

A Word From Our Pastor...

A Firm Foundation

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, “The foundation that has already been laid is Jesus Christ, and no one can lay down any other foundation.” Are you building your life on the firm foundation that is Jesus Christ? If so, then you are building a life worth living. That building process means spending time every day in the Word and in prayer – not just reading and learning, but applying God’s truth to your life.

It has been said, “A nation married to its cultural beliefs will soon be a widow.” As Christians, we are to follow God’s Word; not the world and its cultural beliefs. Jesus is the foundation, that we must build our lives upon. Jesus’s foundation that will never change, never give way, and never let us down.

Jesus expressed the need for a firm foundation in the Parable of the Two Builders, where He teaches on the importance of building your house on solid ground. So, the question you must ask yourself, “Am I building my life on the solid rock?” That’s exactly what we see the people doing in Corinth. They are building on a great foundation that has already been laid.

When you make that decision to give your life to Jesus, that you are altogether His, it becomes a watershed moment in your life. When you place your life into God’s hands, from that day forward you belong to him, you are no longer your own. Then everything about your life changes because you are building your life on a firm foundation that will never change, never give way, and never let you down.

In that moment you become devoted to the Kingdom of God and to your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. God’s desire is for you to be fully devoted to Him, to do His will and obey His commandments. It is a complete and daily surrender. Service to God then becomes one’s lifelong mission.

I am not saying that we should not be faithful and committed to our career. That’s not what I mean. We still need to be faithful and serious in our vocation because God has put us there for a reason. I believe to be His witnesses and to reflect Christ in all that we say and do. We must see that our entire life is directed toward our service to God. We do everything as unto the Lord, for the purpose of obeying God’s will and pleasing Him. That is the reality of devotion.

Devotion to God also means serving others. When you are devoted to God, as a Christian you want to tell others about Jesus because He is the cornerstone of your every heartbeat and breath. Then it is easy for you follow Jesus’ lead and serve others.

During the month of October continue building on the firm foundation that is Jesus Christ, be devoted to Him in all that you do and serve others. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Christ’s arms, Brother Matt



Join us each week for...

SUNDAY:

Early Worship 8 a.m. (Chapel)
Sunday School 9 a.m. (Ed Bldg)
Late Church 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)

MONDAY:

Fresh Start Recovery Meets
from 6—8 p.m. in the Family Life
Center

WEDNESDAY:

- Soft Yoga class 9 a.m. (WH)
- 3 p.m.—Children & Youth bus pickup
- 5:15—6 p.m.—Come enjoy a meal & fellowship
- 6 p.m.—Adult Bible studies
- 6 p.m.—Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY:

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
7 a.m. at Burger King

FRIDAY:

Prayer Shawl meets from 10 a.m.—
12 noon upstairs in Education Bldg

Keenagers will meet on October 14 (See details in this newsletter)

SIS (Sisters In Service) will meet on October 27.



OCTOBER

Thank you for providing beautiful altar flowers:

October 5—Communion

October 12—Debbie Callahan

October 19—Andy & Alice Scarborough

October 26—Trip & Mary Weldon

AVAILABLE DATE:

November 30.



TRAILS TEMPLE
MINISTRY

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Mark your calendars for our first fall hike—

Trails Temple Ministry Trail Walk at Jordan's Journey

(trail head at state docks on Lake Jordan, just past Swayback Trail head, on the left) on Saturday,

October 18th! New friends are always welcome!

Watch for information and join us on monthly trail walks in the area. It's something anyone can enjoy and it's good for everyone. *We hope to see YOU on the trails!*

A THANK YOU FROM ZAMBIA, SOUTH AFRICA....

Dear First Methodist Church Wetumpka,
My dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
thank you for the honor of sharing God's Word
with you on Sunday, September 21.



Also, thank you personally and on behalf of our Asbury students.
All 22 of our students received scholarship funds that you helped provide.
We are excited to be preparing the next generation of pastors and ministry leaders!

Your warm welcome and your love and your support for our ministry in Zambia are all gifts of God to me. May our Lord continue to bless your growing church!

Your brother in Christ,
Bishop Rev. Alfred Kalembo

Welcome to the world beautiful baby...

Congratulations

to John and Brittany Albritton on the birth
of their first child, John Mark Albritton III.

Little "Jack" made his surprise entrance on
September 25, 2025 weighing 7 pounds
14 ounces and is 20 inches in length.

All are doing well. Be sure to stop by
the audio visual table on Sunday and
congratulate them.





God has created each of us with unique gifts and desires; it all falls apart if we don't seek wisdom from God in everything we say and do. Our world is all about popularity, appearance, and intelligence, but in God's kingdom, wisdom is of far greater value. Jesus showed us perfectly what a wise life looks like: stay connected to God and seek God's best in every circumstance. Then follow through and do it! As we continue to journey with God's people through the story of Scripture, we meet the kings of Israel and Judah—those who made wise choices and those whose foolish choices brought down a nation. Through the lives of David and Solomon, we also examine the Bible's wisdom literature, as found in the Psalms and Proverbs.

This month, we will discover that true wisdom comes through constant connection with God, just as a well-rooted tree on river banks draws life from the water. And the best news of all? God wants us to ask for wisdom and delights to give it.

Memory Verse:

"It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver." Proverbs 16:16

Our value this month:

Wisdom: finding out God's best and doing it.

October is shaping up to be a busy month. We are going to Penton Farms on October 4 to enjoy the pumpkin patch. Our Fall Festival will be on October 19. Be sure to come out and enjoy all sorts of activities, a ton of candy, and fellowship with our community. Speaking of candy, we will have a booth set up at The Candy Crawl on October 27. Lastly, The Bridge will have a Fall Ball on October 29, celebrating with pumpkin painting, fall games, and fall-themed snacks! I also want to thank all our volunteers for making The Bridge successful, as we started meeting again this last month.

You are all amazing, and I look forward to seeing what God does in the future as our ministry grows.

Blessings, Mrs. Ashley



October always brings exciting opportunities for our church family to have a blast together using our talents, gifts, and time to show the life-changing love of Christ to one another and our surrounding community! From going to the pumpkin patch as a family event with the children's ministry to Fall Festival on our church campus to prepping the candy bags for, and being at the city's candy crawl to all the upcoming weekly hangouts and other events, I can't wait to see how God continues to move in and through our student ministry and whole church family!

A HUGE THANK YOU!! We are so incredibly blessed to have a church family that truly loves its students and invests in their lives and ongoing transformation into Christ's likeness, and we wanted to say a huge "thank you!" to everyone who bought things from, or donated in any way to, our winter camp fundraiser last month!! You all are so amazing!

This Month's Series: Unafraid

Just like an amusement park ride with all its twists and turns, life can bring many unexpected things and circumstances that can leave us unsure or even in a little pain. So how can we learn to overcome our feelings of fear whenever we experience them? This month, we will explore, discuss, and learn together from stories in the Old Testament where people trusted God to help them through their difficult moments. From these stories, we'll see that **God can turn fear into courage, hurt into hope, turn wrongs into rights**, and transform our **worry into trust**.

For all the other exciting weekly hangouts and community-building events happening this month, please check out our page on the church's website, and/or contact me at jamie@wetumpkafirst.com if you have any questions! Please make sure you are on our text and e-mail list for all updates and access to other helpful tips, tools, and resources for growing a relationship with God personally and as a family!

In Him, Jamie



COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Please don't wear scary and death related costumes since this is a family-friendly event.

You are invited to the Fall Festival at First Methodist Church Wetumpka!

Come enjoy Candy & Games, Trunk or Treat, Petting Zoo, Bounce House, Face Painting, Food and LOTS of family fun!!!

When: Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: On the front lawn and Family Life Center at First Methodist Wetumpka.

Vendors & Trunk or Treat:

If you are interested in bringing a carnival style game or a decorated vehicle for the trunk or treat to this event please contact Ashley at Ashley@wetumpkafirst.com or Jamie at Jamie@wetumpkafirst.com to see if space is available. We do not allow vendor sales, but vendors who offer free services/samples and/or give away flyers and business cards with more information about their business are allowed.

It's going to be a super fun afternoon!

Watch for more details to come...

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 334/567-7865 or Ashley at ashley@wetumpkafirst.com or Jamie at Jamie@wetumpkafirst.com.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH
OUR FALL FESTIVAL
IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!
JUST LET US KNOW YOU ARE
AVAILABLE!**

**Feel free to participate in the games,
have fun AND volunteer:)**



FIRST METHODIST
CHURCH WETUMPKA

Fall Festival

Oct. 19 • 4-6pm

**TRUNK OR TREAT • PETTING ZOO
GAMES • FOOD • BOUNCE HOUSE**



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CANDY DONATIONS

We are accepting **individually wrapped candy and monetary donations** for the Fall Festival and Coosa Candy Crawl!

Please drop candy donations in marked boxes. Checks, cash, and online gifts are appreciated! To make an online donation, visit www.wetumpkafirst.com/give. Please designate online, check, and cash gifts for "Fall Festival."

THANK YOU!



Senior Adult *Ministry*

We are all looking forward to cooler weather and a beautiful fall. It is so wonderful how our God created the different seasons for us to enjoy. Thank you, God.

If you missed out on our September Italian Lunch and bingo you missed out on some great food and lots of fun! Thanks go to Celestra and her amazing crew. I did get to come but didn't do much. But now I am on the move. No back brace and no pain. Well I have started PT for real and so there will be lots of soreness at first. Thanks to everyone for your love and support during my back surgery.

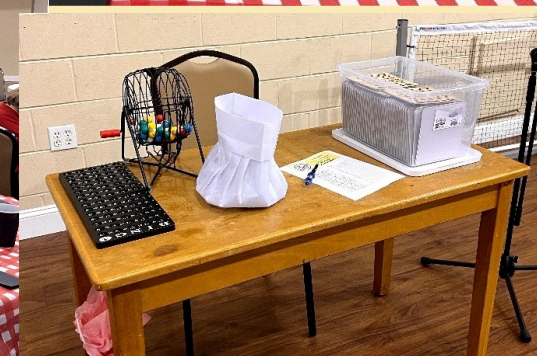
Let's Have
Lunch
TOGETHER

In October we will be traveling to Prattville to eat at Epicure & Jacks Tavern for lunch. I have heard many good things about the lunch menu. So come on out and join us for a day of good things. **Bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October the 14th, so don't be late.**

*Remember the sign up sheets will be in Wesley Hall and the top of the stairs coming up from our family life center. **Sign up sheets will be picked up after church on October the 12th and counted to see how many buses and drivers we will need.** Hope you can join us for this day of good things.*

My favorite book is this really old one, where the author falls so deeply in love with the reader that He dies for them.

**Always believe,
Gloria 334/312-1764**





**The Finance Committee announces its
Annual United Appeal Fundraiser on
Sunday, November 23, immediately following
the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

For those of you who are not familiar with the United Appeal Fund, this is how we are able to have our Sales Tax Exempt Status with the state of Alabama. Each year we are required to have a fundraiser which benefits our two charities, the Elmore County Food Pantry and our Church, specifically the pastor's discretionary fund.

Again this year we have chosen to have a bake sale which was a huge success last year due in part to the wonderful baked goods you so generously provided.

We are asking for your help again this year with the bake sale. In the coming weeks there will be sign up sheets around the campus for you to let us know what goodies you are bringing. **Keep in mind the baked goods must be in disposable containers, packaged, and ready to sell.**

There will be more detailed information coming in November. For more information or questions contact Sonya Arnold at arnoldsonya1946@gmail.com or the church office at 334-567-7865.

Do you recognize these celebrities?

Dennis Fain, Janice Whorton and Andrew Steib are part of Main Street Wetumpka. Did you hear that they won state awards recently?! ? Check out all the details at <https://www.tpimediagroup.org>.

Thank you for representing our town so well:)



The Wetumpka Herald

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Main Street Wetumpka was recently recognized by Main Street Alabama for its efforts.



READING THE BIBLE THROUGH IN A YEAR



OCTOBER

1 Malachi 1 – 4	17 Mark 10 – 11
2 Matthew 1 – 4	18 Mark 12 – 13
3 Matthew 5 – 6	19 Mark 14
4 Matthew 7 – 9	20 Mark 15 – 16
5 Matthew 10 – 11	21 Luke 1 – 2
6 Matthew 12 – 13	22 Luke 3 – 4
7 Matthew 14 – 17	23 Luke 5 – 6
8 Matthew 18 – 20	24 Luke 7 – 8
9 Matthew 21 – 22	25 Luke 9 – 10
10 Matthew 23 – 24	26 Luke 11 – 12
11 Matthew 25 – 26	27 Luke 13 – 15
12 Matthew 27 – 28	28 Luke 16 – 18
13 Mark 1 – 3	29 Luke 19 – 20
14 Mark 4 – 5	30 Luke 21 – 22
15 Mark 6 – 7	31 Luke 23 – 24
16 Mark 8 – 9	

Support Group

Fresh Start meets at 6 p.m. each **MONDAY** in the FLC. If you know someone who is struggling, please let them know that the Fresh Start Recovery Group is here for them. For more information contact Paul Henderson at 334-201-5428.



10/01 Gary Barnes	10/15 Everlynn Smith
10/01 Nikole Tyler	10/17 Marilyn Knapp
10/01 Kevin Stanley	10/17 Savannah Brent
10/02 Julianne Hawkins	10/18 Kathy Willis
10/03 Jim Rushing	10/20 Earl Gillian
10/03 Bonnie Hall	10/21 Elizabeth Gillian
10/03 Monica Henderson	10/22 Jane Salter
10/06 Alice Scarborough	10/22 Faith Wheat
10/08 Jimmy Martin	10/23 Jamie Farquhar
10/10 Tammy Albritton	10/23 Chris Dozier
10/11 Heidi Kolendar	10/25 Carol Hickman
10/13 Cheri Martin	10/27 Dennis Fain
10/13 Julian Koenig	10/27 Joyce Richardson
10/14 Byron Milner	10/28 Bill Watts
	10/31 Tracy Barnes



10/05 Matt & Tammy Albritton	10/21 Fred & Charlene Lovelace
10/09 Alvin & Pat Ward	10/27 Eric & Katie Brent
10/10 Byron & Pat Milner	10/27 William & Ashley Cousins
10/15 Chris & Tara Dozier	10/28 Frank & Nancy Vawter

If you are a member of FMCW and your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office so that we can celebrate with you.



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