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Upcoming Dates

Sunday March 23, 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:10 am THE BRIDGE **FELLOWSHIP** 11:10 am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday March 24, 2025 8:00 am SACK GROCERIES

5:00 pm YOUTH

Tuesday March 25, 2025

Wednesday March 26, 2025

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

5:30 pm WEAC

6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

Thursday March 27 2025

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY 9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

Friday March 28, 2025

Saturday March 29, 2025 8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8:00am till 12:00pm-Child Care Center YARD SALE In the Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD CHURCH EVENTS THE NEXT 6 MONTHS!

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday Service March 5,12,19,26, Apr. 2, 9 W.E.A.C. Meals

March 9, 16,23,30, Apr. 6,13, Sundays of

Mar. 9, Daylight Savings Time Mar. 15, Scout's Pancake Breakfast Apr. 4-7, F.M.C. Camping at Oak Mountain State Park

Apr. 5. F.M.C. Church Picnic, Oak **Mountain State Park**

Apr. 12 Church Easter Egg Hunt Apr. 14-18 Holy Week 2025

Apr. 20 Easter Sunday

May 11 Mother's Day

May 18 Graduation Sunday - Youth

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Jun. 12-14 North Alabama GMC **Annual Conference**

Jun. 15 Father's Day

2025 LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

Trustees (6:30 pm-1st

January 7, 2025 March 4, 2025 May 6, 2025 July 15, 2025 September 2, 2025 November 4, 2025

Feb. 6

Administrative Board(On/or close to the 3rd Sun. -4:00 pm)

January 19, 2025 **April 27, 2025** July 20, 2025 October 19, 2025

Finance (6:30 pm-2nd Tues.)

January 14, 2025 **April 8, 2025** July 8, 2025 October 14, 2025

SPRC (4:00 pm-2nd Sun.) Childcare Board (6-7pm)

January 12, 2025 April 13, 2025 July 13, 2025 October 12, 2025

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THE LENTEN SEASON-2025 The Lenten/Easter Season's theme is "His Holiness and His Love..." Here's the upcoming weeks of Worship, starting with the Ash

	March 9, 2025-1st Sun of Lent	Mt. 3:1-3; Mk. 1:9-15	S & G
	March 16, 2025-2nd Sun of		
	Lent	Ecc. 12:1-8; Mk.8:31-38	Not in the Hands of Fate
	March 23, 2025-3rd Sun of		
	Lent	Ecc. 6:6-10; Jn.2:13-22	Limits & Boundaries
	March 30, 2025-4th Sun of		
	Lent	Phil.2:5-8; Jn.3:14-21	The Shorts
	April 6, 2025-5th Sun of Lent	Mt. 4:1-11; Jn. 12:20-33	Thin Veils
	April 13, 2025-Palm Sunday	2 Cor. 12:1-10 ;Mk. 11:1-11	Hearts & Habits
	April 20, 2025-Easter Sunday	Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:11-18	'Missing,' Doesn't Mean it
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SERVING OPPORTUNITY IN OUR

The Child Care Center at First Methodist is seeking / asking if you as Church Members would be willing to be a part of sharing some you time, talents, skills, and abilities. The CCC is starting a reading, math and science program that needs volunteers...we need to be those volunteers. I hope as you read this outreach, that you will join me in letting OUR CCC know that you WILL volunteer as a servant! I am asking Laurie McCombs to start a list to capture our names as volunteers. Please let Laurie know as soon

as possible, by March 31 st, that you can and will be a part of volunteering in our CCC. Thanks, Bro. John V.





Attendance & Contributions

March 10, 2025

Sunday Worship Attendance	109
Online Attendance	
Budget Contributions	\$8,197.00
Budget YTD Contributions	

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers Tammy Moody Harold Caine Terry Horne Sammy Harless Nancy Goodwin



Sign up for Sunday flowers on the poster in the Narthex.

Chopped Pecans are still available for \$12.00 per bag in the office.

CHURCH PICNIC NEWS

Let's have fun at the Church Picnic! The Church Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, **April 5, 2025**, at Oak Mountain State Park. We will gather at the "Fishing Center" Pavilion. On that day we will have to pay park entrance fee, which is minimal. If you would be a part of the planning for a fun day, would you please contact Tab Blair at your earliest convenience. I anticipate a great day with food, fun, fellowship and laughter. Oh,

by the way...on this day, Oak
Mountain is having
an Easter Egg Hunt and
Vendor Trucks in the
park.



March 17, 2025

Hey Friends! At the time of this week's Newsletter writing, we are in the week of days 11-16 in the Lenten Season. On one hand it seems like we are just getting starting, and on the other hand, it goes so quickly when the mix of everyday life is in our routine. I am praying for each of us that we are finding encouragement in our intentionally growing in Christ in the Lenten Season.

I have a plant in my office that I cannot even give you the name of. But...I love it! There are actually two plants in one pot, and one of those is a "vining" plant. It is growing like crazy. I water my plants every Sunday. Part of that watering is that the "non-vining" plant gets a tug on its leaves by me. I give the leaves a good upward brushing, so to speak. For some reason, this plant is thriving as well. My tugging pulls leaves that are not thriving off the plant, and encourages growth in those that are thriving.

Think about this along the lines of growing spiritually in the Lenten season...I feel, like the plant story, that it is so important to the Christian journey as well. I personally need the work of keeping my spiritual life brushed up, watered, sunlit, soil checked, tugging on the leaves (provoked), and turning of the dirt (keep from getting lethargic)...I need the help to keep me growing in Jesus. I am thankful for the Lenten Season and being able to intentionally grow in Jesus with you. I am hopeful that we are becoming all that Jesus is calling us to be, individually and corporately, as we move toward the celebration of the Resurrection on Sunday, April 20, 2025.

In Service to Christ,

Bro. John Verciglio



BUDGET– In Memory of Marilyn Brown. By Ladies Sunday School Class, The Church at Old Town.

CHOIR— In Memory of Marilyn Brown. By Wanda England.

BUDGET- In Memory of Marilyn Brown. By Ted & Jane Hagler

CHURCH LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Our church landscape project has an approximated cost of the Shrubbery and Planting project for our church will be \$20,000. At this time, approximately \$16,000 of this cost has been committed by groups and individuals from our church. At this time, we need to fulfill the remaining commitment of \$4,000 through our church general budget. The Alpha Ladies Group, Trustees and the Finance Team are asking the congregation to consider making Gifts, Honorariums and Memorials to the Greenery Project. If you would like to be a part of this special project, you are asked as a group or as individuals to make a donation to: CHURCH GREENERY PROJECT. All these gifts will go to the Shrubbery and Plants for our church. Any donations beyond the cost of the project will go toward the upkeep of shrubbery, plants, and courtvard area outside of the Choir Room.

Sunday Message: "Limits & Boundaries"Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:6-10, John 2:13-22



Look for the WEAC registration cards in your Weekly Worship Bulletin.

March 5 th, March 12 th, March 19 th, March 26 th, April 2 nd, and April 9 th.

Adults- \$8.00, Child (4-11)-\$4.00, <3-free **March 19th...**Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Baby Limas, Slaw, Corn Bread, Sheet Cake.

March 26th... BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Slaw, Cobbler.

April 2nd...Ham, Pineapple Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Peas, Chocolate Sheet Cake.

April 9th...Meatloaf, Mac-n-Cheese, Butter Beans, Slaw, Corn Bread, Ice Cream Sundae.

DAY CARE INDOORS YARD SALE.....MARCH 29th.

8:00am - 12:00pm. Infants & children clothing, toys, books.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hey Friends, please be reminded that the First Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. We have a new Children's Director, Jordan Austin, and Jordan will need all of our help to make this a great success in a short time of her being on staff. Please let Jordan know of your availability to help at the Easter Egg Hunt by dropping Jordan an email. Jordan can be reached at jeaustin703@gmail.com.