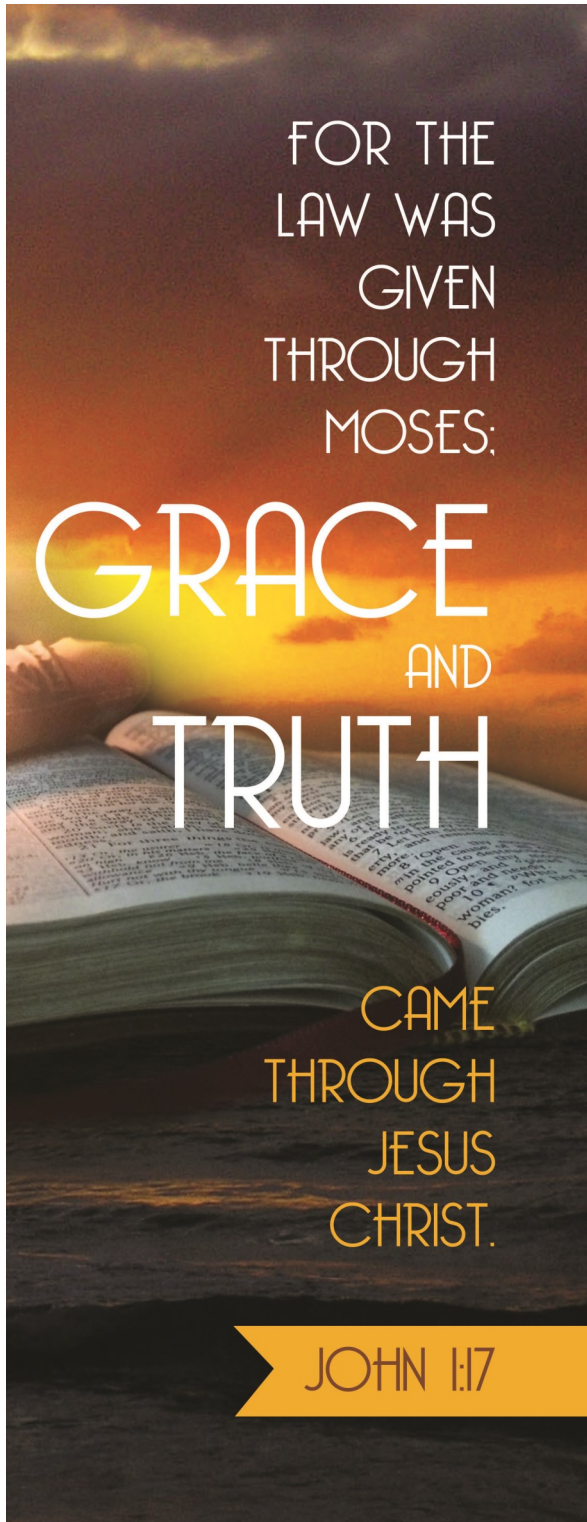


# CORNER CONNECTIONS

## *A People of Grace and Truth*



One of the most noteworthy things about Jesus’ life and ministry is to note that the people who were the least like Jesus were the same people who the most attracted to him. Jesus was the perfect image of a holy and righteous God, a man who went his whole life experiencing the same temptations that we all experience, and yet he resisted every one and never sinned. You might expect people who were great sinners to be uncomfortable around Jesus, and maybe even be repelled by him. But the opposite was the case. People who were under the power of shameful sin loved to spend time with Jesus. Why?

The answer certainly isn’t because Jesus downplayed or neglected talking about the moral commands of God. When Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), not only did he teach about God’s moral commands, Jesus intensified them. He would say things like, “In the Mosaic law, you are told not to murder. But I say that if you harbor resentment and anger toward another, you’ve already committed murder in your heart.” Yet, that high moral and spiritual calling that Jesus gave continually didn’t seem to prevent people from flocking to him.

The reason is because Jesus also reached out passionately to those who fell the most short of that high moral and spiritual calling. Jesus communicated over and over again that he loved and accepted the worst of sinners. And as those sinners followed Jesus and spent time with Jesus, they were transformed from sinners into saints.

What does this tell us as the church? It tells us that our calling is to follow the same pattern. On one hand, we proclaim the high call of holiness to our community and our world. And on the other hand, we offer never-ending grace and acceptance and welcome to each and every person we encounter. Doing both faithfully can often times be messy, but it is worth it, because that balance of grace and truth will transform the world.

In Christ

Clint

# UPDATE ON DISCERNMENT PROCESS

To my First United Methodist family,

Last Monday night, our Church Council voted to contact our District Superintendent to begin the process of exploring disaffiliation from the United Methodist denomination. That process will begin with a **town hall meeting** with our District Superintendent, Mike Pearson, at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 5** in the Fellowship Hall. I encourage you to make every effort to attend. This will be a time for us to ask questions and receive information about disaffiliation.

Our Church Council also voted to form a discernment team made up of the leaders of our administrative and ministry teams. That team will begin working to discern what denominational direction would be best for our church family after a potential disaffiliation. In other words, should we join another denomination? If so, which one? Should we pursue an independent status? That team will give regular reports back to the Church Council, who will work toward determining together what the best future direction would be for our church family.

The next main step in the process is a Church Conference where any professing member present will be able to vote. Our **Church Conference** is scheduled for **2 PM on Sunday, March 12**. At this Conference, all present members will receive an assessment on the impact of disaffiliation on our local church, and then will vote on whether or not to disaffiliate. If the resolution passes by a two-thirds majority, then the next scheduled Annual Conference session (likely May of 2023) which would vote on whether to finalize the disaffiliation.

What should we do during this period? One, stay as informed as you can. Come to the town hall meeting as well as our Church Council meetings to observe and hear the monthly reports from the discernment team. Our Church Council meetings through the end of the year will be at 6 PM on September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 12.

Two, be in prayer for our church family and for the entire discernment process. We will need God's wisdom and guidance throughout this entire process. On Wednesdays, I will be in the sanctuary about 5:30 PM to pray before our fellowship supper, and I invite you to join me as we pray for church family. As I have said before, I hope that amidst this conflict, God will raise up a new and revitalized Wesleyan movement in our world. Our culture needs the Wesleyan emphasis on the grace of God and on the holiness of heart and life that empowered the early Methodists to transform 18<sup>th</sup> century England and 19<sup>th</sup> century America.

Many of you may have questions and concerns about all of this. I encourage you to call me or come by and speak with me. I'd be happy to answer questions or to simply listen.

In Christ,

Rev. Clint McBroom

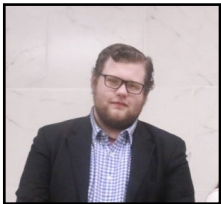
# Welcome



Christie is serving as your church secretary. I am originally from Shorter, AL. I currently live in Tallassee with my husband, Brian Schwab. We have three children, Brittni, Loren and Blake. We have three

grandchildren, Cohen, Emersyn and Mary

Hanlyn. During my free time you can find me spending time with family and friends, reading or attending FBC Church/choir.



Chandler is a composer, conductor, pianist, and organist from Warrior, Alabama. Originally baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, his efforts have focused on providing music for a variety of denominations and liturgical styles. His work includes music for Alabama Public Television (Another River to Cross: The Alabama Indian, and Rural Revival: The

Civilian Conservation Corps in Alabama (in production)), science fiction short films and working with local youth ensembles as a guest conductor and composer. He currently studies music education at Auburn University and studies piano under Dr. Jeremy Samolesky.



I have been a member of FUMC Tallassee for almost 5 years now. My family attends the traditional worship service where Will sings in the choir, Bella helps with tech, and Revere loudly says, "Amen" after Clint finishes praying. I am looking forward to working in the nursery to help our precious little ones begin their journey in knowing and showing Christ's love! Carrie

## BACK TO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

- 8:50 am - Encounter - contemporary worship
- 10 am - Sunday School, all ages
- 11 am - Traditional worship
- 5-6:30 pm - Kids & Youth (supper included)

### Wednesdays

- 6-6:30 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 -7:15 pm - Activities for all ages

### Now is a perfect time to join a Sunday School Class

### Adults

- Allen Cowan Class - Library (306)
- Men's Class - Room 202
- Circle 360 - Fellowship Hall
- Julia Burton Class - Room 304

## YOUTH & KIDS



We will not meet Labor Day weekend, but we will start going from 5-6:30 the following Sunday. Please be on the lookout for a sign up sheet for snack supper for the youth and children.

LAMP is back!! We are so excited to be starting LAMP again on Wednesday nights. LAMP is a program for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. LAMP will meet every Wednesday night in the LAMP room on the 3rd floor. Bring a friend and join the fun!!!

Thank you so much to all of the people who hosted a pool or lakeside for us this summer! We loved the opportunity to fellowship together, and we appreciate you opening up your home to us!



Youth Ski Trip  
December 17-21, 2022



### NEED VOLUNTEERS

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN THE NURSERY BE ON A LOOK OUT FOR A SIGN UP SHEET OR SEE CARRIE



## Missions Notes

Tallassee Mission House, an outreach ministry of our church, has now been open for serving the needy within our community for six months. The former parsonage at 3 Jordan Avenue has been an ideal location for this ministry, convenient for those served and those serving. Church members and beyond have been gracious donors of lightly used material goods and also supportive of local missions fundraisers. Volunteers have been sufficient to staff the mission house open hours on Wednesdays, although more are needed to spread out the work on Saturdays. Currently under consideration is the use of limited volunteers that may not be members of our church but would be approved by the volunteer team to work alongside church members. The average number of guests at the Mission House each day is 8 – 10, with as many as 18, and many others have been served after hours. It is obvious that those receiving our material, emotional, and spiritual support have felt blessed by their experience with the Mission House. It is our vision that the Tallassee Mission House will continue to grow and act consistently as the hands and feet of Jesus, even in the midst of uncertainty within our church world.  
Deb and Terry Henning



- 01 Don Bryant  
Macy Crain  
Bella Donahey
- 02 Jeff Steele
- 04 Sam Johnson II  
Lu Missildine  
Betty Segrest
- 11 Wade Shipman
- 12 Meg Houts
- 13 Jamie Smith
- 16 Katie Rigsby
- 17 Mason Achord  
Noah Metz
- 21 David Metz
- 23 Dolores Reed
- 24 Cooper Crain  
Richard Ellis  
Tommy Mann  
Jake Manning
- 25 Debra Henning  
Daphney Ingram
- 27 Nany Kirby
- 28 Wayne Dykes
- 29 Joe Williams, SR
- 30 Emily Buice



The home supper club will resume gathering in September. Anyone interested or needing more information please contact Janice Heacock at 334-546-8715 or [dheac76569@aol.com](mailto:dheac76569@aol.com) by

September 1. The home supper club meets on the second Monday.



Men's Breakfast will resume gathering on September 11, 7:00 am. Please come join us. Men's Breakfast meets on the second Sunday of each month.

## SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>Sept. 25</b>
none	H. Johnson	Katherine Robinson	Becky & S Segrest



- 12 Ray & Nancy Kirby
- 16 Wayne & Sue Dykes



On behalf of the Mann and James families, Bob and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers and your comforting messages, texts and calls during this difficult time. My brother Kim was a very special man and his passing has been a great shock to our family.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we adjust to life without him. Susan Mann Dragone

## Stewardship Summary - August 2022 (to 08/20)

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Monthly Contributions	\$31,250	\$22,636
Monthly Total Income	\$36,021	\$27,088
Year to Date Income	\$288,165	\$283,572
Monthly Expenses	\$36,690	\$29,059
Year to Date Expenses	\$293,523	\$273,091

*Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 137*

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	 Office Closed	6	7 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Youth	8	9	10
11 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am	12 Ladies Circle 10:00 am  Home Supper Club 6:30 pm	13 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	14 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Men's Class	15	16	17
18	19 Crafty Christians 1:00-2:30 pm  Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm	20	21 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Allen Cowan	22	23	24
25	26 SPR Meeting 6:00 pm	27	28 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Julia Burton	29	30	

September

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### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship  
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11 am - traditional worship

### KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



**Facebook.com/FUMCTallassee**

The service for the preceding week is broadcast each Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at **7:15 am** each weekday morning.

