

From our Pastor...

CORE VALUES

The authority that Christ gives us to proclaim the Good News can only be implemented through our integrity and godly example. Exercising your core values is living in such a way that you point people to Jesus. This month I would like to share with you the first four core values that will help you to live a life of integrity that honors God. Next month, I will share four more.

The first core value is **Biblical Faith**. John Wesley the founder of Methodism, famously declared himself a “man of one book,” referring to the Bible. God’s holy Word is the ultimate guide to salvation and Christian living. Our faith in Christ must be the foundation of our motivation and the determining factor in our decision making. When we have encountered Jesus, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we long for others to experience Him, as well. The apostle Paul said, “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1, 2).

The second core value is **Respect for People**. This core value emphasizes the importance of treating everyone with dignity and acknowledging their inherent worth. We should act on the conviction that people are created in the image of God. We should understand that the only lasting investment in our earthly relationships is our Christian influence in the lives of people. As we fellowship with each other, we should ask Jesus to help us put others before ourselves. The apostle Peter said, “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9).

The third core value is **Living with Integrity**. We should live in such a way that our whole lives are beyond reproach. Integrity involves aligning your actions with your values and principles. We must believe that honesty, openness, and transparency with others and ourselves are the building blocks for trust and are essential for an effective ministry. King David said, “May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you” (Psalm 25:21).



The fourth core value is **Servant Leadership**. Being a servant leader in our respective areas of responsibility is the key to involving others in ministry. You cannot lead a person through a door that you are not willing to walk through yourself. We should value and be committed to lead by serving and empowering others. Jesus said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28).

As you ponder the first four core values during the month of June, be encouraged and encourage others to live a life of integrity and be a godly example to those around you. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Christ’s arms, Brother Matt

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)
- 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 June 9
(See details in this newsletter)

SIS (Sisters In Service) Myrtle Tree Deli
We will meet for lunch at
Myrtle Tree at 11 a.m. on June 22.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES -
Children & Youth watch for
announcements from Mrs. Ashley
& Jamie.

Some Life Groups will continue
to meet during the summer.



Thank you for providing beautiful altar flowers:

June 7—Communion

June 14—Marvin & Jane Salter

June 21—Davis & Marcia Bazzell

June 28—(available)

Would you like to provide fresh flowers in honor of or in loving memory of someone? Or, no designation is necessary, just let the church office know which date you want to choose. To see the list of dates still available call the church office.



Sunday, June 21—Happy Father's Day!

We will be Celebrating and Honoring our fathers and those who fill that role in our lives. A small gift of appreciation will be given to those who are present, so bring your dad (if possible) so we can recognize him.

We're taking a Summer Break...

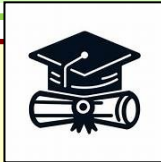


Thank you to our most faithful Kitchen Crew!

**To everyone who bought supplies, prepared, served, or cleaned up after a meal, prepped and delivered homebound meals and EVERYTHING in between—
WE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE
YOUR HARD WORK!**

Watch for details of how you can become a beloved Kitchen Crew Member when we come back in the fall!
(Sunday Homebound Meal Ministry will continue)

Don't miss the deadline:



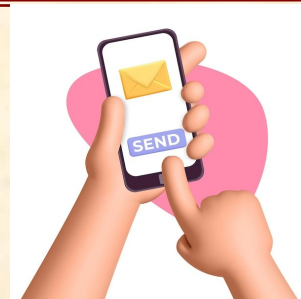
Scholarships

FMCW Scholarships are available, but you must apply by June 15, 2026. Forms are available in the church office, on the table in the foyer, or ask that one be emailed to you.

DEADLINE JUNE 15!



Join us for our next *Coffee & Conversation* on Sunday, June 28 8:30—9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. (Please remember no food or drinks are allowed in the Sanctuary at any time.



ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR CHURCH EMAILS?

We stay connected with each other during the week through emails. **Don't miss important announcements or prayer requests by making sure that the church office has your correct email address.**

Call Charlotte at 334/567-7865 or email secretary@firstwetumpka.com to share your email address or update the one on file.

God is the CREATOR of all things, and we are His Masterpieces!

Sunday, May 31—Wednesday, June 3
from 5:30—8 p.m. Kids ages PreK—6th grade

HEY KIDS—this art filled VBS is going to be so creative and funnnn!!!!
You even get to decorate your own t-shirt!!!! How cool is that!

And wait until you see all the AMAZING decorations!!!! Invite your friends to come and have fun learning about Jesus with you.

[Sign up online or at the door.](#)



VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

See Mrs. Ashley to sign up!

Even if you are not directly involved with VBS, please come on Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. and share FAMILY NIGHT with our guests. A meal will be provided!

This year's VBS MISSION PROJECT: Elmore County Humane Society. The kids will be learning what an important job the Humane Society does for animals in our area. Kids, Mrs. Ashley has some hands on projects for you! *(See the next column for basic needs of the shelter)*

HSEC : ITEMS WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF:

We always need MONEY so we can purchase much needed supplies, (if they are not donated), effect repairs and help animals in need!! You can contribute via PayPal, telephone credit charge, by mail or just come on into the shelter to drop it off and it truly helps. But the below donated items help us save our money so that it can be used directly for our animals for everything from vaccinations to surgeries for injured pets. We greatly appreciate any and all donated items. Generic brands are fine and greatly appreciated.

- Dry Dog Food (Adult & Puppy) – any brand is accepted but a good price point food for our dogs to eat well is PEDIGREE.
- Canned Dog/Cat Food
- Non-Clumping Cat Litter (cheap, clay litter best as we discard daily & it is cheaper)
- Liquid Dishwashing Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Plastic Trash Bags - 30 Gal & 45-55 Gal
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper (yes, for us humans)
- Liquid Bleach (generic is fine) – **(but NOT “No Splash or Low Splash Bleach” as it does not disinfect since has lower sodium hypochlorite concentration)**
- Fabuloso Liquid Detergent
- Vienna Sausages - really helps when giving pills to dogs
- Old Towels/Blankets
- Peanut Butter – also for giving meds and heartworm prevention to our dogs
- Spray Nozzles for hoses
- Heavy-Duty Garden Hoses-50' & >; 'for hot water use' best
- First class postage stamps
- LONG Shredded Paper - **ONLY the 'long' shreds as the cross-cut shreds are like confetti and create quite a mess.**



(DONATION BOXES WILL BE ON OUR CAMPUS THOUGH JUNE)

And don't forget we take most anything at our [Tails End Thrift Store](#) – clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac, appliances, linens, art, books, collectibles, etc. **DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT THE THRIFT STORE DONATION BUILDING NEXT TO THE THRIFT STORE. All donations to our Thrift Store & Shelter are tax-deductible too!** [For more information search elmorehumane.org.](#)





Through three focused actions - PRAY, GIVE, GO - children will discover how God multiplies faithful steps. When they PRAY, their prayers stack up like weights on the scale; they may never know which prayer becomes the tipping point for a miracle. When they GIVE, every coin and dollar adds up; their generosity could be the very thing that sends a missionary, buys a Bible, or opens a new door. When they GO, every conversation about Jesus matters! Most people hear the Gospel multiple times before they believe, and a child's conversation might be the moment that tips a heart toward faith. Praying, giving, and reaching other people is how kids will see and feel their choices aren't tiny or forgettable: they are part of what God is using to guide other people toward Jesus.

Bible Verses for the month:

“The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it.” James 5:16B

“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7D

“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone.’ Mark 16:15

It is that time of the year again, Vacation Bible School starts May 31- June 3. We are so excited about Masterpiece, and we hope you join us! If you are not going on any other night, **please consider joining us on family night, June 3rd!** As we invite the families to stay for a fun-filled evening of fellowship! Throughout the summer, we will be meeting for various field trips. Our first one is on **June 27** at 10 am, at the splash pad for some fun in the sun. Be on the lookout for more dates and impromptu meet-ups! Also, mark your calendars for **July 18**, as we rescheduled our Birmingham Zoo trip!

I want to give a special shout-out to all my volunteers. You guys rocked it, and without you, this year would not have been possible! Thank you so much. I appreciate each one of you.

Blessings, Mrs. Ashley



Summer is packed with opportunities to grow in Christ together! Through Vacation Bible School, we'll invest our God given time, talents, and gifts into the faith journeys of those He brings our way. Summer camp will be a blast as we dig into what it means to live set apart from the world and fully surrendered to God through His power— not just for the future, but every day as well. And we'll keep meeting weekly and hanging out as a student ministry family, encouraging each other to think, love, speak, and act more and more like Jesus.

This Month's Series: *We Are Family*

Family can be complicated. Some family memories make us laugh, and some others we'd rather forget. The truth is, no family is perfect, and even the Bible is full of families that fell short of the ideal. This month, we'll explore and discuss the book of Genesis as we follow Abraham's family, who had their own set of imperfections, and see how God was faithful through their best and worst moments. Along the way, we'll discover that **your family isn't perfect, but God's love always is**, that **no family conflict is too big for God**, and even **when your family changes, God stays the same**. And no matter what kind of family we have, **we're all welcome in God's family**.

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!

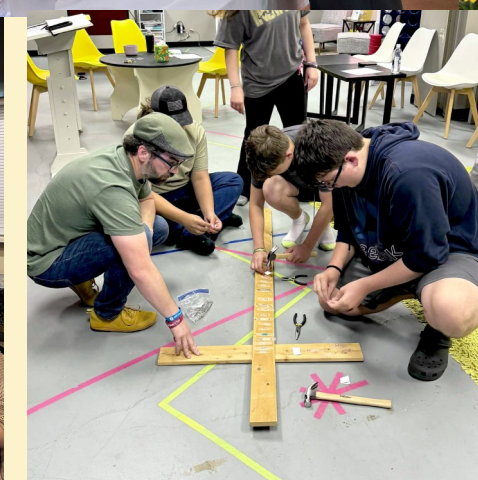
In Him, Jamie



**CONGRATULATIONS
Finley,
Thomas
and Harper!**



**Finley was one of
four Valedictorians
for WHS!!!**



Senior Adult *Ministry*

May was a wonderful spring that has already turned to June and summer. God is so good to give us the changes in seasons, they are all privileges and we should thank Him daily.

On May 12, we had a wonderful informative luncheon and celebrated the 250 years of freedom our country has enjoyed. The decorations were red, white, and blue. The food was very good—thanks to everyone that brought food, helped decorate, set tables, cleanup. Our main dish was hamburger steaks with delicious gravy provided by EC Farmers Federation/Women's Committee.

Delane Pogue with Elmore Council on Aging, gave us ideas of how to help ourselves and others as we age. It was filled with great information and we all enjoyed the program.

June 9th we have a short road trip planned to Rock's BBQ in Prattville. The food is great—be sure to come with us for a fun-filled day. **Bus leaves church at 10:15 a.m. so don't be late.** Please let us know if you sign up and can't make it. The bus sheet will be at the hall table coming up the stairs from our FLC and in Wesley Hall on the big round table. Please sign up! As you know only 15 including the driver can ride each bus. Sign up sheet will be picked up Sunday, June 7th after the 10 a.m. worship. We are early as June begins on a Monday this month.

Life is Really Simple, but we insist on make it complicated.
Confucious

To live is the rarest thing in the world, people exist, that's all—
Oscar Wilde ▲

Always believe, Gloria (334/312-1764)



The Council on Aging will provide life-like stuffed dogs, cats, and birds to those with dementia.



Are you busy saving those household items for our upcoming House of Holidays!?! And searching through your favorite recipes to share your baked goods with our House of Holidays Bakery?

HOH is October 3 but we all know how time flies. Please be reminded that items can be brought the week of the event and not before as storage space on our campus is limited. THANK YOU!!!!

Contact Celestra Rowell at 334/301-3920 or see Donna Matthews, Tonya Turberville, Mae Friar, Carol Bush, or Sandra Hill with any questions.



Coming Saturday, October 3...House of Holidays Event...



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS....Do you have minor things that need doing around your home and are not able to do it? Neighbor-to Neighbor to the rescue! We are a life group willing to help out with needs that don't require major professional tools or expertise to accomplish. **Call the church office, email the church office, or call Jim Rushing at (334) 312-5583** if you or someone in our church family could use a bit of assistance. We want to help:)



Are you actively involved in one or more of our Life Groups? Searching for some information on the various groups? Contact the church office for a complete listing...we are having a blast getting to know one another better in our small group settings.

Celebrating Ms. Nancy's 88th birthday!



**READING THE BIBLE
THROUGH IN A YEAR**



JUNE

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Job 21 – 24 | 16 Psalms 62 – 68 |
| 2 Job 25 – 30 | 17 Psalms 69 – 72 |
| 3 Job 31 – 34 | 18 Psalms 73 – 77 |
| 4 Job 35 – 38 | 19 Psalms 78 – 80 |
| 5 Job 39 – 42 | 20 Psalms 81 – 88 |
| 6 Psalms 1 – 8 | 21 Psalms 89 – 94 |
| 7 Psalms 9 – 17 | 22 Psalms 95 – 103 |
| 8 Psalms 18 – 21 | 23 Psalms 104 – 106 |
| 9 Psalms 22 – 27 | 24 Psalms 107 – 111 |
| 10 Psalms 28 – 33 | 25 Psalms 112 – 118 |
| 11 Psalms 34 – 37 | 26 Psalm 119 |
| 12 Psalms 38 – 42 | 27 Psalms 120 – 133 |
| 13 Psalms 43 – 49 | 28 Psalms 134 – 140 |
| 14 Psalms 50 – 55 | 29 Psalms 141 – 150 |
| 15 Psalms 56 – 61 | 30 Proverbs 1 – 3 |

Support Group

Fresh Start meets at 6 p.m. each 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.



06/04	Necole	Kolendar	06/17	Sam	Legvold
06/05	Julie	Sumpter, Jr.	06/21	Barry	Blackwell
06/07	Ryan	Easterling	06/22	Leslie	Rider
06/08	Julie	Powell	06/23	Cindy	Jones
06/08	Gwen	Browne	06/24	Ellen	Wells
06/09	Judy	Bianchi	06/26	Karrie	Wheat
06/09	Mark	Langley	06/26	Kay	Dansby
06/13	Marjorie	Roate	06/27	J.D.	Hobbie
06/15	John	Bush	06/28	Neal	Pridgen
06/15	Nancy	Jones	06/29	Brysene	Lee



06/04	Tommy & Nell Head
06/05	John & Carol Bush
06/08	Joe & Lyn McDonald
06/12	Ricky & Beth Roberts
06/17	Ewell & Pat Messer
06/18	Carmine & Virginia Vilardi
06/27	Marvin & Jane Salter
06/28	Jamie & Andrea Farquhar
06/29	David & Allannah Tindal

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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June 21, 2026

We will be celebrating and honoring our fathers and those men who fill that role in our lives on **Sunday, June 21.**



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