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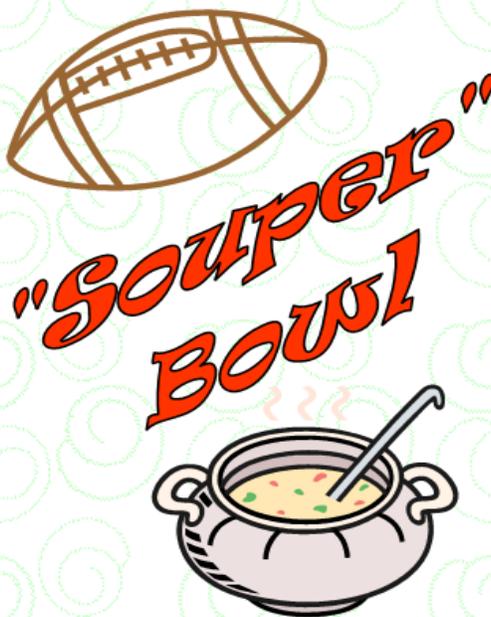
Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall for our monthly Men's Breakfast. You'll enjoy a delicious meal for \$5, a

brief devotional and wonderful fellowship. This month,

Johnny Baker, lifelong citizen of Eufaula and owner of Baker Realty, will tell about his near-death experience and how it has changed his life. Please join us!

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



Get ready for the "Souper" Bowl, one of our youth ministry's biggest fundraisers! We would love your support, so how can you help?

- ▶ **Provide a crockpot of soup!** We'll provide you with a crockpot liner for easy clean-up. If you will help, please contact Margaret Baugh at 334-616-2909 or abaugh5@earthlink.net.
- ▶ **Attend!** We will begin serving after the 8:30 service and again after the 11:00 service. "To-Go" containers will also be available. There is no set price per person — just donate whatever you feel is appropriate! And remember, all proceeds are used to support our awesome youth missions projects!

Sunday, February 4

Nurture Team

The Nurture Team will meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 4:30 p.m. to begin planning Vacation Bible School and Spring activities for our children (1st room on the left on the bottom floor of the education building). If you would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please e-mail Jessica King (alanjessicaking@eufaula.rr.com) or Laney McWhorter (laney.winkleblack@gmail.com).

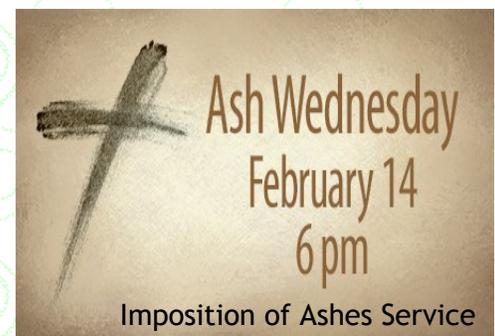


Spring Choir
Patriotic Program
rehearsals begin

Wednesday, February 21

Program will be on
Wednesday, May 16

For more information,
please call
Billy Wilbourne in
the church office — 687-8227



Recharge Menu

Wednesday, February 7

Spaghetti
Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

February 4 Volunteers

► Acolytes

11:00 – Sarah & Anna Murph
Claire Thomas

► Sacristy Prayer Leaders

8:30 – Virginia Clark
11:00 – Roy Crow

► Ushers

8:30 – James Ernest Ransom
Buck Earnest
11:00 – Brad Murph, Jim Gardner
Billy Houston, Roy Crow
Britt Washington

► Lay Readers

8:30 – Cindi Hall
11:00 – Cathie Wilbourne

► Greeters

8:30 – Phillip & Janet Wills
11:00 – Margaret Crow
West & Cameron Martin

► Children's Church

11:00 – No Children's Church

Calendar of Events

► Sunday, February 4

Worship	8:30
Sunday School	9:45
Souper Bowl Lunch	10:00 & 12:00
Worship	11:00

► Wednesday, February 7

Men's Breakfast	7:00
Children's Choirs	4:30
Supper	5:00
Bible Study (adults)	5:45
Elevate Next Level (youth)	6:00
Handbells	6:00
Chancel Choir	7:00

► Thursday, February 8

Finance Committee	5:15
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► Friday – Sunday, Feb. 9-11

IMPACT Weekend

Hey FUMC Family!

Here's this week's *Elevate Top 5!*

1) Don't forget about SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY this week! There are 2 ways you can help out! You can bring a crockpot of soup, and you can come eat some soup! We'll have soup for sale between the 8:30 and 11:00 services as well as after the 11:00 service! This is an awesome way to support our youth ministry and eat some awesome soup in the process. We'll also have a to-go option if you can't stick around to eat!!

2) There will be NO ELEVATE this week as we gear up for IMPACT Weekend. If there's a group that wants to get together to watch the Big Game we can probably work something out. Maybe you can even watch with your Life Group!

3) Speaking of IMPACT, Thursday (2/1) is the deadline to sign up! Go ahead and invite everyone you see to this awesome weekend! You can register at www.fumceufaula.org/impact. If you don't have a teenager to send to IMPACT you can support us in your prayers. This is a big weekend and it takes a lot to pull off, so we'd covet your prayers!



4) **SAVE THE DATE!!!!** The first weekend of Spring Break, Elevate is heading to the beach!!! That's right, Spring Breakaway is going Coastal!!!! Go ahead and put March 23-25 on your calendar and look for details coming soon!!

5) We usually keep a lot going on around our youth

program. One thing we haven't mentioned in a while for the Top 5 is our *Next Level Bible Study*. We meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and really dig in to the Bible. It's really for teenagers that want to go deeper than we do on Sundays. Are you, or someone you know, hungry to go deeper? Come check out *Next Level!!*

That's all for now.

God looks good on you –

Britt



GUEST ARTICLE

Thanks to Kay Whaley for providing this great information as Pastor Alan recovers from the flu!

I recently attended a meeting of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry at Huntingdon College that gave me a fresh perspective on how the local church can assist God's work in the world. Dr. Scott Hohn has served as a faithful chairman of the board for the last 7 years. I am a new appointee, and the board has been meeting at various Wesley Foundations throughout the Conference over the last few months.

In Montgomery, we met with Huntingdon's president, Dr. Cam West, along with Campus Chaplain Rev. Rhett Butler and Macon Armistead, director of the Huntingdon Leadership Academy (HLA), a summer youth leadership experience for high school students who are examining their calls to church leadership and to ministry. Dr. West describes Huntingdon as a ministry of the Conference just as much as that of any church, and, as such, its mission is to prepare the next generation for work in the church. The Huntingdon Leadership Academy, held the last week of June, helps high school juniors and seniors discern a call to ministry, and the Campus Ministry, directed by Rev. Butler, offers a varied yet structured program ranging from high-energy, student-led worship to traditional liturgical services, various small groups, Bible studies, and Wesleyan life groups — as well as opportunities to connect with local churches and missions. The core curriculum at Huntingdon requires that students take 12 hours (4 courses) in religion. The good people at Huntingdon have envisioned and are committed to implementing a seamless environment from high school to college and beyond to impact leadership in the church for years to come.

How can we, the local church, fulfill our role in this ministry that prepares our future church leaders?

- ▶ We can get the word out! In addition to exceptional ministry and educational programs, Huntingdon offers a Cross and Flame Scholarship Award that makes tuition affordable for students. Annual apportionment giving translates directly into funding the Cross and Flame Award.
- ▶ We can help identify the next generation of church leadership. Help recruit young people who are interested in what their calling is, and think about those in the local church who are gifted for ministry. Encourage high school juniors and seniors to attend Huntingdon's weeklong HLA summer program.

How inspiring to hear about how students at Huntingdon are learning to construct their lives around ministry — whether in the ordained ministry or in some other field! May we all live out our own "calls" and grow the culture of "call" at FUMC!

In Christ,
Kay Whaley

Prayer List

▶ New concerns:

Gay Wright
*Jack Porter

▶ Deployed Overseas:

Logan Bargewell
Col. Chris Jones

▶ Continue to pray for:

*Josh Jones
Mitzi Tzerman
Dave Allen
*Jane Pody
Jim Roberts
George Williams
*Louise Trammell
Mary Sellers
Linda Dudewicz
Cruz Rios
*Mel Stephenson
*John Hagood
*Louise Britt
*Betty Searcy
Walter Harmer
*John Jenkins
Bobby Gray
Kathy Armstrong
*Taylor Washington
*Jeff Richards
*Brian Devlin-Meagher
Mary Lindsey Hannahan
*Richard Boyette

▶ Prayer list guidelines:

Names remain for 4 weeks unless requested to remain.

* denotes church members.

A Look at January 28

Sunday School.....	86
8:30 Worship	45
11:00 Worship.....	71
Total Worship	116
Offering received.....	\$3,721
YTD received.....	\$36,283
BTT balance	\$284,637

Birthdays

Friday, February 2

- ▶ Burke Grace
- Cara Hutto

Sunday, February 4

- ▶ Chris Coates

Monday, February 5

- ▶ Pat Watson

Tuesday, February 6

- ▶ Cristi Whitfield

Wednesday, February 7

- ▶ Bette Harney

Thursday, February 8

- ▶ Karl Givens



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The mission of First United Methodist Church is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our church, community and world.

Did you know?

Offerings left on the altar rail on communion Sundays are used to assist families in need through the Family Service Center. Thank you in advance for your offerings!

Music Notes

A graphic of a blue treble clef with musical notes floating around it, positioned below the 'Music Notes' header.

Dear FUMC,

A recent favorite hymn of mine is “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” by Charles Wesley. I would like to quote what Robert J. Morgan says about this particular hymn in his book, *Then Sings My Soul*.

“Charles Wesley was born just before Christmas in 1707. He was premature and neither cried nor opened his eyes. His mother, Susanna, kept him tightly wrapped in wool until his actual due date, whereupon he opened his eyes and cried.

At age eight, he was taken to London to attend Westminster School. At thirteen, he became a King’s Scholar at Westminster, and upon graduating, Charles enrolled at Oxford. He was nineteen and full of life. He later said, ‘My first year at college I was lost in diversions.’ During his second year at Oxford, he got serious about spiritual things. Neither he nor his brother, John, had yet received Christ as Savior, but began seeking to live the Christian life so methodically they were dubbed “Methodists” by fellow students.

Their studies completed, the brothers volunteered to go to Georgia, a new colony in America for those in Britain’s debtors’ prisons, founded by Colonel James Oglethorpe. But as a missionary, Charles was an utter failure. He was demanding and autocratic, and he insisted on baptizing infants, not by sprinkling, but by immersing them three times in succession. One angry woman fired a gun at him.

Charles left America ill and depressed. Some time later, John also returned in low spirits. Finding themselves in spiritual crisis, the brothers began attending meetings led by the Moravian Christian, Peter Boehler. Finally, on Sunday, May 21, 1738, Charles, thirty-one, wrote, “I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ, I saw that by faith I stood.” John came to Christ about the same time, saying, “I felt my heart strangely warmed.”

On Tuesday, May 23, Charles wrote in his journal, “I began a hymn upon my conversion.” We aren’t certain which hymn he meant, but many historians think it was “And Can It Be,” because of the vivid testimony of verse 4: Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature’s night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray – I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.”

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. God bless, Billy