

September Corner Connections



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We Need To Believe the Gospel for Ourselves

Seeking new ways to reach our Tallahassee community can be fulfilling and exciting, and it can also lead to discouragement and disillusionment. The reason we sometimes get discouraged in our ministry is because we fall into the trap of believing that while God exists, He is distant and absent in caring for us and coming to our rescue. We wouldn't admit it, but we tend to live as though the healing of the world is our responsibility, and that God is counting on us to heal it. And if that's what we believe, we're going to be discouraged, because in reality we can't heal anyone.

Yet what Jesus tells us is that we don't change the communities where we live, Jesus changes the communities where we live. Listen to Jesus quote Isaiah as He begins His ministry:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” —Luke 4:18–19, Isaiah 61 .

Jesus is the one who brings good news, proclaim liberty, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed. So we're the participants in His kingdom, not the kings. Jesus advances the mission, not us. The invitation posed to us is to step into His kingdom, to believe the gospel, and to serve Jesus the Servant-King.

When we talk about believing the gospel, that's what we mean. And we will thrive in our ministry and outreach when we absorb the gospel of Jesus ourselves, and simply obey as Jesus transforms His city of Tallahassee!

In Christ,
Clint

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Launch of the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference

**You are invited to the Celebration
Launch of the Alabama Emerald
Coast Conference of the Global
Methodist Church! This will be an
historic gathering as it will be our
very first Annual Conference. It will
be held at Saint James Global Meth-
odist Church in Montgomery.
The opening worship service will be
on Friday, September 8th at 6 PM,
and the ordination service that will
close the conference will be
on Saturday, September 9th
at 1:15 PM.**

Special Offering at our Opening Celebration



We will have a special missional offering at our Annual Conference launch on September 8 and 9. The offering will go to purchase motorcycles for our clergy

colleagues in the GMC Congo African Conference. Clergy in the Congo have to walk many miles to reach the churches they pastor, and these bikes will enable them to do so more quickly.

To give, mark your check or envelope "Congo Conference motorcycles" or choose the "Congo Conference motorcycles" fund in the online giving portal.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

PLANNING

In an attempt to complete our strategic planning process that we began over a year and a half ago, I would like to review our SWOT Analysis and make additions or subtractions to this information and proceed with developing a written plan that will guide our decisions over the next several years.

I also propose forming a small group of 3-4 people to assist in reviewing our SWOT Analysis and writing our plan. This group can determine what meeting times work best for them. The finished plan will be brought back to the Church Council for approval by our November or December Church Council Meetings.

MEETINGS

**Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm following
Wednesday night dinner in Fellowship Hall and
Sunday, September 24 at 6:00 pm on 3rd floor in
Library.**

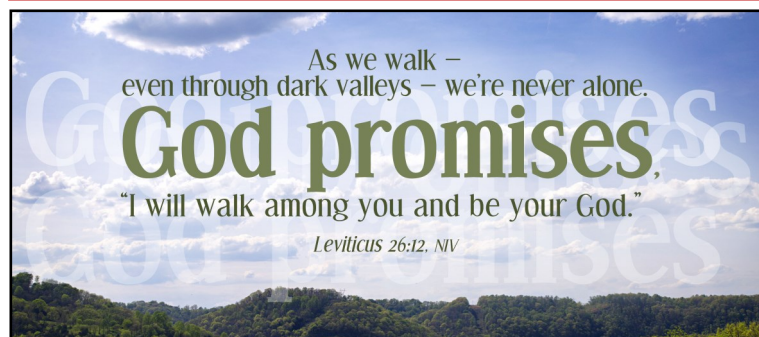


A special gift for you in memory of our precious friend Marie.

The Allen Cowan Sunday School Class
First Methodist Church
1 Jordan Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32307

"Be strong and courageous... It is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

The Allen Cowan Sunday School Class made care packages for the patients at the Montgomery Cancer Center in memory of Marie Milam. Each package contained a prayer card, chap stick, tissue, lotion, lemon drops, mints, puzzle book, pen, and crackers. These Packages have been delivered and distributed to the patients. Hoping these care packages are a comfort to these patients and to let them know that others are praying for them during this difficult time.



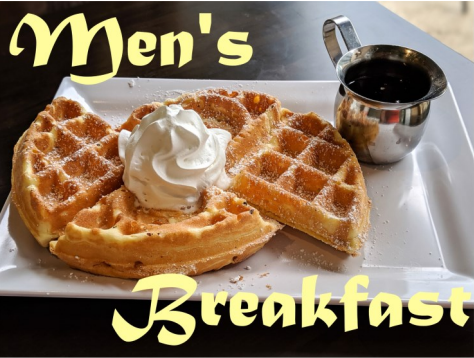
Youth

We had an exciting summer filled with fun activities, mission opportunities, and bible studies! We have now resumed our regular schedule. We have Youth worship on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30. Dinner is provided. We are always in need of volunteers to provide dinner on Sunday nights for the youth and children. If you are interested in serving in this way, please let either Peyton or Hillary know. There is also a sign-up sheet on both Facebook pages. We also have youth on Wednesday nights. We start out in the fellowship hall where we eat dinner with our church family from 6-6:30. Then, we head to the youth room and have worship and a bible study from 6:30-7:15.

Lamp

We are in desperate need of someone to run our LAMP program on Wednesday nights. This program is for 5th and 6th graders. They are at an age where they are too old for children's activities, but too young for youth group. This ministry is so beneficial and unique to our church. This group of kids needs a consistent person to help them grow in their faith at such an influential age. Please prayerfully consider this. Although it is a huge need, it is NOT very time-consuming. This job would only consist of being present for 45 minutes every Wednesday and planning a bible study to have with them during that time. There is a consistently small group of around 6 who attend every Wednesday. If you are interested, please contact Hillary, Clint, or Peyton!





Men's Breakfast will start back September 10, 7:00 am. Please come join us. Men's Breakfast meets on the second Sunday of each month.



The home supper club will resume gathering in September. If anyone is interested or needing more information please contact Janice Heacock at 334-546-8715 or dheac76569@aol.com. The home supper club meets on the second Thursday of every month.



- 01 Don Bryant
- Macy Crain
- Bella Donahey
- 02 Jeff Steele
- 04 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



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

Is your name missing from this list? Let us know!
fumctallasse@gmail.com

Restaurant Supper Club

Will Meet
September 5, 5:30
at church

We meet 1st Monday
of every month see
**Karen Waller for
more info**

Estelle Lockwood Ladies' Circle

The Estelle Lockwood Circle is starting back in September.

We meet on the first Monday of the month, at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. **Our first meeting will be Monday, September 11, at 10:00 am (due to Labor Day).** We always have lovely refreshments and an interesting program.

We just finished the cookbooks and they should be here in November. The proceeds from the cookbook will go towards the Peggy Jones Scholarship.

All ladies in the church are welcome and encouraged to join us!

If you have any questions, please see Sandra Patterson.

Stewardship Summary

August 2023 (to 8/22)

General Operating Fund

Monthly Contributions
 Budgeted - \$32,083
 Actual - **\$26,648**

Year to Date Contributions
 Budgeted - \$256,667
 Actual - **\$251,400**

Monthly Expenses
 Budgeted - \$34,771
 Actual - **\$31,064**

Year to Date Expenses
 Budgeted - \$278,165
 Actual - **\$252,643**

Year to Date, our income minus expenses = **-\$930.77**

Overall Financial Status: slight downward trend commencing

New Beginnings Campaign

Raised so far: \$61,962
 Still needed: **\$67,589**

You can make a contribution at any time toward helping us with our disaffiliation costs! Simply designate your gift "New Beginnings", or donate online fmctallasse.com/giving and choose "New Beginnings" from the Fund drop-down menu.

Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 123

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Facebook Page:
[facebook.com/fmctallasse](https://www.facebook.com/fmctallasse)

- Livestreamed worship
- videos of past services
- latest news

September

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----|-----|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4  Office Closed | 5 Chrismons 9-11 am Restaurant Supper Club 5:30 pm | 6 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am | 11 Ladies Circle 10:00 am Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm | 12 Chrismons 9-11 am SPRC Meeting 5:30 pm | 13 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15 pm Strategic Planning Meeting 6:30 pm | 14 Home Supper Club 6:30 pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Crafty Christians 1:00-2:30 pm | 19 Chrismons 9-11 am | 20 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00 - 7:15 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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September Altar Flowers

Sept. 3 none
Sept. 10 open
Sept. 17 Katherine Robinson
Sept. 24 Becky & Steve Segrest



Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

Sept. 06 - Group 7
 Sept. 13 - Group 1
 Sept. 20 - Group 2
 Sept. 27 - Group 5

September

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**
11 am - traditional worship

KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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



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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.

