THE WITNESS

First
United Methodist
Church
Demopolis, Alabama

April 2021

Dear Church Family,

Save the date, Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00pm for our service of Confirmation.

We chose Wednesday night because it allows our entire class to be together and it allows us to make it a special night for our Confirmands.

I'd be disappointed if we did not have at least a 100 people in our Sanctuary for Confirmation.

Last spring, in our zoom call with the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Debbie and I were so happy to hear how important Children's and Youth ministry is to this beloved Church.

Many churches make that claim—but you really mean it! With Kaitlyn and Jennifer on board, and my time with these beloved young lives in this church; we honored to walk this walk with them to kneel at the altar and make the commitment of an eternity.

We have 18 fifth or sixth graders who have grown up in our children's ministry. God gave them to their parents (who are your friends and relatives), who in turn offered them to God. Now they have the opportunity to give their hearts and their lives to Jesus Christ.
I promise, if you come, I will give you all a major part in making and claiming these young disciples!

It will be a special night!
Faithfully Yours,

bill@fumcdemopolis.com

Confirmation Service Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please join us as we celebrate the Confirmation Class of 2021 and this important part of their spiritual journey.
We will be celebrating: Addison Abrams, Susanna Bell, Tyson Bucurel, Travis Clements, Foster Freeman, Claire Hasty, Jadie Hasty, Anna Lindsay, Sally Nettles, Tommy Overton, William Pettis, Martha Jule Smith, Amzie Snipes, Anna Bradley Trotter, Parker Smith, Sidda Turberville, Miller Windham, Riley Windham

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HOLY WEEK
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST
6:00 PM SERVICE

We have FOUR opportunities to worship this Easter.
Choose at least ONE service you would like to attend.

EASTER SATURDAY, **APRIL 3RD**
Families with Children
5:00 PM SERVICE
6:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNRISE, **APRIL 4TH**
6:30 AM SERVICE
AT THE CITY LANDING
Bring a chair

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Sunday Worship Service times:

- **8:45 am** – Contemporary Service: Masks are required except at your seat.

- **10:00 am** – Traditional Service: Masks are required at all times in the Sanctuary.

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- **11:00 am (Except for Easter) Contemporary Service: Masks are required except at your seat.** You man listen to all services live on FM 87.9. Close proximity to church property is required.

Altar Guild: Vickie Wilson, Barbara Spahos, Jennifer Clem, Jane Wallace, Tammy Dinning, Adele Malone, Barbara Mayton, Amy Hasty

All children preschool - 5th grade are invited to SING at the Easter Saturday Service April 3rd, 5:00pm.

If you are a **GRADUATING SENIOR** (or know a Graduating Senior), the first deadline for information to be used at our Baccalaureate Service is April 4th. Please contact Jennifer at 334-341-9471 if you have any questions.

A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP is given by the United Methodist Women to a member of our church who is a graduating senior or a college student. The scholarship will be for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in applying, please pick up a packet from Jennifer in the church office. Completed application packets are due Sunday, April 18th.

Youth
Sunday Nights, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, all Middle School and High School students meet to watch The Chosen. We will not meet on March 28th or April 4th.
Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Middle School students
Thursday, 7:00 am, High School breakfast at church

Help us **PAINT THE TOWN BLUE** for the month of April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month. FUMC Youth are selling blue ribbons to be displayed on your home or business. Ribbons are $20 each, but additional donations are gladly accepted. ALL proceeds go to the Black Belt Regional Child Advocacy Center. Pre-ordered ribbons can be picked up in the church parking lot on Wednesday, April 7th. Please contact Mary Beth Freeman at 334-341-3097 or Jennifer Jordan at 334-341-9471 if you would like to order or have questions. Checks should be made to Black Belt Regional Child Advocacy Center.

Wonderful Wednesday will continue to meet from 3:00 to 5:00 pm through Wednesday, May 12th. While we are not picking up children at this time, we will be working out details for the fall.

Paint Party on April 16th at 6pm with Mrs. Sierra. Please make plans to attend this fun event! There will be a sign up sheet on Kaitlyn's door. Please let Kaitlyn know if you are planning to attend. Parents are encouraged to stay. If you have a preschooler attending, a parent must stay.

MEMORIALS /HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF

Billy Duke: *Jane Watson, Joyce Kerby, Billy & Betsy Coplin, Dan & Vickie Wilson, Jane Wallace, Ronnie O'Neal, Larry & Peppi Cowart, Beverly Youngblood, Will & Rebecca Baker, Disciple Sunday School Class* **Henry Harrison:** *Pat & Terre Moore, Mr. & Mrs. James Mayberry* **Johnny Ferry:** *Dan & Vickie Wilson, Jane Wallace* **Georgette Griffith:** *Dan & Vickie Wilson, Jane Wallace, Larry & Peppi Cowart, Beverly Youngblood* **Darryl Reeves, Johnny Wallace, Butch Russell, Buddy Griffith, Chelsea Pickett:** *Ronnie O'Neal* **Buddy Griffith:** *Ernestine Rogers*

FOOD PANTRY

Henry Harrison, John Wallace, Georgette Griffith, Morris Allen, Sylvia Homan, Bertie, Buddy & Martha Griffith: *Buddy & Margaret Cross* **In Honor of: Daphne**

Glaser: *Nelda Glaser* **Johnny Wallace, Henry Harrison, Buddy Griffith, Billy Duke, Georgette Griffith, Darryl Reeves & Family:** *Daphne Glaser* **Mr. & Mrs. Prewitt, Joe Hill, Johnny Ferry, Henry Harrison, Georgette Griffith, Beverly Andrews, Darrell Reeves, Chelsie Pickett, Mrs. Roemen:** *Gerald & Ann Parsons* **Jon David Tipper:** *Rodney Allen, Patricia Quinney* **Billy Duke:** *Rodney Allen* **Georgette Griffith:** *Rodney Allen*

ELEVATOR FUND
Billy Duke: *Don & Christine Black, Robertson Banking Company*
Henry Harrison: *Robertson Banking Company*

METHODIST MEN'S CLUB
Billy Duke: *David & Mary Beth Freeman*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Georgette Griffith: *David & Mary Beth Freeman*

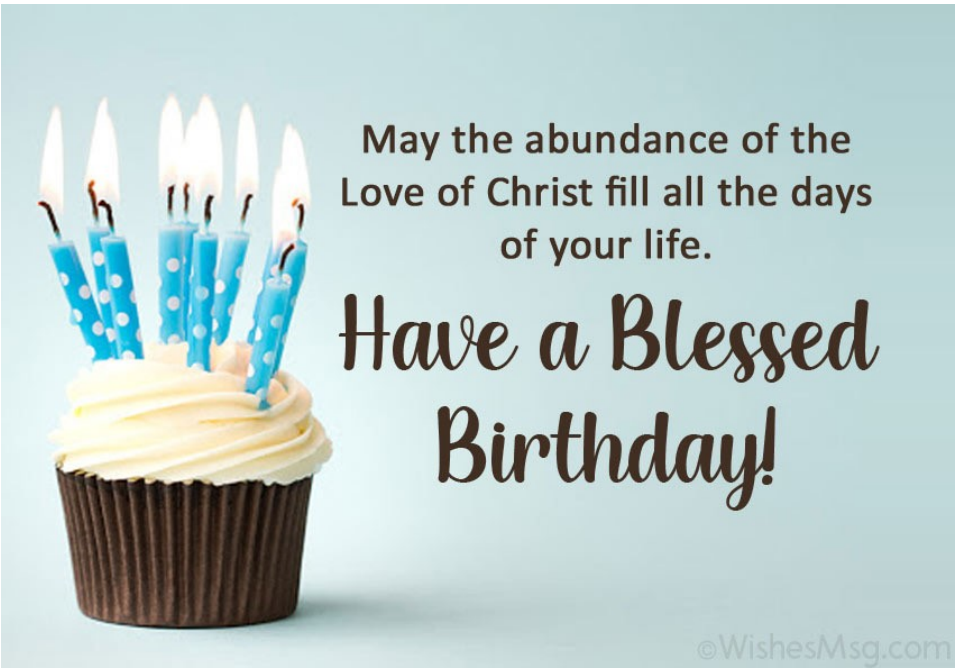
DISCIPLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Billy Duke: *Perry & Kay Parten*

CHOIR FUND
Billy Duke: *Bill & Lucinda Mason*

SHOE BOX MINISTRY
Billy Duke: *Braxton & Barbara Spahos*

IN APRIL WE ARE COLLECTING FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TOYS! Examples are as follows: small stuffed animals, dolls, play doh, chalk, jump ropes, matchbox cars, jacks, etch-a-sketch, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, markers, small footballs, balls! Anything small enough to put in a box.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 5th. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.



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John Laney V
Lilliana Hilchey
Colter Hilchey

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Allison Yelverton
Ella Quarles

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Amelia Quinney
Mary Jordan
Anna Bradley Trotter
Edward Darsey

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Adele Malone
Henry Overmyer
Kathy Moody

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Lillian Rice

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Halle Hynniman

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Rhae Busby

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Courtney Flowers

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Scott Parten

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Debbie Butler
Emily Windham

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Kelley Tarpley

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Virginia Malone
Vince Deas
Keith Owings

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Gayla Culpepper
Mike Bell
Amanda Smith
Emery Wideman

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Kathryn Deas

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Gayle Flowers
Lexie Yelverton

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Laura Townsend
Julie Harrison

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Jennifer Clem
Anna Reynolds

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Philip Mason
Carey Windham
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