

## Church Announcements

- ◆ Due to the increase cost of flowers from the wholesale distributor and their gas surcharge to our florist, altar flowers has increased to \$59.00 effective October, 2021.
- ◆ **TRUNK OR TREAT..Oct. 27th 5:30-7pm.** We need CANDY and lots of it. Please sign up to put a Trunk in, make a soup, serve, help with games, and greet. See Leslie for more info.
- ◆ **PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY.** Suzanne will visit any homebound –please contact her at 205-616-0080 or email: scivleyfam@gmail.com to schedule.
- ◆ **“Meals on Wheels”** The following dates are open: **2nd Fri, 4th Mon, & Wed, and 5th Wed,** Call the church office.
- ◆ **Ways to give: Online at:**  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQSC/home>
- ◆ **Or by Mail:** FUMC, 105 E Spring St, Sylacauga, AL 35150

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

Receipts	\$35,777.00
Expenditures	\$35,343.00

#### ATTENDANCE / Average for Month

Sunday School	14
Worship	61
Live Stream/Facebook	75

### CHURCH STAFF

Don Neal - Senior Pastor  
Byron White - Assistant Pastor  
David Simpkins - Director of Worship & Arts  
Chrystal Whitehead - Youth Coordinator  
Leslie Lucas - Children's Ministries  
Sharon Wright/Charmelle Lewis/Robin Lewis - Pianists  
Karen Brewer - Church Administrator  
Jean Campbell - Administrative Assistant

### KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten: (256) 249-2300 Nursery: (256) 249-0644  
Dee Dee Mathews - Kindergarten Director



# FIRST NEWS

OCTOBER, 2021

## Pastor's Page

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, an evangelist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was once asked to name his favorite passage of scripture. He quoted John 1: 14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we beheld his glory, glory as of the only son from the Father.” He went on to title one of his books “And the Word Became Flesh”.

The mystery of how and why God as our Creator and Father continues to love humanity and reach out to us through the generations is at the very center of the Good News of the New Testament. It would have been completely understandable if God at any number of times in human history had decided that He made a mistake when he made us and gave us the degree of freedom he did. Instead of giving up, however, God asked his only Son to give up for a time his place beside himself and come to live as a human among us.

Jesus, as the Son of God and the Son of Man lived for more than 30 years as you and I do as humans. He experienced growing up in a family. He experienced the joys that are part of our human existence. He also Experienced human disappointment and frustration. His preaching, teaching, and healing ministries declared the power of God at work in and through him to show us the marvelous determination of God to love, care for, and reestablish an everlasting fellowship with us! His death on the cross and resurrection once and for all sealed our victory over sin and death!

## Pastor's Page

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When we look at and study Jesus through the pages of the four gospels and the rest of the new testament, we come as close as we possibly can to being able to experience God's love, compassion, and commitment to be with and to enjoy fellowship with us as individuals and as a human family.

Thanks be to God for his love in and through Jesus Christ! As we move through the remaining weeks of the Christian Year toward the beginning of the new year in the season of Advent, let us examine our daily lives by asking ourselves, "Do other folks around me see and hear Christ in who I am and what I do?"

God Bless!  
Don

## Prayer Concerns:

Jamie Brown, Cindy Diffie, Todd Hoaglin, Cheryl Dobson, Mack Howell, Lee White, Fay Simpkins, Dr. Daniel Gammage, Marese Rayfield, Ginger Marable, Kelsey Abrams, Amy Roberts Thomas, Yancy Patterson, Jalee Worley, Ruth Elder, Lou Kyle, Melinda Gatlin, Barbara Bailey, Rosie Cochran, Jim Isbell, Dylan Durden, Jake Montgomery, Mollie Ford, Jeff Hestley, Cheryl Machen, Heather Grommes, Tiffani Persons, Gene Rozelle, Tank Wright, Van Junkins Family (Carolyn Etrass' brother), Ken and Ozalne Carter (Karen Parker's parents), Gene & Mary Sasser, Terry Sasser (Jan & Steve Rousseau's Family), Linda Morris, Amanda Farr, Ben and Linda Gamel, Pat Pownall, Karen Brewer, Wallace Ray.

## ~ SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH ~ October

**In Memory of Bettye Lessley** by Robert & Debbie Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Jim & Jane Hare Sims, Anne O. Gray, Nora Bowden.

**In Memory of Dona Patterson** by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jackson.

**In Memory of Richard A. Mitchell** by Jim & Jane Hare Sims.

**In Memory of Harvey Campbell** by Wayne & Carol Ann Hawkins.

**In Memory of June Atkinson** by Wayne & Carol Ann Hawkins.

**In Memory of Mary Cardwell** by Nick & Janice Menzies.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES!

Youth are meeting every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend!

Any questions please contact me at the email address below.

Chrystal Whitehead  
Youth Director  
cpwhitehead2015@gmail.com

## FUMC Kindergarten- Day Care

### **THE SOUNDS OF FUMK**

What would a place for children be if it were not for lots of different sounds? This place is never quiet – except during nap and sometimes we do hear a little snore here or there. First Methodist is going full blast! We are blessed to be able to say that despite that mean Covid Virus, we are up and going. The children are feeling better and the teachers are running this way and that. Thank you to our Lord and Savior for helping us run a ministry that is going on its 74<sup>th</sup> year.

The K4/5 groups are going to the Old Baker Farm in October. We have weekly visits to the B.C. Comer Library. Tumblebus is here each Thursday. Christmas programs are coming soon and we are already practicing. We must be doing something right—even though we are a bit noisy.

*Dee Dee Mathews, Director*

## ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

### October 3rd

ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of **Ruth Johnson** by Willie Johnson.

### October 10th

ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of **Cherry Rozelle** by Gene Rozelle.

### October 17th

ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Robert E. Brown, Dorothy H. Brown, and Nancy Brown Tatum**, by Robert and Bill Brown.

### October 24th

ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lillian & R.J. Holley, Saul & Gara Tankersley, Bill Tankersley and Jimmy Wright** by Randy & Johnnie Tankersley and Sharon & Patrick Seals, Emma & Tank Wright, Holley & Dan Albergotti.

### October 31st

ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Laura & Jack Pitts, Tony & Ed Hebson, Alma & John Ed Wallis, Mary & Al Gaut** by Martha Hightower Turner.

## Worship & Arts Ministries!

Hello Worship & Arts Friends!!!

Get involved with one of our worship teams!

- Hand bells—Tuesday at 5:30pm
  - Chancel Choir –Wednesday 6:00pm
  - Worship Team/Media/Technical—Contact David.
- If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to participate...contact David!

Love of Christ Be With You!

David

Email: david@firstmethodistchurch.com

Text: 256-404-4109



## Children's Corner

Our Annual **Trunk or Treat** will be held Wednesday, October 27th from 5:30-7pm. This year will be bigger and better and we need YOU to help make sure that it happens. We need **CANDY** and lots of it. Be sure to bring it to church. There will be bins outside the sanctuary to put your candy in. Please sign up with me to put a Trunk in, make a soup, serve, help with games, and greet. There is something for everyone to do!

Be sure to follow the Children's Facebook page for updates and events, FUMC Sylacauga Children's Corner.

Leslie Lucas,  
Director of Children's Ministries

SUNDAY  
 8:30am – Prayer for Worship  
 9:00am- Sunday School (F.H.)  
 10:00am– Worship- Sanctuary

MONDAY  
 9:30am– MMBS  
 6:00pm– APPS Group

TUESDAY  
 No Activities

WEDNESDAY  
 5:00pm- Snack/Gathering  
 5:30pm– Family Worship  
 6:00pm- Children’s Activities  
 6:00pm- Choir/Handbells/  
 Bible Studie/Small Group  
 7:00pm- Worship Team

THURSDAY  
 No Activities



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 5:30p—Trustees Mtg	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 5:30pm-Fianace Mtg 6:30pm-Admin Board	19	20	21	22	23
24 Charge Conference 2:30p	25	26 3:30pm-Staff Meeting	27 Trunk Or Treat 5:30-7pm 	28	29	30
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