



DISCIPLE'S DISPATCH

January

Our Vision: Living God's Grace in Community
Our Mission: Making Disciples by Serving, Inviting, Growing and Learning

PREACHER—*REV. AMY PARSONS VAUGHN*
EACH SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship

DECEMBER 31, 2017

SCRIPTURES: PSALM 148
LUKE 2:22-40

SERMON: "THE CLIFFHANGER"

Hospitality Team: RANDY NELSON,
ROYCE WARREN & RONNIE MARTIN
NURSERY: KAREN WYATT, DOT FIQUETT



JANUARY 7, 2018 -

EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURES:

PSALM 29
GENESIS 1:1-5

SERMON: "BEGINNINGS: LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Hospitality Team: GENE GRAHAM
STEVE CAIN & MICHAEL MARTINEZ
NURSERY: DOT FIQUETT, MARQUITA HARBIN

JANUARY 14, 2018

SCRIPTURES: PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18
I SAMUEL 3:1-10

SERMON: "BEGINNINGS: SPEAK LORD,
YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING"

Hospitality Team:

RONNIE MARTIN, JOHNNY CAMP
& SHIRLEY HAMILTON

NURSERY: DORIS ACKER, NOLA ANN OWENS

JANUARY 21, 2018-

SCRIPTURES: PSALM 62:5-12
MARK 1:14-20

SERMON: "BEGINNINGS: JESUS' MINISTRY"

Hospitality Team:

LOUISE MOATS, RANDY & WONI NELSON
NURSERY: ELLEN LIMBAUGH, FAYE PAYNE

JANUARY 28, 2018

Hospitality Team: BILL KALLENBACH,
ROYCE WARREN, & STEVE CAIN
NURSERY: DARLENE MATHIS, KAY CAMP

A New Generation of Christians

A new vision of a dedicated space for people in their teens, twenties, and thirties to Live God's Grace in Community.

What will take place?

Exactly what ministries will be determined by a team of older and younger church members, young people from the community and leaders such as coaches and public servants.

Who Benefits?

Raising up a new generation of Christians will result in new believers, new Sunday School classes, and new families for our congregation.

How Can We Afford To Do This?

We have \$125,000 in endowment funds. The asking price for the old Presbyterian church next door is \$139,000. We can borrow from ourselves and the bank and pay back both. Another idea is to lease for one year and move ahead in purchasing after we see the growth of the ministry.

Let's Talk About It!

After worship on Sunday, **January 14th**, welcome to Lunch and Conversation at Friends on 8th. Bring your questions, concerns, and excitement and \$5 to cover your meal.

Next Steps:

Trustees and Leadership Team have been considering this vision since October. The Leadership Team may be ready to decide on January 22nd. If approved, we meet with a District Committee, and have a Church Conference where all present can take part.

A "New Generation of Christians"
Please Pray for the Holy Spirit
to Guide Us in Doing God's Will

Rev. Amy

Our General Fund Income for four weeks of
December is: \$10,956.94

Thank You cards have been received from Sandy Podoris and Family, Elizabeth Baker, Joy Limbaugh, Joyce Brooks, Ed & Norine Johnson, the Longs, Jimmy & Faye Payne, Shirley & James Maxwell, Eugenia Vincent, Amy Ham Wheat, Julius & Peggy Ward
The cards are posted on the board in the hallway.

*Christian sympathy is extended to Kim Warren and Family
in the loss of her step-father, Thomas Virgil Chandler.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Gifts-Given to the glory of GOD:

IN HONOR OF NORINE JOHNSON/FOOD PANTRY/Ed Johnson, J.J. & Preston Johnson

IN HONOR OF ED & NORINE JOHNSON/GENERAL FUND/Frank & Debbie Harkins

IN HONOR OF DEBBIE McENTIRE/SHEPHERD'S FLOCK FUND/Joyce Brooks

IN APPRECIATION AND HONOR OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR/GENERAL FUND/Dot Fiquett

FOOD PANTRY/Frances Brasher, Elizabeth Baker

NEW GENERATION OF CHRISTIANS/Tommy Limbaugh, Louis & Laura Basenese

WORLD HUNGER/Ed & Norine Johnson, Robert & Mary Jane Lee

Memorials: *Given to the glory of GOD and in loving memory of-by*

KELLIE VAUGHN BENTLEY/GENERAL FUND/Tut & Karen Wyatt,

VIRGIL CHANDLER/GENERAL FUND/Healing Waters S. S. Class, Tut & Karen Wyatt, Woni & Randy Nelson

CHARLES & MARGARET HARKINS/GENERAL FUND/Frank & Debbie Harkins

ELLEN HATCHETT/GENERAL FUND/Joyce Brooks

JAMES & FRANCES LIMBAUGH/NEW GENERATION OF CHRISTIANS FUND/Hope & Ken Allen, Becca & Jeff Green

BUTCH PODORIS/GENERAL FUND/Woni & Randy Nelson

WALLACE SHOEMAKER/GENERAL FUND/Frank & Debbie Harkins

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals
Tuesday, January 9th at 6 pm
Downstairs in the Choir room.
We invite YOU to join us!!!

Reminder: Pray for the Launch of
Childersburg Celebrate Recovery on January 4

We are so excited as we see God pulling our team together and creating a safe and welcoming space for all who want to deal with their hurts, habits and hang-ups in Christian community.

Our team has grown to about a dozen people from other churches and community, ready to open the doors to the public on January 4th. Workers from our congregation include:

Debbie McEntire
Gaylon McEntire
Louise Moats
Ashlee Noland

Amy Parsons Vaughn
Pete West
Richmond West

Special thanks to the cooking teams from our congregation who have agreed to take turns serving a simple meal every other month!

We need your help!

We will
UN-deck
the halls
on
Saturday, January 6th
Join us at
10 am
and lend a
hand to take down the
Christmas and Advent
decorations!



Emmaus Gatherings

EMMAUS FOLLOW-UP
on
Tuesday, January 23rd
6 pm
at the FUMC -Trinity Campus
in Alexander City
(next to Russell Hospital)

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Prayer List: as of December 27th

Hospital: Ray Carter - Rev. Amy's Step-dad (broken hip)

Immediate Prayer concerns —

Melissa Acker
Jane Allen
Colby, 15-year old awaiting heart transplant
Brandon Edwards, husband of Emmie Pate Edwards
(granddaughter of Audrey & George Pate)
Gary Harbin
Ed and Norine Johnson
Jean & Lowell Maxwell
Dot Nelson
Kim Warren and family
A New Generation of Christians
Our Nation, President Trump
Our Military Personnel
World Leaders

Ongoing prayers:

Colton Brannon- child with brain tumor and broken arm
Dowe Bynum - 38 yr. old nephew of Marcia & Tommy Limbaugh
Betty Chesnut, E. Limbaugh's sister
Pat Lee
Carson Limbaugh-throat problems-12 yr. Old grandson of Malley & Ellen
Lynn L. Lloyd Grace Limbaugh
Jessalyn McEwen Lowell Maxwell
Rhonda Nelson Bonnie Phillips
Alice Pody Lowell Vincent
Charlotte Vincent Connie Watts

Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Extended Care:

Nell Brasher Mildred Dierksen
Joy Limbaugh O'Hara McGilberry
Earl Wesson

Shut Ins: (unable to attend worship)-

Eloise Bice
Mildred Hillman
Sarah Jeffcoat

Thank you for letting the church office know when you or your loved one is in the hospital. Sharing the location, date and time of upcoming surgeries and procedures helps the church be present with the love of God in Christ.

Should you need to reach

Rev. Amy you can call or email her.

Rev. Amy's cell #(205) 540-1818

and email: revamyvaughn@gmail.com

Church email is: cburgfirstmethodist@gmail.com

AND . . . We have a Web site: cburgfumc.org

Church office phone #(256) 378-6468

Office hours are Monday—Thursday

8:30 until noon

We are closed on Fridays and for legal holidays.

**Prayer for a Growing Congregation:
January, February and March 2018**

Join us in focused prayer for the growth of our congregation for the first three months of 2018. Whether in a prayer circle at the church, while walking through our neighborhood or in a spiritual discipline of your own you can take part in these weekly practices that will encourage you to pray more frequently at all times.

You can gather with people on **Sunday mornings** to pray for an hour before Sunday School and Worship. Kim Warren has been led to facilitate this group. Other churches that have seen a difference once the practice has taken hold in their congregations.

You can join us in "prayer-walking" in the neighborhood around the church building. Gathering on **Tuesdays at 5 in the afternoon**, we will walk at an easy pace for one hour and pray for the people in the homes around us. When we meet someone, we will offer to pray for them. Rev Amy will lead this group. Read about other churches' experience of prayer walking at <http://www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/437689>

Or you can join in the practice of Wesleyan fasting and prayer on Fridays. John Wesley advocated beginning a **Friday fast on Thursday at sundown** and ended his fast at 3 pm on Friday. You may choose to do a complete fast (water only), a no-solid-food fast, a no-meat fast, or some other kind of fast. Fasting is leaving off something material so you have more room for something spiritual. If you are interested in this practice, please contact Rev. Amy. You can find more info at methodistprayer.org/wesleyfast/

Speak with Rev. Amy to let her know which of the prayer forms you will practice in January, February and March of 2018.

New Year's Eve Movie Night: "Home Run"

Sunday night, December 31; 7 pm in the Sanctuary

"Home Run reminds us of the power of forgiveness, the richness of redemption, and the wisdom of trusting God to revive us." - Max Lucado

Followed by board games in the Fellowship Hall:
Bring your games and snacks to share!

January birthdays:

2nd Daniel Limbaugh, Stephanie Edick
4th Makayla Hatcher
5th Blair Elise Bourgeois, Byron Terrill
8th Terry Long, Tim Ward 10th Gene Graham
12th Matthew Hamilton 14th Sarah Donahoo
15th Tracey Gingles, Jan Pate Kromer
18th Frank Harkins
21st Marley Wesson
23rd Zack Lightsey, Kris Logan
25th Audrey Pate, Maggie Wesson
28th Carol Long, Melissa Wesson
31st Jakob Moats



Calendar for: January 2018

Sunday, Dec 31
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship
7 pm Movie Night: "Home Run", followed by board games

Tuesday, Jan 2
5 pm Prayer-walking for a Growing Congregation

Thursday, Jan 4
6 pm LAUNCH of Celebrate Recovery Ministry at St. Andrews UMC

Saturday, January 6
10 am UN-Deck the Halls! Come help please!

Sunday, Jan 7
8 am Prayer for a Growing Congregation: Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship

Monday, Jan 8
6 pm Worship Committee



Tuesday, Jan 9
5 pm Prayer-walking for a Growing Congregation
6 pm Choir Rehearsal resumes

Wednesday, Jan 10
6 pm Coloring Time, Rhonda Nelson's

Thursday, Jan 11
6 pm Celebrate Recovery, St. Andrews UMC

Sunday, Jan 14
8 am Prayer for a Growing Congregation: Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship
11 am Lunch for Discussion:

A New Generation of Christians at Friends on 8th

Tuesday, Jan 16
5 pm Prayer-walking for a Growing Congregation
6 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan 17
6 pm Coloring Time, Rhonda Nelson's

Thursday, Jan 18
9 am Alabama Childhood Food Solutions Distribution Day
6 pm Celebrate Recovery, St. Andrews UMC

Sunday, Jan 21
8 am Prayer for a Growing Congregation: Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship
3 pm District Training Event

Monday, Jan 22
6 pm Leadership Team

Tuesday, Jan 23
5 pm Prayer-walking for a Growing Congregation
6 pm Choir Rehearsal
6 pm Emmaus Follow-up @ Trinity UMC in Alex City

Wednesday, Jan 24
6 pm Coloring Time, Rhonda Nelson's

Thursday, Jan 25
10 am Deadline for February Newsletter items
6 pm Celebrate Recovery, St. Andrews UMC

Sunday, Jan 28
8 am Prayer for a Growing Congregation
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship

Wednesday, Jan 31
6 pm Coloring Time, Rhonda Nelson's