

PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

There was a king who set aside a special day to honor his greatest subject. When the day arrived, there was a large gathering in the palace courtyard. Four finalists were introduced to the crowd. From these the King would select a winner.

The first person introduced was a wealthy philanthropist. The master of ceremonies read to the King a long list of humanitarian efforts. This man had given much of his wealth to the poor.

The second finalist was a celebrated physician. The King was told this man, for decades, lived a life of faithful and dedicated service to the those who were sick.

The third finalist was a distinguished judge. The King was told this man deserved the honor because he was recognized for his wisdom, fairness, and brilliant decisions.

The fourth person presented was an elderly woman. Everyone was quite surprised to see her there, because her manner was quite humble, as was her dress.

The King was curious why she would be listed among such a distinguished group of honored finalists. The Master of ceremonies replied: "You see the philanthropist, the doctor and the judge? Well, she was their teacher."

In this time of pandemic, we have a heightened appreciation for those who teach and mentor. As I write this, our teachers are fulfilling their calling in the most challenging environment ever! They deserve our highest esteem and appreciation.

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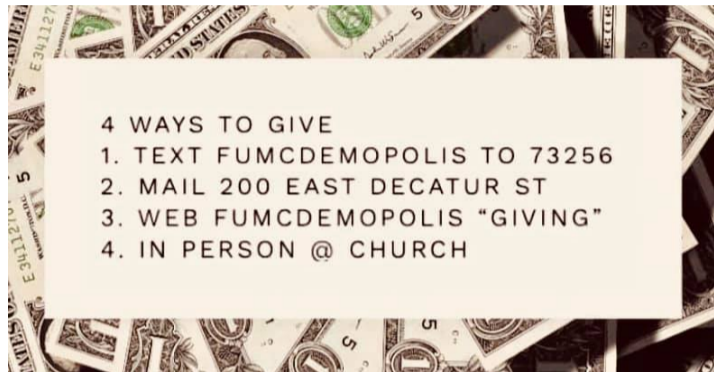
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Sarah Stanley
Andi Turberville
Chandler Warren
Beth Wideman
Leah Wilson
Emily Windham
Suzanne Young

Faithfully yours,





**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 5:30 PM,
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FALL KICKOFF
Waterslides tentively Scheduled for SUNDAY September 13th 1:30 pm to
4:30 pm

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Because of the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the commitment we have to the safety of our precious children at FUMC Demopolis, we have decided to suspend Wonderful Wednesday programing until further notice.

West Alabama Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center
MATCH MY GIFT
September 1st- 30th

Our local Sav-A-Life Center is in the process of becoming a medical facility with an ultrasound machine. They need our help to make this dream become a reality. You can help by saving your change and bringing it to the church to help fill our baby bottle. All coins, bills, and checks are accepted. Checks can be made to FUMC with sav-a-life on the memo line. After you make your donation, go to your social media account and challenge five friends to "Match my Gift". Please make donations by September 30th.

YOUTH

Back to School Bash
September 13th (tentatively)
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Join us for water slides and outdoor games.
All 6th – 12th graders are invited. Bring a towel and a friend!



Sunday Worship Service times:

- **8:45 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.
- **10:00 am** – Traditional Service: Masks are required at all times in the Sanctuary.
- **11:00 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.

Ushers:

8:45 and 11:00 am– Lee Jordan, Chad Wideman, Trey Smith, James Moody

10:00 – Craig Seale, Keith Holley, Michael Clements

Altar Guild:

Becky Jordan, Mandy McAlpine, Sharon Laney, Carey Windham, Joyce Hitt, Betty Johnson, Gayla Culpepper

WE HAVE A NEW CAMERA:

If you would like to help on the tech team, contact Kaitlyn Freeman.



MEMORIALS /HONORARIUMS

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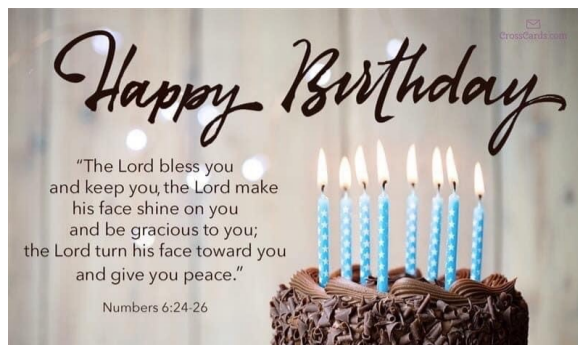
Carolyn Webb: Jane Watson, **Carolyn Webb, Gordon Moore, Hal Rankin:** Higley & Paula Parr **Gordon Moore:** Byron Vice, Larry & Peppi Cowart, Jay & Rosemary Shows, **Carolyn Webb:** Larry & Peppi Cowart, Jay & Rosemary Shows, **Hal Rankin:** Beverly Youngblood, **Cindy Meador, Charlie Martin, Gordon Moore:** Mary Elizabeth Glass, **Maurine Abrams, Carolyn Webb, Bette Latta, Gordon Moore:** Keith & Becky Holley

FOOD PANTRY

Gordon Moore, Sarah Carr: Rodney Allen, **Merita Halsey:** Rodney Allen, **Carolyn Webb, Gordon Moore, Charles Foreman, Merita Halsey, Peter Jones, Sarah Carr, Brian Wilson:** Gerald & Ann Parsons, **Ro Crocker, Yolanda Fleming:** Rodney Allen

IN MEMORY OF

Gordon Moore: Johnny & Jane Wallace, Vickie & Dan Wilson, Billy & Betsy Coplin, Joyce Kerby, Stanley Walters, Jane Watson, Ronald & Mickey Gardner, Laurie Young, **Carolyn Webb:** Laurie Young, **Merita Halsey:** Pete & Jane Ellen Stritzinger, **Doris Kirkpatrick:** Anne Fleming, **Bill Anderson:** David & Mary Beth Freeman



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 Kayte Randall
 Will Baker
 Lisa McHugh
 Seth Allgood

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 Laura Glass

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 Jimbo Clem
 Kelley Mullins

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 Rice Hill

8
 Gary Holemon
 Jason Abrams

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 Jesse Johnson
 Hayes Atkins
 Effie Thomas

10
 Lexie Lancaster
 Leann Teel
 Herrin Hewitt

11
 Mary Owensby Glass

12
 Braxton Spahos
 Millie Hill

13
 Adrienne Overmyer
 Beth Fleming

14
 Ellen Singleton

15
 Cheryl Newell

17
 Rodney Allen
 Martha Jule Smith

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 Clay White

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 Terry Randall
 J C Etheridge

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 Al Giles
 Anderson Coplin

22
 Tom Culpepper

23
 Greg Webb
 Eva Overmyer
 Sarah Overmyer

24
 Mac Reynolds

25
 Cheyenne Martin
 Anna Katherine Freeman

26
 Brody McHugh
 Marty Brown

27
 Mary Price
 Sandy Dearman
 Cindy MacLennan
 Hannah Webb

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 Durwood White

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 Coleman Lewis

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 Mac Hurst
 Ben Turberville



September is kick-off time for Operation Christmas Child. It's time to fill shoe boxes so that we can share the gospel with children all over the world. Due to COVID-19 this year, we are asking for financial donations so that we can purchase items in bulk and reduce chances of spreading germs. We hope to set a date in the future to allow church members, in limited numbers, to assist in packing the boxes.

If you and your family would like to pack a box at home, please bring them to the church by Sunday, October 25th. We encourage individuals, families, and men's and women's groups to support this mission project. Financial donations will be accepted starting Sunday September 13th through October 25th.

Pray for this project that God will use your donations to transform a precious child's life. "Declare His glory among nations, His wonders among the peoples." (Psalm 96:3)

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