



# ALCOA 1stNEWS

May 1 ~ 31, 2020

*First UMC Alcoa Vision*

*Inspired by God's unconditional love, we unite in worship, grow in discipleship, and serve in love.*

## **What Do You Remember?**

**I had the privilege of growing up in church. As a child, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Sunday Evening children and youth ministry opportunities gave me a wonderful Biblical foundation. I remember so many great Bible stories that I learned in my childhood and youth. I realize there are those who are new to the Christian faith. Praise God we have new brothers and sisters in our church family. They may not know some of the stories I remember. This summer I would like to spend several weeks preaching on "FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES."**

**I need your help! If you have a favorite Bible story please let me know what your favorite story is and why you like it so much. I will pick the top 10 or 12 stories and will preach on those stories over the summer. Often, we assume people know these favorite stories. They may not, and also, a review of our favorite stories should warm all our hearts.**

**So, here is what I need you all to consider doing:**

- 1- Decide your favorite Bible story.**
- 2- Send me an e-mail, text, or instant message telling me your favorite story.**
- 3- Add to the e-mail, text, or instant message why it is your favorite and any memories you may have around that story.**

**This will be a great interactive way to spend worship together this summer.**

**I pray you are all safe, Liz and I can't wait until we can all be together again as a family in worship. Please call me if I can help you in any way.**

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**Phone or text: 423-290-3999**

**Instant Message: Todd Chancey**

## ***Centennial Moment***

*The charter members were Mrs. W.T. Bates, Henry Helton, Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Fox,  
and Mr. & Mrs. O.W Brumfiel.*

## Attendance

### APRIL 5 ~ PALM SUNDAY

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 1,898

### APRIL 9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 PM FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 1,619

### APRIL 9 - GOOD FRIDAY

6:00 PM FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 1,737

### APRIL 12 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM Sunrise FB LIVE Service  
Views/Engagements - 3,775  
11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 2,570  
Total - 6,345

### APRIL 19

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 3,775

### APRIL 26

11:00 AM - FB LIVE Worship  
Views/Engagements - 2,300

## Church Staff

**REV. J. TODD CHANCEY** Pastor  
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**BROOKE STRAYN**  
Director of Children's Ministries  
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and Director of Visitation

**PAUL WALKER**  
Custodian

**BETH GREEN**  
Director of Music Ministries  
and Worship Coordinator

**MATTHEW GIBBS**  
Director of Youth Ministries

**CARLA TAYLOR** Accompanist

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To Barbara Hammond and family in the passing of her husband, Rev. Ron Hammond on April 19. Rev. Hammond was also one of our former pastors here at Alcoa 1st.

To Mary Nell Campbell and family in the passing of her brother, Ray Hord on April 26.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### Operating Fund

*In memory of John Hitchcock by, Brenda Hitchcock*

### Springbrook Mission

*In memory of Andy & Janie Chandler by, David Chandler*



- May 1: Doris Bailey, Tucker Trent
- May 2: Emily Reynolds, Gracie Huggler
- May 3: Jeri Hopkins, Timothy Kinkead
- May 4: Victoria Inman
- May 6: Darunee Lawson
- May 7: Mary Grace Beightol, Debra Galbraith, Peggy Chapman
- May 8: Ruth Ann Kirk
- May 9: Robert Shipley, Maxanna Young, Janine Juckett
- May 11: Linda Hartley, Don Heinemann
- May 13: Wes Giles
- May 15: Hank Snyder
- May 16: Becky Lohr, Edna Hutchens
- May 18: Leah Barringer
- May 19: Emma Trent
- May 20: Clint Abbott
- May 22: Margie Davis, Carolyn Ellis, Matthew Meadows, Ramsey Walsh, Cinda Weller
- May 28: Ian Dickinson, Emily Duggan, Mary Duggan
- May 29: Emmitt Rawls, Jill Pugh
- May 30: Eleanor Hill
- May 31: Tony Graf

**FOR UPDATES ON OUR CHURCH CLOSINGS!!!**

**PLEASE VISIT...**

**Our Webpage: [alcoafumc.com](http://alcoafumc.com)**

**Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/alcoafumc/>**

**WVLT (local TV station)**



## May 2020 Music Notes from Beth

“April showers bring May flowers!” is something my mother would love to say in her sweet ‘sing-song-ey’ voice to us in April and May. I can almost hear her right now as I think about it! And it’s true! Look around your yard, your neighborhood. Our world is coming alive with color! My momma was right when she sang that little phrase!

Mother told me that I’d sing myself to sleep in my crib, and she’d know I was awake the next morning because she’d hear me singing. As my siblings and I grew up, Mother used to sing us awake! “The Lily of the Valley” was one she woke us up with most mornings before we’d get ready for school. She’d start singing at the bottom of the stairs and sing all the way into our bedrooms.

Those are happy memories for me. I hope you’re taking the opportunity to make musical memories...any kind of memories...with your loved ones right now. We have plenty of time, right?!?

Do you have people you can sing to? Or do you have them sing to you? On the phone last night, my friend told me about something she is doing with her granddaughter because she wants her to know about Jesus. Briley is two years old and absolutely loves to sing songs about Jesus with her grandma! Linda is making memories with Briley that she’ll be able to hold close to her long after Linda is gone. Happy memories!

During this quarantine, like many, our daughter is making memories with her daughters! She’s an Art Director for Discovery, Inc. and has been working from home. Hannah has always been creative, from the time she was little. It’s been fun to see photos of all they’re doing together. They sing and dance! They’ve planted flowers and a little garden! With cut-up egg cartons, some watercolor paint, pom-poms, and a few pipe cleaners they made cute little caterpillars. They made a pretty spring wreath from papers they painted and cut into shapes. They’ve done so many things, I can’t keep track! They’re making memories! I can’t tell you how much I love this!

Researchers have said that the sense of smell can invoke strong memories. I can tell you when I smell something that reminds me of walking in my mother-in-law’s back door...usually something baking or cooking. Researchers also say that music has a strong place in our memories. I can hear a song and it’ll bring back all kinds of memories for me! Certain songs will play and I know what year they were popular because I listened to the radio all the time growing up, then ended up working in the radio business for 30 years!

Music is a strong force. When you sing the great hymns of the church in worship together, does it sometimes take you back to another time and place? When you sing the contemporary worship music, can you step back in your mind to a place when those words that are being sung were just the words you needed at a crucial time in your life?

I hope you let music be a source of memories for you...but I also hope you let music be your avenue to praise your Heavenly Father, to remember His goodness to you, and to give Him thanks for who He is and what He’s done!

As always, you’re invited to be part of our music program at church. The choir will always welcome more voices. Contact me if you want to know more! Stay well, stay safe, knowing that you are loved with the everlasting love of Jesus!

*Beth*

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## Alcoa 1<sup>st</sup> UMC

### General Missions Moments

Hello Church, I pray that all of you are doing well during “shelter in place”/quarantine for 45+ days!! I know from where I sit, in my home office, I am ready to “blow this pop joint” as us older people use to say.

Please know that all of you are in our prayers as a mission’s team. We know from our small Alcoa First UMC missions’ team that isolation is not what we were meant to do. Missions is about reaching out to our church, our neighborhood, our community, our city, our region, our state, our country and the world, to serve those as the hands and feet of Christ our Lord.

In all our church missions it has been a struggle to find ways to continue supporting those in need. Due to city, state and government regulations and executive orders, our reach has been very limited. We are still able to speak to and pray for those we serve. We are also still able to provide financial support as well.

By the time you have read this article, we will have sent out our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter checks to our sponsored missions. Though we are unable to meet as a church or as a mission’s team in person, we are continuing to support our missionaries. The Alcoa missions team continues to stay in close contact with each of our missionaries and their status.

In late March, the Ecuador missions’ team, along with the input of Joy Garrett (Regional Infectious Disease Control Coordinator) and Don Heinemann (Chief Administrator at Blount Memorial Hospital), it was decided that it would not be prudent for the Ecuador Missions team to travel to Ecuador this year. We also decided, as a team, that all funds (\$3,000) from our fundraisers would be sent to Sharon and Graham to support the families who are also suffering, due to loss of income/work. Most of the Ecuador people are day laborers; which means if they do not work, they do not get paid and they do not eat. Sharon and Graham can purchase food, medicine and other necessities daily. It is fortunate that Sharon/Graham have so many connections who walk beside them, visible and invisible, daily that allows them to make 70+ food baskets to distribute to the struggling families and littles, as Sharon calls them. The following is a link to the website for Ecuador. You can keep up with the daily Graham activities. God is doing amazing things in Ecuador through each of you and your missions support contributions. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EcuadorMission/>

The local quarantine in Santo Domingo is very strict. Only certain days are they allowed to shop, go to the ATM, drive or any other activity. In fact, being outside of the domicile is only allowed between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. When out, everyone is required to wear their PPE (mask, gloves, etc.). Considering that they have little money for food, much less money for PPE protection.

As you read this Mission’s Moment, please prayerfully consider how you have supported these ministries. It is so easy to forget while we are so isolated from meeting and sharing in daily life. For these missions, we are a very big part of their life and existence. Below are some pictures of each of our missions group commitments. If you contribute, bless you and we appreciate you. If you do not contribute, please pray and let the Lord guide you in how you can support these missions. Whether it be by financial support, whether it be by prayer or whether it be by some other means please allow your faith in a great God and a perfect Savior to place on your heart how you can support from where you are.

We are all in this together, whether it is in missions or in quarantine. There is always something that we each can do to assist. The following is a list of our missions at Alcoa. Please pray for each of them, and if you are led to contribute, please send/make your donations to Alcoa 1<sup>st</sup> General Missions. All monies are distributed to the missions either quarterly or more frequently if necessary.

Ecuador – Sharon & Graham Nichols

Africa – Dr. Lynn & Sharon Fogleman

Campus Outreach – Allison Nuebert

Louisville Christian Assistance Center – LCAC

Henderson Settlement

Willis Family

Family Promise



Thank you to everyone who supports Alcoa First Missions. Your faithfulness and support are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions/concerns or something you'd like to see included in the "Mission's Moment" section, please feel free to send an email or write in a letter, and deliver to the church office. Currently, please send emails to: [allengarrett1651@gmail.com](mailto:allengarrett1651@gmail.com).

Blessings,

Your General Missions Committee

## **Youth and Adult Confirmation Classes for 2020 Save the Dates**

Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn, Liz Chancey and Pastor Todd Chancey will be leading the upcoming 2020 Confirmation Classes. There will be two offerings starting in August and ending in November. The classes will meet as follows:

**Sundays** – 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Student Confirmation Class – **Youth - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and up**) Youth Room and Fellowship Hall. Leaders: Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn, Liz and Todd Chancey

**Dates:** August 30, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1 and 8.

**Youth Confirmation Retreat:** Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – off campus.

**Wednesdays – (Adult Confirmation Class)** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Liz and Todd Chancey Leaders.

**Dates:** September 2, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4 and 11.

Save the dates. For more information contact Matt Gibbs, Brooke Strayn or Liz or Pastor Todd Chancey.

Greetings Holston Conference!

Thank you for all the ways that you continue to be the church in the midst of these trying times. The innovative ways you have found to be in ministry and continue to make disciples is an inspiration. In light of the news about the postponement of Annual Conference, I wanted to reach out with the news that our annual Hands On Mission project will go forward as planned. The needs in Liberia and Zimbabwe are still great, if not even greater, as they, too, struggle to cope with COVID-19. All the supplies we send will be an incredible blessing.

I realize that some of the supplies may be difficult to find. Do the best you can to obtain as much as you can while maintaining the social distancing guidelines. I will work with the shipping company to adjust for any changes that need to be made for Customs purposes. We will be loading the shipping containers on June 3 & 4. As in past years your District office will communicate the collection days and location for your area. Thank you for your faithfulness and your passion to serve our brothers and sisters in Liberia and Zimbabwe.

Thanks,

Mike Sluder, Director of Connectional Ministries

Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church

### **Smoky Mountain: Food Buckets - Goal 400**

#### **Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid:**

- 1 bag corn meal (4- 5 lb.)
- 1 bag grits, butter flavor
- 1 bag rice (2 lb.)
- 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
- 1 powdered milk (10 oz. or less)
- 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
- 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct. or less)
- Canned Ham (2 lb. total)