

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

May 3, 2017

Philos Class Camp-Out

We are planning a family camping trip May 5 and 6 (weather permitting) at Okatibbee (Twitley Branch) Come and camp with us or come hang out Friday evening or Saturday Morning. Friday evening people will start arriving between 4 and 6pm. Saturday, we will fish, play games, and hangout until lunch time, or until the kiddos get too crazy. Hope to see you there!

Youth Led Sunday and Graduate Celebration

Sunday, May 7th - Youth led service and 2017 Graduate Celebration. There will be a reception for the graduates following worship in the Gathering Area.

Our Graduates: Chris Clay, Tessa Crane, James Carson, Morgan Ashcraft, Ryan King (MS State)

Vacation Bible School

Rome, Paul & the Underground Church - June 4th - 8th - 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us in Rome! You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Memorial Day

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

UMCOR Sager Brown Depot

There are still a few spots left for our trip on September 4th - 8th. Please contact Carrol Barham if you are interested on going. The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot is the hub of UMCOR's relief-supply operations. Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers prepare about \$6 million in supplies for shipment from the Baldwin facility. <https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Network>

May Calendar

Wednesday, May 3

6:00 P.M. Youth Group/ Meet in Sanctuary

Friday, May 5

4:00 P.M. Philos Class Camping (Twitley Branch - See Shelby for details)

Sunday, May 7

8:30 A.M. Choir Practice / Praise Team Practice

9:05 A.M. Sunday Grind / (coffee & fellowship)

9:30 A.M. Worship & Graduate Celebration

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

4 - 5 P.M. Reading Helps

4 - 6 P.M. Youth Group

5 - 6 P.M. Handbell Practice

Thursday, May 11

10:00 A.M. Dayschool Graduation/ Sanctuary

Sunday, May 14

8:30 A.M. Choir Practice / Praise Team Practice

9:05 A.M. Sunday Grind / (coffee & fellowship)

9:30 A.M. Worship - Mother's Day

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

4 - 5 P.M. Reading Helps

4 - 6 P.M. Youth Group

5 - 6 P.M. Handbell Practice

Monday, May 15

2:00 P.M. Grace Circle/ Home of Martha Hudson

Retirement Reception for Nancy Crews

Sunday, May 21st

Following Worship in the Gathering Area

May Birthdays

1st	Laikyyn Wilson
3rd	Gloria Tubb
4th	Judy Lauderdale
7th	Wesley Nason
10th	Brad Fountain
14th	Pam Litton
15th	Francois du Plessis
20th	Mila Fluker
	John MacKrell
23rd	Nathan Gatlin
24th	David Otto
25th	Senita Webb
27th	Christy Hales
	Linda Long
28th	Ron Burton
	Ashley Wolvers
29th	Henk Both
30th	Jackson Bauer

Looking ahead to Summer...

June

- 4-8** ***Vacation Bible School - Rome, Paul & the Underground Church***
(registration forms are available in the office)
- 9-11** ***Youth Caving Trip*** *(Sign up with Shelby Dickey)*
- 21** ***Birmingham Zoo Field Trip*** *(sign up with Katie Meador)*
- 28** ***Youth at Home of the Dickeys***

July

- 1** ***Church Family Picnic*** *(more details to follow)*
- 9** ***Braves Game in Jackson***
- 17** ***Children's Trip to the Library***
- 27-29** ***Motion Conference*** *(sign up with Katie Meador or Shelby Dickey)*
Fundraising and Scholarship are available.

Family & Friends,

This summer I hope to return to Israel for an archaeological field class with my department at Mississippi State University. Our work is conducted at a small border site between the regions of Judah and Philistia and dates to the Iron Age I, or the period of the Davidic Monarchy, and aims to understand the administrative/political functions of this site. I have been privileged to attend in the past because of the generous support I've received from the congregation of Poplar Springs Drive UMC. It is my hope that you will consider contributing again in any way to my trip for the 2017 field season. In return for a donation of any amount, I am excited to say that I will be crafting palm-sized, ceramic scarab beetles from clay harvested in Israel during my time there and will be giving one to each donor who requests a scarab. I'm very excited to put the skills I've gained from my ceramics course this semester into making vessels from clay from the Holy Land! If you decide to contribute and wish to receive a ceramic scarab, please let the church office be aware of your donation so that I will be sure to make a scarab for each one on their list. Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting me in my research this year, and, as always, thank you greatly for your prayers for safety and fruitfulness in our endeavors. Contributions can be made at the following web address to my profile, or through the church.
<https://accelerate.msstate.edu/g/israel>

With much love, Ryan King

Worship Volunteers

Scripture Readers

- May 7** - Dianne Shannon
May 14 - Raymond King
May 21 - Janete Weeks

Communion Celebrants

- May 7** - Youth

- June 5** - Neldia White
Dianne Shannon
Bobby Sims
Sandi Pupa

Ushers for May

- Steven Brown
Kevin Peterson
Raymond King
Sam Gerwert

Alternates:

- Bill Selman
Jerry Long

Greeters for May

May 7

- Mary Anne Catlett - Sanctuary
Polly Little - 40th St.
Cindy Lang - Downstairs

May 14

- Teresa/Billy Anders - Sanctuary
Carrol Barham - 40th St.
Janete Weeks - Downstairs

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To:

Weekly Readings (Week of May 1st)

Day 1 - Psalm 42: 1-11

Day 2 - Isaiah 44:3

Day 3 - Matthew 5:3-12

Day 4 - Exodus 17:3-6

Day 5 - Revelation 22:17

Day 6 - John 4:13-14

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