

Prayer Concerns	Rosie Cochran	Diane Atkinson
Cindy Diffie	Jim Isbell	Vaughn
Cheryl Dobson	Dylan Durden	Bill Perry
Mack Howell	Jake Montgomery	Pastor Joel Maxwell
Lee White	Cheryl Machen	Catie Simpkins
Fay Simpkins	Tiffani Persons	Kenneth Turner
Marese Rayfield	Linda Morris	Sally Werling
Ginger Marable	Amanda Farr	John Floyd
Kelsey Abrams	Ben and Linda Gamel	Tommy Porch
Amy R. Thomas	Pat Pownall	Jim Floyd
Yancy Patterson	Stephanie McGhee	Ollie Heath, Jr
Lou Kyle	Larry Reynolds	Brandi McDonald
Barbara Bailey	Bill Roberts	Robert & Janet Huffman
	Don Neal	

Van Junkins Family (Carolyn Etrass' brother), Ken and Ozaline Carter (Karen Parker's parents), Gene & Mary Sasser, Terry Sasser (Jan & Steve Rousseau's family).

May Worship & Generosity Report

Average In-house Attendance: 84
 Average Livestream/Facebook views: 16/54
 Offerings 5/1-5/25 \$ 35,937
 Expenditures 5/1-5/25 \$ 35,816

CHURCH STAFF

Ed Sims - Interim Pastor

Byron White - Assistant Pastor

David Simpkins - Director of Worship & Arts

Chrystal Whitehead - Youth Ministries

Leslie Lucas - Children's Ministries

Sharon Seals/Charmelle Lewis/Robin Lewis - Pianists

Karen Brewer - Church Administrator

Dolly Perry - Administrative Assistant

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten: (256) 249-2300 Nursery: (256) 249-0644

Dee Dee Mathews - Kindergarten Director

Amanda McDaniel - Financial Secretary

105 E. Spring St, Sylacauga, AL

256-249-0362



FIRST NEWS

JUNE 2022

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear friends,

I came across this article in my daily devotional/news reading, and it put into words what I had been trying to say myself.

“Sometimes when something terrible happens, I write about it.

This week, though, the events of Uvalde hit so hard. There was so much noise and anger in response, I found myself needing to sit with what had happened in sorrow and prayer.

“I saw many voices speaking up against prayer, and it made me think not everyone understands prayer. Prayer does not happen instead of action. Prayer often drives action. Prayer helps us grow in empathy and gain clarity of purpose. Through prayer, we invite God to walk with us as we consider how to act.

“Prayer has power. Prayer has value. Prayer gives us strength but also makes us more vulnerable and open to consider what God might ask of us. Prayer helps change each of us so we can change the world. And clearly the world needs to change.

“I don't pray instead of doing something else. I pray to figure out what to do. I pray because I know that I cannot solve problems alone—but God can. That doesn't mean I will pray and do nothing else. But humans alone cannot fix all the problems in our fallen world. Let's work to address those problems. Let's continue to ask God to give us what we need to make that possible. And let's ask Him to walk with the families who have been affected and heal their sorrow in ways that only He can.”

-Rita Buettner, Catholic Review (Baltimore), May 28, 2022

Keep praying, folks, there is tremendous power in prayer that is offered in the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

Bless you all,
Brother Ed

Worship & Arts!!!

Summertime is a great time to rest! It's also a great time to dream! Over the next few weeks, we will be taking time to slow down, breathe and listen for the Lord to give us direction. We will also be assessing where we are in worship ministry, and determining where we need to go.

We are excited about having Andy Curtis joining us next month as our Senior Pastor! And we know that with his vision, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, FUMC worship ministry will find new and exciting paths! Of course, our goal is always to help inspire and encourage the spiritual life of our church family through our worship offerings!

So, with these things in mind, consider these questions with regard to our worship services:

**What do you LOVE about FUMC worship?*

**What do you wish we would do MORE of during worship?*

**What do you wish we would do LESS of during worship?*

**What is keeping YOU from becoming more involved in worship?*

**Is there a DREAM you have for ministry that we can help you connect with?*

****Please email your thoughts to david@firstmethodistchurch.com.**

We love emails! If you have any thoughts about these things, please share them with us. Your ideas can help us steer what we do toward a more meaningful and inspiring worship experience for our entire church! Have a great month of JUNE!!

Love of Christ Be With You!

David Simpkins, Director of Worship & Arts

Kindergarten/Day Care News

THANK YOU, BYRON WHITE!

When I think of someone who truly shines with the love of God, I think of Byron White. I have known Byron for the past few years as someone who is ALWAYS willing to help – with anything. If the kindergarten ever needed someone to lead prayer for our programs, Byron was there. Byron's prayers were felt. He is a little funny, a little quirky (in a good way) and a huge Christian. He was there when my family needed him. I know he will be there for me if he leaves First Methodist. Much love to you Byron and many thanks for all you have done for all of us!

Dee Dee Mathews, Director

~ SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH ~

~ May ~

In Memory of Connie Wright by Second Mile Class, First Methodist Kindergarten, Jim & Joyce Snowden, Jim & Kay Nail, Sammy & Bebe Andrews.

In Memory of Ruth A. Gooch by Dr. John Gooch.

In Memory of John Brown by Sammy & Bebe Andrews, Connie Farr, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Styres.

In Memory of Edna Lusk by Harry Brown, Jr.

We wish to welcome Marshall and Jordan Hartzog who joined the church and on May 1!

Bring your smiles to church and get your family photo made! We are missing some folks from the "Fall 2021 Edition" of our pictorial directory. Suzanne Scivley will be taking photos before and after church to update it. If you can't make it this week, there will be a few more Sundays before we release the "Summer 2022" edition. See you Sunday!

MEALS ON WHEELS

A valuable ministry provided by our church is delivering meals to local residents in Sylacauga. Most volunteers deliver meals for one hour once a month. We would like to thank SAFE, Earl Lewis, Nancy Prince, DC & Suzanne Scivley, Joe & Willie Harris, Bob & Janet Huffman, Marvin & Ann Marie Pipkin, Kay Nail, Clarene Jackson, Averiett Wesson, Mickey & Sandra Morton, Byron & Helen White, Don & Bonita Powell, Claude & Theresa Williams, Danny & Lecia White, Laura Brown, Carole Bailey, Cindy Patton, Judy Jones and Carol Ann Hawkins.

The second Monday of each month is available. If you would like to be a part of this program, contact the church office.

Church Announcements

- ♦ If you would like a hard copy of one of Brother Ed's sermons, please contact the church office.
- ♦ If you would like to help with the children or youth, contact Leslie or Chrystal.

We have been blessed to have **Byron White** serve as our assistant pastor for over 15 years. Byron has decided to retire. June 5th will be his last Sunday with us. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Administrative Board invite you to honor and thank Byron for his time in service to our church. There will be a light lunch following the 10:00 service in the bride's room. The church office is receiving cards and gifts for Byron or you may bring them to the reception. Thank you for helping us honor one who has given so much in service to our church and congregation!

ALTAR & NARTHEX FLOWERS

June 5th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Gladys) Brown** by Paul & Mary, Tarrt & Leigh, Austin, Daniel and Christopher.

June 12th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Cam Menzies** by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Menzies, Shelly, Jill, Brian, Michael, Olivia, Camille, and Janzten.

June 19th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. William R. Gammon on the occasion of Father's Day** with so much love from his daughter, Debbi.

June 26th - ALTAR FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Kevin Rex McAdam** by Rex & Linda McAdam, Tim, Kimberly, Kevin, Cade, and Kailee Williams.

Youth News

Congratulations - High School Graduates



Taylor Allen	Hayden Hope
Katlyn Boozer	Robert Hughes
Camden Faircloth	Lani Johns
Alexandra Franks	Graycie Phurrough
Brodie Hawkins	Bevin Walker
Hudson Hodges	Tank Wright



To join Remind and get up-to-date information, take out your phone and text @sfumyf to 81010.

Chrystal Whitehead, Director of Youth Ministries

Children's News



Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School!** It will be July 18th, 19th and 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Be sure to see Leslie to volunteer to help!

Leslie Lucas, Director of Children's Ministries



June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm - No Children or Youth Activities 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	2	3 Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	4
5 Pentecost 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Byron White Reception	6 6:00 pm - APPS Group	7	8 6:00 pm - Children's Activities 6:00 pm - Youth 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	9	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship	13 6:00 pm - APPS Group	14 	15 6:00 pm - Children's Activities 6:00 pm - Youth 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship	20 5:00 pm - Finance Mtg 6:00 pm - Admin. Board Mtg 6:00 pm - APPS Group	21	22 6:00 pm - Children's Activities 6:00 pm - Youth 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	23	24	25
26 8:30 am - Prayer for Worship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship	27 6:00 pm - APPS Group	28 5:30 pm - Handbell Choir	29 6:00 pm - Children's Activities 6:00 pm - Youth 6:00 pm - Choir 7:00 pm - Worship Team	30		