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# **UPCOMING DATES**

#### Sunday March 26, 2023

9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:10 am SMALL GROUPS 11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP 5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday March 27, 2023

5:30 pm SISTERS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday March 28, 2023

Wednesday March 29, 2023 5:00 pm WEAC Thursday March 30, 2023

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY 6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday March 31, 2023

Saturday April 1, 2023 8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS
11:11 am EMMAUS LUNCH
11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP
5:00 pm YOUTH

#### **WEAC - MARCH 22**

Spaghetti, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Choc. Sheet Cake

#### **WEAC - MARCH 29**

Ham, Hash Brown Casserrole, Pineapple Casserrole, Slaw, Dessert.

SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION March 19 th John 11: 1-4, 11-16, 34-44. "Shedding Grave Clothes"

### Easter Candy Needed

Drop off bends located at the West Entrance & the Narthex.





EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 8, 2023 11:00 am





# SERVANT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

One of our greatest community outreach opportunities in our church is our Child Care Center. Talking with Stephanie Darabaris (Child Care Center Director), she and her staff could use a few volunteer servants during the week. Christian Curriculums are being taught to the children that come to our Child Care Center. There are two immediate needs for some: First, there is a need for some Office Help from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Copying help, and general curriculum help for the children while the children are napping. Secondly, the Child Care Center could use some morning door help from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Monday -Friday. We have a very full Child Care Center (over 100 children now), and mornings need some loving welcoming from us as God's people. Friends, this is your Child Care Program, and it needs the loving presence of support to the Director, the Teachers, the Parents, and the Children. Answering this call to serve just might bring someone into the presence of Jesus that they might not otherwise experience if we don't step up to serve...who is hearing God's call and is ready to answer, "Here I am Lord!" Please contact me at:

Bro. John Verciglio.... jvercig@hueytownfirst.com\_or

Stephanie Darabaris at firstmethodistcdc@gmail.com.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023**

→ Holy Week Worship, April 3 – 7, 2023, 12-1:00

**+** Easter Egg Hunt, April 8, 2023− 11:00 am

+Easter Sunday,
April 9, 2023,

Birmingham Barons Ballgame, Tuesday,
April 11, 2023

**D-Now Youth Weekend,** April 21 − 23, 2023

→ Walking Track Dedication and Lunch on the Grounds, Sunday, May 7, 2023

**→** Vacation Bible School, June 11 – 15, 2023

**→** We are America, A Discussion with Teddy Roosevelt & Samuel Clements, June 24, 2023

**→**Back to School Sunday, August 6, 2023

**→ World Communion Sunday,** October 1, 2023

→ Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1, 2023

**+**Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 2023

**→ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday,** December 3, 2023

+ Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24, 2023



## **Attendance & Contributions**

March 19, 2023

Traditional	71
Traditional Online	258
Thrive	30
Thrive Online	72
Budget 3/19/23	\$10,717.00
Total as of 3/19/23	\$82,386.00

## **Special Prayer Request**

Jo (Sam) Edmonson Jack Moon
Donna Moses Nancy Goodwin
Jan Towers Steve Douglass
Chris Cater Jamie Smith
Karen Murphree Parsons

#### Lenten Season of Worship, Sacred Gatherings

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday Worship
April 3-5, 2023 – Midday Services 12:00-1:00
p.m., Fellowship Hall
(12:05 -12:30 Devotion; 12:35-1:00 Lunch)
April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30
p.m., Main Sanctuary
April 7, 2023 – Tenebrae Service, 6:30 p.m.,
Main Sanctuary

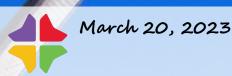
Main Sanctuary

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April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday Celebration 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service in the Green Space between Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall – Youth Group

7:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Traditional Worship 10:10 a.m., Small Groups/Sunday School 11:11 a.m., Thrive Worship



Greetings in the Name of Jesus! I shared as a part of the sermon on Sunday, March 19, 2023, a couple of key quotes that I believe are so important to the ever growing, ever deepening spiritual relationship with Jesus. They are as follows: Anna Carter Florence wrote, "Amazing Grace does not pass over the body without leaving indelible marks," and the second, Josh Scott wrote, "When we begin to see God's love for everyone, everywhere, it transforms how we show up in the world."

I can't help but hear, when I read these quotes, a combination statement in my mind and my heart, I hear, "The indelible marks of God's grace in my life need to show up in this world as I live day to day." That's just me folks...

But I have to wonder as I write this week, and we continue the journey toward Jerusalem through our hearing, and our experiencing through study of Jesus' life and ministry, what impact is it having on how we offer our lives to Jesus for His work through us? I have to wonder if statistics that say 33 1/3 of people don't care, 33 1/3 of people do care, and 33 1/3 of people it doesn't matter either way, are true to a Christ Followers life? "A wretch like me, saved; I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see," How sweet the sound...indelible marks...just don't let it be in an empty forest where no one can hear it!

Attention Administrative Board, Finance Team, Trustee's Team and Staff Parish Relations Committee, the quarterly meeting dates for April 2023, have been set. They are as follows:

April 3, 2023.....SPRC, 6:30 p.m.

April 10, 2023.....Finance, 6:30 p.m.

April 18, 2023.....Trustees, 6:30 p.m.

April 30, 2023.....Administrative Board, 4:00 p.m.

Please be on the lookout for you respective meeting card in the mail very soon.

Blessings, Bro. John Verciglio

## **MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM**

**BUDGET**– In Honor of Billy & Karen Parsons. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Family.

**CHOIR**– In Memory of Dora Chaffin. By Jim & Janet Allums.

**Red Bird**– In Memory of Dora Chaffin. By Mary Frances Bell.

**CHOIR**– In Honor of Nancy Hayley. In Memory of Dora Chaffin. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

**BUDGET**– In Honor of Hugh Hudson, Jimmy Harris, Steve Douglass, Jamie Smith, Roy Vines & Nancy Goodwin. By Jack & Nancy Moon.



The evening of <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 11</u>, <u>2023</u> we are going as a church group to see the Birmingham Barons play the Rocket City Trash Pandas At

Regions Field. Call the church office NOW to make your reservation. 205-491-3421
Anticipating start 6:05 pm or 7:05 pm.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS ARE IN THE OFFICE.



## THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS March 23rd.



We are painting "Easter Bunny". Templet available. 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations, call 205-401-3124.