

*A Community of Believers Seeking to*  
**Transform Lives**  
*through Jesus Christ*

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**MARCH 23RD, 2011**



**SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 27TH**

**Early Worship 8:30a**  
Guest Speaker

**Sunday School 9:15**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**  
Guest Speaker

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**  
Rev. Nathan Carden  
*"Jesus HAD to go to Jerusalem"*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD**

**Early Worship 8:30a**  
Rev. Sam Huffstutler

*"24 Hours-Friday Morning Sentencing"*

**Sunday School 9:15**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**  
Rev. Sam Huffstutler

*"24 Hours-Friday Morning Sentencing"*

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**  
Rev. Nathan Carden  
*"A Cross of Solidarity"*



**DON'T MISS THIS  
INTIMATE AND  
INSPIRING EVENT**

with  
**PRISCILLA  
SHIRER**  
&  
**ANTHONY  
EVANS**  
**APRIL 1-2**

**Ladies Don't Miss this Event!**

Friday April 1st 7:00-9:30PM continuing  
Saturday April 2nd 8:15AM-12:30PM

Priscilla Shirer will be live via satellite along with worship leader Anthony Evans. This will be a **FREE** inspirational event offered through sponsorship by community Churches and held at Pell City FUMC in the Beacon. A love offering will be accepted for those that can give to help cover costs as well as to give to a charity. Be a part of this outreach through your attendance as well as spreading the word and inviting others to grow in their relationship with our LORD and Savior!

*For free tickets contact FUMC at 338-3374 or Karen Sawyer at 205-405-1082. Visit [www.pellcityfumc.org](http://www.pellcityfumc.org) for more information.*



**Saturday,  
March 26th,  
starting at  
7:00 a.m.**

Join the Trustees for a day of cleaning and repairing inside and outside of the church. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for instructions and supplies.

**The Pastor Ponders... A Little!** During the season of Lent, the focus is being placed upon our involvement in worship. That is appropriate, for worship is the hub of our Christian lives. There are many important activities in which we engage as Christians: we serve, we learn, we give, we invest ourselves in a variety of ways. But, worship is the hub from which the others spring....In a recent sermon I spoke of the crucial place of worship in our lives. A few suggestions were made that can enhance our experience of worship. Here are some of them again:

Prepare for worship as well as you prepare for any of the other important hours in your life. What we do to get ready for the moments we spend in the service of worship can help us to seize those moments in their fullness.

Remember that God is the primary actor in worship. The rest of us are but players, who have come to respond to God's action.

Be open to God's action! Worship is not a spectator sport. It is an interactive, dynamic experience.

Don't try to explain everything away. There is mystery in worship. God acts in God's own way. That mystery is to be experienced, not dissected under a microscope.

Get ready to go back home. There is a beautiful rhythm to life: we worship, we return to encounter life in all of its messiness. Sanctuaries and places of worship are intended to be temporary places of restoration, not permanent habitations. ***I look forward to seeing you in worship each Sunday as we continue this Lenten Season! —Sam***

 **MISSIONS** *Welcome back to our Belarus Mission Team!*  
They have shared the love of Christ with the children you sponsored at the orphanages in Bobruisk and Mogilev, through Bible lessons, prayers, music, recreation, crafts, eye exams, and shopping for the needs of the children.

Pell City FUMC Belarus Mission Team  
Eric, Judy, Kelly & Laura Hicks; Charles & Janet Alexander

### One Great Hour of Sharing

The United Methodist Church sets 6 Sundays during the year as special offering days. One of these is the One Great Hour of Sharing. The special offering we receive on this day allows the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, to function throughout the year. This is the agency that administers humanitarian relief for our denomination. UMCOR does much more than disaster relief, they are also involved with hunger relief in Asia, Latin America and Africa and health initiatives in developing countries.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing allows UMCOR to function throughout the year and makes it possible to say that 100% of every dollar given to a special project goes to that project and none is used for administrative costs.

#### UMCOR. Be There. Be Hope.

UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.




**Holy Week Worship Schedule:**  
 Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday  
 Monday, April 18 – Noon Service  
 Tuesday, April 19 – Noon Service  
 Wednesday, April 20 – Noon Service  
 Thursday, April 21 – Noon Service and Maundy Thursday Service (6:30 pm)  
 Friday, April 22 – Noon Service and Tenebrae Service (6:30 pm)

*Holy Week*



**MARCH 13TH**  
**Sunday School:** 166 **8:30 Worship:** 46  
**10:30 Sanctuary:** 130 **10:30 Wide Open:** 134

**MARCH 20TH:** Sunday School: 179 8:30 Worship: 57  
 10:30 Worship: 129 10:30 Wide Open: 138

 *It is time to order your Lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office with your information for the Easter bulletin insert. Remember, you are responsible for purchasing your lily from the florist.*

## Comments from Conference

*The following are comments from the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church in response to the recent tsunami and earthquake in Japan:*

*We are fervently praying for those affected by the massive earthquake and tsunami which struck Northeast Japan. As we witness the horrifying images, we also have an opportunity to give through United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR). Because your apportionment dollars already pay for administrative costs and relief funding, 100% of any money you give directed to the emergency in Japan will be used for disaster relief. —Rev. Matt Lacey, Minister of Outreach*

**UMCOR's Response (as quoted by Rev. Cynthia Harvey, Deputy General Secretary):** *On Friday, March 11, the General Board of Global Ministries reached out to missionaries and partners in Japan to confirm their safety and ask how we can help. The Wesley Center, affiliated with United Methodist Women, is offering shelter to those who are displaced. UMCOR set up an Advance account for the Pacific Emergency. Once we understood better what the scope of the disaster was, we changed the name to "Japan Emergency" and updated the description. For the complete response from Rev. Harvey, please go to: <http://www.northalabamaumc.org/news/detail/856>*

***To donate to UMCOR, please mark your check for "Japan Emergency" and drop it in the offering plate.***



This year's Ash Wednesday was an enormous day, not only for our youth but for the entire church. We had four services of Ash and Communion in the sanctuary and, later that evening, hosted Answer the Call in the Beacon. Just as school let out, a number of our youth gathered with Nathan and me in the sanctuary where I had the privilege of imposing ashes and serving Communion to them. After that time of silence and reflection, we headed over to the Beacon to listen to the band's sound check. From there on out, the evening was a flurry of activity. Alongside youth from churches all over, we heard some great music from "Downhere" and "Rush of Fools". Mount Zion Baptist showcased a drama and Pastor Nathan spoke about answering the call to follow the way of Jesus in service to the world. It was a huge event with around 600 youth present! I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks to all the folks who made this happen: our entire staff here at the church (special thanks to Teresa Harris), my wonderful Youth Council, the tons of adults who showed up to watch doors, wrangle kids, work merchandise tables and keep watch at the fire alarm (you know who you are!), Helen Adams (our nurse) and Stephanie Sawyer (all around do-er!). Finally, my heartfelt thanks go out to Joe Sawyer, who spearheaded things from the get-go and worked tirelessly to ensure that this event was the best it could possibly be – without him, none of this would have happened.

In other news, our website will soon undergo a complete overhaul. This will be huge for our youth! Our page will feature its own calendar, current photos of our youth, Facebook links and a live Twitter feed, where updates, announcements, photos and all sorts of goofiness will be easily accessible to our youth. I'm very excited about this – when it's up and running, be sure to stop by and check things out. At the very least you'll get to watch the funny video of the week! —Peace be with you, **Chance**

**Calling all Seniors:** If you are a High School or College Senior, please contact the church office to make sure your name is on our list for recognition. (Parents and Grandparents, help us out! We don't want to miss anyone).

## Ageless Wonders

Don't miss our next lunch date, **Monday, March 28th, 11:00 a.m.** at the Steakhouse. We have important dates for you to put on your calendar—"Wizard of Oz" production at PCHS; mission trip to UMCOR warehouse; and a program at the Pell City Library.



Preparations have begun for the Holy Week Services at our church, April 18th-22nd at 12:05p each day. Volunteers are needed in the Sanctuary to greet people and to usher and in the Beacon to help serve the meal and to help with cleaning up each day. If you would enjoy helping, please call Kaye Cloud (884-2955) or Judy Hicks (884-0481) or email Kaye at [williamcloud@centurytel.net](mailto:williamcloud@centurytel.net)

Also, on Friday, April 22nd, our church will provide the casseroles for the meal. If you are willing to make a casserole, please call or email Kaye or Judy. There will also be sign-up sheets throughout the church for the casseroles.

**Help! Kids in Need!** Every Sunday morning, a smiling group of 3rd-4th graders gather for an hour to learn about the Word of God in Sunday School. We are in need of a couple of adult volunteers to spend some time with them and to teach them about God's love.

The persons would teach 2 Sundays per month on rotation with other teachers for the duration of 2011 from 9:15-10:15am each time. We have a curriculum ready to use and we can provide training for you. Individuals or couples are encouraged to volunteer. Remember all those people who taught you? Now you can pay this Christian service forward!

If God is calling you to serve in this area for this year, please contact Andala Jones (338-7971) or Nathan Carden (338-3374).

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Church Membership Luncheon

Sunday, April 17th 12-2pm

All recent members and those currently attending are invited to break bread with Pastors Sam and Nathan and learn about what it means to be a United Methodist Christian and our local church family.

## Fundraiser

Please come out and support a Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser for Ms. Betty Hughes' (Day Care worker) granddaughter, Ashley Brown. The Florida Boys and Deputy 5 will perform at Celebrations Friday, March 25th. Dinner at 6:00 and show at 7:45p. Contact Teresa Carden (205-405-0603) for more information.



To Church Members,

I would like to thank the body of the Methodist Church for your help and prayers for my husband Ray Doss and family. I love this church!! It has been a big part of my life!!

With affection, —Ann Doss

## Prayer Requests



**Gilbert Vaughn, Buddy Spradley, David Slimp, Earlene Morton, Jake Davis, Ron Stewart, Sr., Billy Upchurch, Mack Bell, Joy Ray, Tracy Knoll, Joyce Rogers, Christy Bowman, Jane Hays, June Helton, Jean Mitchell, Doris Blake, Marcelle Bell, Wanda & Hugh Harkins, John Smitherman, Curtis Capps, Preston Thompson, Jim Broadwater, John Hassell III, Ray Cooper, Jim Dargan, Jewell Burns, Ronnie Ensley, Joan Phillips, Joan Wallace, Mitchell McEver, Rosemary Carter, Judy Shute, Gary Evans, Jimmy Isbell, Ray Cooper, Dick Whatley, Sonny Thompson, T. J. Cook, Martha Davis, Jessica Martin, Marilyn Rawlins Sweet, Renee Palmer, Beth DeLage, Samuel Rankin, Helen Garrett, Audie Tollison, Dana Grammer, Betty Hughes, Randine Johnson, Jean Quick, Jean Lawrence, Joe Yates, Scott Elliott, Margaret Atkinson, Kathie Eubanks, Chuck Carter, Jason Martin, Ben Hestley, Ann Self, Louise Meehan, Bob Stewart, Sug Martin, Kitty Adams, Varona Perry, Alice Reid, Edna Aldridge, Judy Carleton, and Charlene DeShazer**

*(Note: Names in bold indicate new concerns)*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH**

1:00p Christian Outreach-*Conference Room*  
 10:00a Day Care Chapel-*Sanctuary*  
 6:00p Trustees-*Conference Room*  
 6:00p Gateway Group-*New Covenant Class*  
 8:00p Men's Group-*Summit*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 6:00p Young Adult Bible Study-*Carden Home*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**

6:30a Gideon's-*Fellowship Hall*  
 7:30a-Trustees Workday-*Fellowship Hall*  
 8:00a Community Art Class-*Garner Rm.*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH**

7:30a Men's Breakfast-*Beacon*  
 8:30a Early Worship-*Sanctuary*  
 9:15a Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-*Beacon*  
 11:30a Confirmation Class-*Conf. Room*

**MONDAY, MARCH 28TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 11:00a Ageless Wonders Lunch-*Steakhouse*  
 12:30a Staff Meeting-*Conference Rm.*  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-*Conference Room*  
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-*Conf. Rm.*  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-*Beacon*  
 5:00p Youth to the Basement  
 6:00p SPRC-*Conference Room*  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-*Seeker's Class*  
 5:30p Fellowship Supper-*Beacon*  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 6:30p Small Group Studies  
 7:00p Choir Practice-*Sanctuary* –continued

7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST**

10:00a Day Care Chapel-*Sanctuary*  
 6:00p Gateway Group-*New Covenant Class*  
 8:00p Men's Group-*Summit*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 6:00p Priscilla Shirer Simulcast-*Beacon*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND**

8:00a Priscilla Shirer Simulcast-*Beacon*  
 6:30a Gideon's-*Fellowship Hall*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD**

8:30a Early Worship-*Sanctuary*  
 9:15a Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-*Beacon*  
 11:30a Confirmation Class-*Conf. Room*

**MONDAY, APRIL 4TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 12:30p Staff Meeting-*Conf. Room*  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

6:30p Men's Emmaus Reunion Group

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-*Conference Room*  
 9:00a District Meeting-*Conference Room*  
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-*Conf. Rm.*  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-*Beacon*  
 5:30p Missions Meeting-*Library*  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-*Seeker's Class*  
 11:30a Gleaner's Circle-*Fellowship Hall*  
 5:30p Fellowship Supper-*Beacon*  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 6:30p Small Group Studies  
 7:00p Choir Practice-*Sanctuary*  
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH**

9:00a Amazin Grace Reunion Group-*Conf. Rm.*  
 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry-*Fellowship Hall*  
 10:00a Day Care Chapel-*Sanctuary*  
 8:00p Men's Group-*Summit*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH**

6:30a Gideon's-*Fellowship Hall*  
 8:00a Community Art Class-*Garner Room*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH**

8:30a Early Worship-*Sanctuary*  
 9:15a Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-*Beacon*  
 11:30a Confirmation Class-*Conf. Room*

**MONDAY, APRIL 11TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 12:30p Staff Meeting-*Conf. Room*  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-*Conference Room*  
 8:00a Soil & Water Board Event-*Ed. Building*  
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-*Carden Home*  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-*Beacon*  
 5:30p Missions Meeting-*Library*  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-*Seeker's Class*  
 11:30a Gleaner's Circle-*Fellowship Hall*  
 5:30p Fellowship Supper-*Beacon*  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 6:30p Small Group Studies  
 7:00p Choir Practice-*Sanctuary*  
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

**Next Newsletter Mailing:  
 April 13th**

**We are missing some black tablecloths that we will need for Holy Week. If you happen to have them, please bring them back to the Beacon supply closet. Thanks!**

**Website:**

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**