptized shortly after.

Their mom had grown up in church but their dad had not. Because the family began attending church regularly following VBS, their dad eventually was saved and baptized and became an ordained deacon and also served as an usher in the church. Mom taught Sunday School, organized many VBS events, sang in the church choir and was a huge fan at every potluck dinner. Mom and day are enjoying life in heaven, and all three children remain active in their respective churches.

So, to this family of five and the generations that still follow...**yes! VBS does in fact matter!**

**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** in the **FLC**. Children's activities are provided! If you know someone who is struggling, please let them know that the Fresh Start Recovery Group is here for them. **For more information please contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.**



<b>06/04</b>	Necole	Kolendar	<b>06/18</b>	Mary	Patchel
<b>06/07</b>	Ryan	Easterling	<b>06/21</b>	Barry	Blackwell
<b>06/08</b>	Julie	Powell	<b>06/23</b>	Cindy	Jones
<b>06/08</b>	Gwen	Browne	<b>06/24</b>	Ellen	Wells
<b>06/09</b>	Judy	Bianchi	<b>06/26</b>	Karrie	Wheat
<b>06/09</b>	Mark	Langley	<b>06/26</b>	Cooper	Helton
<b>06/10</b>	Rebecca	Schultz	<b>06/27</b>	J.D.	Hobbie
<b>06/13</b>	Marjorie	Roate	<b>06/28</b>	Kelly	Macon
<b>06/15</b>	John	Bush	<b>06/28</b>	Neal	Pridgen
<b>06/15</b>	Nancy	Jones	<b>06/29</b>	Brysene	Lee
<b>06/17</b>	Sam	Legvold			
<b>06/17</b>	Becky	King			



<b>06/02</b>	Larry & Connie Mann	<b>06/17</b>	Ewell & Pat Messer
<b>06/03</b>	David & Becky King	<b>06/18</b>	Carmine & Virginia Vilardi
<b>06/04</b>	Drew & Candy Glass	<b>06/27</b>	Marvin & Jane Salter
<b>06/04</b>	Tommy & Nell Head	<b>06/28</b>	Jamie & Andrea Farquhar
<b>06/05</b>	John & Carol Bush	<b>06/29</b>	Bill & Ann Lambert
<b>06/08</b>	Joe & Lyn McDonald	<b>06/29</b>	David & Allannah Tindal
<b>06/12</b>	Ricky & Beth Roberts		

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



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**JUNE 2024**

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*What's Happening?*

**JUNE is going to be full of special events...**

- **VBS—June 2– 5**
- **Father's Day—Sunday, June 16**
- **Youth go to summer camp—June 17**
- **Special day of music featuring Ivan Parker on Sunday, June 23.**

**Look inside for all the details!!!**

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