

A Community of Believers Seeking to

Transform Lives

through Jesus Christ

First United
Methodist Church

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Annual Conference June 2 - 4th Von Braun Center, Huntsville

The United Methodist Church Annual Conference for North Alabama is coming up June 2-4 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend the annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; and ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders. The Bishop presides over these meetings. The representatives from PCFUMC this year will be Pastors Byron and Belinda, Angel Rait, Anne Simmons and Teresa Harris.



The Adventure Begins June 24-28



VBS is just 5 weeks away... and we need your help! Join our team as we plan to make this a moving, memorable experience for all. Let me know where you would like to serve!

> Bible Story Crew Leaders Assembly Recreation Science

Stage Design Snacks Registration Cinema/Missions Sound Operator

*See Kristina Alexander for more info or to sign up to help.

Retirement Celebration

You are cordially invited to the retirement celebration of Rev. Mark & Julianne Parris.



Celebrating 45 years of pastoral ministry.

Sunday, June 9, 2019 2:00pm - 3:30pm

St. Paul United Methodist Church 125 College Ave \sim Boaz, AL 35957

What in the World is VBS?



A
Message
If memory serves, it was Russ Dickerson and I who
from Our went to a recording studio to lay down our first (and
Pastor last until our air band **Trez** made it big) track: the VBS
rap. The dialogue went something like this, "VBS,

VBS, what in the world is VBS? Does it mean Vinegar and Bologna Sandwich? Or Very Boring Sister, I've got one of those." VBS does stand for many things to us, but probably not anything that deals with lunch meat.

Vacation Bible School can be a beginning in many ways.

VBS was not the beginning of my music career, but it was one of the first times I volunteered to serve at church. I'm not alone. For many it is the beginning of a lifetime of Christian service, moving from playing various tag games at recreation to greeting folks on Sunday to serving as Lay Leader or on the Mission Team of the church.

There's more, though. Even in our overly religious culture, VBS is also the first time many kids hear about the love of God. It may be the first time they enter a sanctuary, the first time someone does a craft *with* them or someone serves them for no good reason other than the Love of God. Kids, for the first time, walk away with songs in their heads, stories captivating their imaginations, and Scripture stirring their hearts.

VBS, or something like it, is at the core of who we are as a church. I pray we always engage in spreading the Good News to make new disciples for Jesus. After all, when at our best, we are *A Community of Believers Seeking to Transform Lives through Jesus Christ*.

I invite you to take a risk, invest some time, begin or continue your serving journey with God on June 24-28 as we hear the Roar, where Life is Wild and God is Good.

-Byron

GRIBE

We care about you when you have lost a loved one and are grieving. One of the ministries we have offered is a grief group, facilitated by Reverend Charles Alexander and one of our pastors.

This group is available to community members as well as church members. Currently, this group meets on the second Monday of each month. Participation is voluntary, but members are encouraged to come at least three times for maximum benefit, but participants remain in the group as long as they find it helpful. Confidentiality is maintained within the group. The grief process follows a somewhat predictable pattern of movement from chaos and extreme pain to a gradual adjustment to a new way of living without the loved one, to eventually a new normal with restored hope and purpose in life. The group members learn from each other on this journey and "bears each other's burdens". Grief is experienced a little different for each individual, but for everyone it is hard work. Most people find the support of others who are on the same journey is very helpful.

For more information about the grief ministry, contact the church office.

-Rev. Charles Alexander

Ageless Wonders News!

The Pell City Steakhouse will be closed on Monday, May 27th due to Memorial Day. Therefore, Ageless Wonders will **not** be meeting the month of May.

Ministry Need: The Lovelady Center is in need of the following items: Razors, Feminine Products, Deodorant, Shampoo and Conditioner (full size would be great, but any size will do). You may drop them by the church office.



THE LOVELADY CENTER restoring hope

MISSIONS

East Lake Farmers Market

On Saturday, June 1st, we will go to the East Lake Farmers' Market to sort and deliver fresh produce to residents of low-income housing in the East Lake area of Birmingham. This ministry is suitable for all ages. We will leave the church at 7am and return by noon.

Scholarships Awarded

For the past five years, Pell City FUMC has awarded two \$500 scholarships to Pell City High School seniors.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Methodist Scholarships: Alyssa Webber and Bruce Anderson.

Bruce will be attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville to major in Computer Science and minor in Game Production. Alyssa plans to attend Jeff State Community College for two years starting in the fall of 2019 to take her introduction classes. Next, she plans to attend her dream college, the University of Montevallo, to further her education and begin her courses in deaf education. Congratulations Alyssa & Bruce!

Last call for Society of St. Andrew banks...

During Lent, we distributed devotional booklets and banks from the Society of St. Andrew. We are now collecting the banks to send to them to help fund their ministry to end hunger.

Tristan Tyler, Andrea Mulvehill, Kendall Tyler, Ricky Staples, Charles W. Smith, Eric Dempsey, Susan Ensley, Mike Miller, Ryan Warmack, Sr., Ed George, Shelby Ray, Janice Seay, Marc McLaughlin, John Rice, Rita Fairley, Gracie Hatcher, Spencer Rocheleau, John Czarnik, Earnest Woodall, Rev. Dan Casey, Jennifer Watson, Don Bowman, Amy Gromay, Shelia Hoody's Family, Melanie Self, Cheryl Hassell, Jeff Jones, Dolly Young,

Steve Dombrosky, Pam Hammonds, Traci Morton, Robert Rhodes, Helen Kelly, Jill Rutledge, Aleta Byrd, Gary Chapman, Doug Golden, and Donella Allen.



BIRMINGHAM BARONS

June 5th

9:30am-2:30pm

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

ALL AGES WELCOME*

*5 & Under must be accompanied by an adult

RSVP by May 28th to reserve ticket



June 5 BIRMINGHAM BARONS GAME

9:30am-2:30 Cost: \$20.00

All Ages (under 5 must have adult)

June 24-28 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8:30am-12:00 Cost: FREE!

Ages: 4K-6th grade

Register Online: www.pellcityFUMC.org

July 10 BOWLING, OBSTACLE & PIZZA

9:00am-12:30pm Cost: \$15.00

All Ages (under 5 must have adult)

July 14-19 SUMATANGA OVERNIGHT CAMP

Ages: Rising 4th-8th Cost: \$525 Register Online: www.Sumatanga.org

July 24 ANIMAL SAFARI

8:30am-4:00pm Cost: \$20.00

All Ages (under 5 must have adult)

July 28 FAMILY LAKE DAY

4:00pm-7:00pm Cost: FREE!

Church will provide hotdogs, drinks & paper products. Please bring a side

dish or desert to share, chairs, and

any lake items you need.

Congratulations
to our 2019 High School
Seniors!
Your church family is so proud of you!

CLASS OF
Daniel Vance
Anna Knepper
Claire Alexander

PCFUMC 2019 Youth Summer Calendar

6/5 Youth Movie Night



PASSPORT*missions*.

FEAR LESS

STAY AWARE STAND FIRM BE BRAVE, 100°C ALWAYS.

Blake Steed

Matthew Brascho

June 9-14

Summer Mission Trip
(See below)

June 24-28 Youth help w/ VBS



Youth Service Week

July 8-12

8/2 Back-to-School All-Nighter

YOUTH ALL-NIGHTER



<u>Chapel in the Pines Schedule:</u> Sundays-8:30am (*Lakeside Park*)

May 26th: Rev. William Robinson (Rocky Zion Baptist)

<u>June 2nd</u>: Rev. Andy Lambert (Coosa Valley COG)

June 9th: Deacon Serge Brazzolotto (Our Lady of the Lake)

June 16th: Rev. Jeff Wilson (First Baptist South)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room 4:00p Jeff State Graduation-Beacon 5:30p Parent Project/Child Care-Conf. Rm 5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library 7:00p Narcotics Anonymous-Room 116 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p AL ANON-Room 111

FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club

SATURDAY, MAY 25

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:30a Men's Breakfast-Jack's 8:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 8:30a Chapel in the Pines-Lakeside Park 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 10:30a Wide Open Worship -Beacon 3:30p Village East Service

MONDAY, MAY 27

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club 11:00a **NO** AGELESS WONDERS

5:00P Weight Watchers-Fellowship Hall 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p Narcotics Anon-Room 204

TUESDAY, MAY 28

12:00p AA Meeting-Room 106
2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon Kitchen
5:30p Parent Project/Child Care-Conf. Rm
5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library
7:00p Scouts-2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-Room 106 10:30a Yoga Chair Stretching-Room 106

Calendar: May 23 - June 11

5:30p Lay Leadership Follow-Up Meeting Conference Room 7:00p Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary 7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal-Beacon

THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room 5:30p Parent Project/Child Care-Conf. Rm 5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library 7:00p Narcotics Anonymous-Room 116 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p AL ANON-Room 111

FRIDAY, MAY 31

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 01

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 02

8:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 8:30a Chapel in the Pines-Lakeside Park 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 10:30a Wide Open Worship -Beacon

MONDAY, JUNE 03

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club 5:00P Weight Watchers-Fellowship Hall 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p Narcotics Anon-Room 204

TUESDAY, JUNE 04

12:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon Kitchen 5:30p Missions Meeting-Conference Room 5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library 6:30p Trustees Meeting-Conference Room 7:00p Scouts-2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 05

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-Room 106 10:30a Yoga Chair Stretching-Room 1065:45p Youth Movie Night7:00p Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal-Beacon

THURSDAY, JUNE 06

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry Fellowship Hall 5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library 7:00p Narcotics Anonymous-Room 116 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p AL ANON-Room 111

FRIDAY, JUNE 07

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 08

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 09

8:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 8:30a Chapel in the Pines-Lakeside Park 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship-Sanctuary 10:30a Wide Open Worship -Beacon

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7:30a Exercise Group-Boys & Girls Club 3:00p Grief Support Grp-Conference Room 5:00P Weight Watchers-Fellowship Hall 5:00p Finance Meeting-Conference Room 7:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 7:00p Narcotics Anon-Room 204

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

12:00p AA Meeting-Room 106 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon Kitchen 5:45p Literacy Tutoring-Library

COMING.....

June 2-4th: Annual Conference

June 9-14th: Youth Summer Mission Camp

June 24-28th: VBS



Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 8:00am-3:00pm Friday - Closed

<u>Website:</u> www.pellcityfumc.org