## The Good News

June 2013

Celebrating the Unity and Diversity of the Body of Christ Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11:00 AM, Fellowship 12:00

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Regional Convocation

June 21-23

Sellers Memorial Christian Church

Hayneville, AL

Theme: Lord, Teach Us to Pray

#### From the Pastor:

"Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'" *John 21:16* 

Some time ago, some of you may remember filling out a form for Pastor Rebecca with information about you and your family. For some of you, this may be a new request. But for everyone, it is important that you fill out a new form. I know that time has passed and information has changed and so I am asking each adult in the church to fill out a new form titled "Pastor's File: *confidential.*" This information will remain with me and me only, and I will use it only in cases of Pastoral Care. As a new pastor to this congregation, I feel that I am finally getting to know you all as individuals. I am slowly but surely scheduling opportunities to meet with you over coffee or a meal or in your homes so that I can get to know you. This means that we are beginning to develop the foundations of trust and relationship, and for this I am especially grateful! This form is just one more piece of the puzzle in my efforts to be your pastor, your shepherd, and your care giver. (*Continued on page 4*)



Traditional Summer Camps
(all at Camp Chandler near Montgomery)
All begin and end at 10:00 a.m.
Grades are for grades completed
Discovery Camp, June 22-24 (2nd/3rd
grade)

Cost: \$135.00, after June 1st \$155.00 Junior Camp, June 24-28 (4th/5th grade) Chi Rho, June 24-28 (6th/7th/8th grade) CYF Camp, June 24-28 (9,10,11,12 grades)

Junior, Chi Rho, CYF cost \$225, after June 1 \$265

Beach Camp, June 9-14
Beach Camp at Romar Beach, AL
6th-12th grades
Begins 7:00 p.m.; ends 10:00 a.m.
Cost: \$250.00: after June 1st \$290.00

#### CAMP PRAYER CALENDAR

On the back of the June calendar for the church, there is a prayer calendar with daily prayer concerns for camp through the end of June.



TO OUR CHURCH!
On June 7 we will be 128 years old.

#### **Service Schedules**

Spiritual Formation, Tues., June 11, 5:00 Partnership Team, Wed., June 13, 6:30 Fellowship, Wed., June. 19, 5:30 pm

#### **Elders**

June 2: Marie Bittle
June 9: Maria Zamarripa

June 16: Judy Bell

June 23: Suzy Spiceland

June 30: Lori Hays

#### **Communion Set-Up/Service**

Dick Bell & Shawn Taylor

#### **Fellowship Hosts**

June 2: Suzy Spiceland

June 9: Mary Elizabeth Johnson

June 16: NEEDED June 23: Karen Jones June 30: Lori Hays

#### **Liturgists**

June 2: Robin Andrews

June 9: Judy Bell June 16: Joe Medley June 23: Trace Smith June 30: Jennifer Smith

#### Storyteller / Greeter / Nursery

June 2: Maria / Geeter / Julie Resumes August 4

#### **Church Greeters**

June 2: Julie Nix

June 9: Janna Sutherland

June 16: Marie Bittle
June 23: Kenny Hays
June 30: Robert Soleman

#### **OFFICE NOTES:**

Secretary out of the office June 3 & 4.

Church Landscaping Work Day Sat., June 29, 8:00-12:00 Bring lawn/gardening tools



## HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

# CLEAN UP BUCKETS FOR FATHER'S DAY

There has been a lot of flooding in the U.S. with the spring rains and storms. Clean-up buckets contain supplies to help people recover from the mess created at such times. The church is challenged to donate enough money for the supplies for 3 buckets (\$56 each plus \$3 each for shipping) for a total of \$177. You can give in honor or memory of your father, grandfather, uncle, or any other important man in your life. The buckets are distributed by Church World Service who also does the blankets.

Deadline to order is June 9.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 18-20

### Community Enabler Taster's Feast

June 9, 3:00-6:00 pm, \$5

The Bridge at

Anniston First United Methodist Church

#### Page Turners

Monday, June 17, 1:00 pm

"Last of the Breed"

By Louis L'Amour

Fiction about a U.S. Air Force pilot forced down over Russia who escapes from a prison camp and has to use his Indian skills to try to survive his trek through the Siberian wilderness.

Disciples Women at the church Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.



#### Aiden Eric Green

Parents: Colin & Nancy Green April 27, 2013, 12:33 pm 7 pounds, 11 ounces 21 inches

Paeton Warren Hollingsworth

Parents: Josh & Kayli (Frintner)
Hollingsworth
May 10, 2013, 7:34 am
8 pounds, 20 inches

In regards to my efforts to sit down with each of you for fellowship and conversation, I encourage you to call me any time to plan another get-together. My prayer is that I will have had the chance to be with you in times of peace and joy before I have to be with you in a time of crisis. The relationship between a pastor and her congregation is so important, and I have a strong desire to know you.

Another service I would like to offer you is End of Life Planning. Maybe it sounds morbid to plan your funeral before your time, but it is a blessing and a gift to your family to have those details set before they're needed. If you want, I will come to your house or meet you at the church and we will discuss such things as: favorite hymns, favorite scripture passages, people you would like to invite to speak on your behalf, where you would like your funeral/memorial service to be held, and so on. No one knows when they will go on to be with God for eternity so it's good to go ahead and do this now. That way, when your family is dealing with the grief and loss of your passing, they can be comforted in knowing that the plans they're making for you are what you wanted all along.

Help me and trust me to be your pastor in the best way that I know how, and I will do my best to "take care" of Jesus' flock.

Peace, Laura

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