



Under the Dome...

Proclaiming the Kingdom of God

throughout Jasper and Walker County

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Intimacy

Some people cook using recipes while others just randomly mix things together until it looks right. Both often end up in a disaster. Cakes fail whether someone meticulously followed the recipe or randomly mixed the ingredients. Both work and both fail at times.

Our relationship with God is not like making a cake but similar in the fact that becoming intimate with the Father is not a system to follow or a cookie cutter recipe that works for everyone. Some people need to follow a recipe and others need to wing it.

What is important to understand is that like any relationship, intimacy with God must be worked on constantly and must include time spend with Him. Those two things never change and are always true. The "how" of those two might change with every person you talk to, but will be part of the recipe no matter which method you choose. Some things that speak deeply within the soul of one person may be irrelevant to the next. A few things will most obviously be present like prayer or meditation or scripture reading or worship.

Whatever your method is for becoming intimate with God must be pursued wholeheartedly. It won't be easy and it won't be quick. But it will be rewarding. And as you grow deeper in the relationship you will grow deeper in faith and see much fruit exhibited in your life.

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"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV)

With the renovation of the Children's Department comes a new Sunday Schedule. We are so excited about our children continuing to grow in the wisdom of Jesus while in a safe and inviting area designed just for them.

Beginning September 9 (the Sunday following Labor Day), our children have their own doughnut and fellowship time in the new children's worship area downstairs. We will get them to their Sunday School classes from this area. They will be in Sunday School from 10:00 -10:35 and then taken to the theater room. Parents will pick up at the secure door at the end of the theater hallway.

Beginning September 9, Lori Beasley and Angie Carpenter will be teaching our Epic 456 class. This will be in the room off the gym (previously the children's church room). Stephanie Trice and Linley Allred will be sharing God's word with our 2nd and 3rd graders while Brandy Hill and Bess Thornley are guiding our Kindergartners and 1st graders.

We are also happy to announce that we will be adding a class to our children's department. We are growing! We are adding a new 3 & 4 year old class with Derian Hicks and Erica Colburn. They will follow the same literature the older kids use, but in a format designed specifically for this age group.

We still need you! If you would like to assist with a class, substitute teach, help with the doughnut/fellowship time, or volunteer in the nursery on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, please contact Tamara (205.544.0328). If you are a 14 year old or older youth and want to assist with Children's Church please see Tamara.

Methodist Happenings

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MEET IN NEW ROOMS ON SUNDAY!

Children 4 years old - 1st grade will be with Ms. Brandy in the last classroom on the right.

Ms. Stephanie will have 2nd & 3rd graders directly across the hall, the last room on the left.



Epic 456 Sunday School will meet with Ms. Tamara this week, August 19, in the room off the gym (the former Children's Church room).



On Wednesday, August 22, we will have a kick-off to our Wednesday night activities. Please come be a part!

Wednesday, August 29 will be our first week to meet for the fall. Dinner will begin at 5:15, with EPIC to follow until 7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday Epic after school program will begin on September 5. More information and registration packets will be available at the kick-off on August 22.

A fall retreat is also being planned for these kids.

Plan now to be a part of this very special group as we deepen our love for God through Christian study and fellowship.



Thanks to everyone for making our UMW Fun Day a success! Your ticket purchases and donations brought \$830 that will be given directly to local missions in Walker County. God bless you for your generous support!

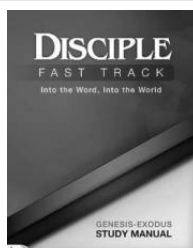
The Southwest District UMW Mission U will be on Saturday, August 25th at Big Sandy UMC with 9:30 am registration and 10 am start time. Our own Pat Ferrell will be teaching on "Money Matters: A Faith Response." Lunch will be provided and the training will end at 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Big Sandy UMC is located at 11441 McPherson Landing Road in Tuscaloosa.



Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 20.

The Sisterhood Circle will be discussing "Wonder Woman and Biblical Womanhood" at our Aug 20th meeting. If you have not seen the movie "Wonder Woman" (yes, THAT one), we will be showing it in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Aug 18th at 1 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. This is not limited to UMW members. Anyone desiring to get more in touch with their super power is invited.

Sisterhood Circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20 in the Fellowship hall.



Disciple Bible Study 2018-2019

Been looking for a small group Bible study to plug into? This is a great place to start. Two sessions, twelve weeks in the Fall and twelve in the Spring studying Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Daily reading with weekly small group meetings. A workbook to go along with each session. We will begin the week of September 9. We will fill up Sunday night then have an additional night if enough people participate. Email Alan @ abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com if you want to join the group. **Important Note:** It is much more valuable than just the study of the Bible. Ask anybody who has participated in the past five years.

Worship Information for Sunday, August 19, 2018

Prayer of Invitation-Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind and blow. Come as the fire and burn. Convict, convert, and consecrate, until we are all fully thine. Amen.



Sermon: "How Do I Resist Temptation?"
Rev. Alan Beasley

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

8:30 a.m. **Celebration Service**

Praise and Worship-*No One Like Our God; Chain Breaker; Reckless Love; Build My Life*

10:55 a.m. **Traditional Service**

Hymns- *To God Be the Glory; Fairest Lord Jesus; Take My Life and Let it Be*

Reading the Word: Kelley Brooke Brown **Children's Church:** Tamara Matthews

Greeters: Betty Lovett and Lucy Richardson

Ushers: Debbie Sanders (head), Al Blanton, Joe Lott, Eddie Miller and Scott Thornley

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lawson W. Murphy, Jr., on his birthday, August 27, by his family.



Wednesday Night Fall Kick Off

On Wednesday night, August 22, we will kick off our Wednesday night programming with a fun and informative night together. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of our main church building. We will begin with dinner at 5:30. "Burgers and Cream" is our theme. The best burgers in town will be served and the largest ice cream sundae bar you will have ever seen will be enjoyed by all. So many thick juicy burgers and so many toppings for so much ice cream. Then we will talk about our programming but the most exciting part will be the tour of the renovation downstairs. Open House of the new Children's Center as such. You will see how the new security will work and how safe our children will be. It's beautiful and worth the time and effort many people have put into it to make it all possible. Join us next Wednesday night!

Worship Attendance-Week of August 12, 2018

Celebration Service	235
Traditional Service	122
Online Viewers	63
Youth Wednesday Evening	20
Hope Kitchen	<u>73</u>
Total in Worship	511

Tithes and Offerings - Week of August 12, 2018

Received-to-Date	\$ 437,066.90
Expenses-to-Date	\$ 482,283.19

August 12, 2018

General Budget	\$ 8,632.65
Designated	\$ 1,557.50



Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Activities will resume on August 22. You don't want to miss this special event.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



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Church Calendar of Activities

Sunday, August 19

- *8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
- *10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- *10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, August 20

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool
- 10:00 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 21

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool
- 11:00 a.m. Hope Kitchen

Wednesday, August 22

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool
- 5:30 p.m. "Burgers & Cream" Fall Kick-Off

Thursday, August 23

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool
- 11:00 a.m. Hope Kitchen

Friday, August 24

* Nursery Provided

MEMORIALS

Chase Hunt - Hope Kitchen designated
by
Gay & Gary Russell

HONORARIUM

Lois & Scooter Auld
by
Paddles Up Kayaking Group

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