



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

First United  
Methodist Church

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## Pastors:

Rev. Sam Huffstutler, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Nathan Carden, Assoc. Pastor  
Rev. Ava Rozelle, Assoc. Pastor

MAY 25TH, 2011



### Sunday, May 29th

**Morning Watch 8:30a**

Rev. Branson Isley

**Chapel in the Pines 8:30a**

Rev. Benny Cospier

**Sunday School 9:15a**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

"A Good Look at God"

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Nathan Carden

"The Wellspring of Forgiveness"

### Sunday, June 5th

**Morning Watch 3:30a**

Rev. Charles Alexander

**Chapel in the Pines**

Rev. Paul Brasher

**Sunday School 9:15a**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

"Jars and Vessels"

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Nathan Carden

"Steps to Forgiveness"

## Celebration

On Sunday May 22, we joined together as a church family in one worship service in The Beacon to celebrate Confirmation Sunday with 11 young people of our church who came forward to embrace the Christian faith for themselves. For the last 10 weeks, 12 of our young people have gathered each Sunday from 11:45am-1:30pm to learn the basics of the Christian faith and learn what it means to be a United Methodist Christian engaged in worship, nurture and service. Our youth minister, Chance Perdue, led the confirmation training and the students also heard from pastors Sam and Nathan. They served together on a service project in April and enjoyed a cookout on May 21 with their families to celebrate this milestone and new beginning. This past Sunday, **Elizabeth Trawick** was baptized in anticipation of her



Elizabeth Trawick, Alex Trawick, Bethany Sorrels, Amelia Sorrels, Matt Dorough, Ellie Mitcham, John Hutto, Garrett Steed, Anna Thomas and Annalise Garing (not pictured are Anna Kate and Abigail Wright)

confirmation in a few years. **Alex Trawick, Austin Carleton, Matt Dorough, Amelia Sorrels, and Bethany Sorrels** were baptized, confirmed, and joined our local church as members. **Anna Thomas, Annalise Garing, Ellie Mitcham, John Hutto and Garrett Steed** confirmed the baptism given to them in their childhood by their family and church family and also joined the church. **Anna Kate and Abigail Wright** who had to be out of town with their families, will also be baptized and confirmed at a later date. Each confirmand was presented with a Wesley Study Bible individually embossed with their names as a gift from the church. Confirmation Sunday was a day to celebrate the covenant made many years ago by this church and the families of the youth that together we would raise them to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and for this, we give thanks to God!

## New Children's Minister



Staff-Parish Relations is excited to announce that after several months of prayerful searching, we have hired **Nancy Boorman** to be our new **Children's Minister!**

Nancy is a recent graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University where she earned her Master of Divinity degree. She brings many years of experience working with children in diverse church settings to her new job here at PCFUMC. Nancy is in the process of transitioning to Pell City from Atlanta, GA and she will begin her work with us on Monday, June 6.

## The North Alabama Annual Conference 2011 will be June 2-4, 2011, at Asbury UMC in Madison.



*The theme is Healthy Congregations. Please be in prayer for our Clergy and our Lay Delegates*

*Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47*



## Belarus Camp Update

This summer, our church will help provide a Christian camp experience for 30 children in the orphanage in Bobruisk, Belarus, grades six through nine. This is an expansion of the ministry our church has offered for these children for many years. Cost to provide the camp is about \$100 per child. At the meal on Sunday, we raised over \$800 toward the cost of the camp. If you are a sponsor, and would like to send a letter to the child you sponsor, please give it to Eric Hicks or the church office by Sunday, June 18. Please keep us and our Belarusian partners in your prayers as we prepare.

## Hometown Mission "Trip"

The next Hometown Mission "Trip" is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 through Saturday, June 11. This is a time when we attempt larger-scale projects to help people in need in our community. This time, we will be concentrating on providing help to the victims of the April 27 storms. You can participate for all four days, or for as little as a half day. There are service opportunities for all skill levels, youth and adult. It will be very helpful if you can let us know if you plan to participate by calling the church office or sending an email to [missions@pellcityfumc.org](mailto:missions@pellcityfumc.org).



## Vacation Bible School needs your help!

We're bringing kitchen fun to the kids at our Vacation Bible School, *Shake It Up Cafe' Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!* We are in desperate need of volunteers to staff Vacation Bible School. If you have not signed up, it is not too late! The dates are June 20-24, from 8:30am-12:05pm. We need adults who are willing to assist in crafts, snack time and shepherding children to each center, etc. If you cannot help the entire week, that is fine. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact **Andala Jones** immediately if you are able to help out any day. Her email is [andala@centurytel.net](mailto:andala@centurytel.net) and her home phone is 338-7971. You can also register on the church website: [www.pellcityfumc.org](http://www.pellcityfumc.org)

With God's help and our hard work, we will have a terrific Vacation Bible School, reaching our church children, daycare children and the community. **Won't you please lend a hand?**



## Chapel in the Pines

May 29 Rev. Benny Cospser      June 5th Rev. Paul Brasher  
 June 12th Rev. Maurice Keller      June 19th Rev. Jeff Garner  
 June 26th Rev. Jeffrey Wilson

## Disaster Relief Update

Before FEMA or government leaders stood in the wreckage, local community groups and church congregations were on the streets, assessing needs and providing emergency supplies. From organizing donations to setting up makeshift shelters and feeding stations in church basements, shifting through debris and people's belongings to contributing financial and prayerful resources, church's became unofficial first responders in the days after the tornadoes wiped out houses, municipal services, and whole towns. Once again, you as a congregation have become the hands, feet, eyes, ears and heart of love! This will be a long recovery. May Christ continue to be seen in you! Teresa has provided you with more details of our disaster response in the paragraphs below.

—Sam



As time goes by, we continue to work with UMCOR and different groups around our area to help restore homes and people's lives. We continue to receive monetary donations and are waiting to hear from UMCOR as to further needs.

- With the help of Springville UMC, this past week we delivered another 245 Health Kits, these to Alabaster United Methodist Church to be delivered into the field. This brings our total Health Kits to 365.
- We sent one team to Hardin's Chapel on Saturday to help with debris removal and sorting of food and clothes.
- We delivered all of the items we received from your donations to Alabaster FUMC per UMCOR's request.
- The St. Clair Co. Health Dept is offering free tetanus shots for storm relief workers.

Hardin's Chapel in Ragland still needs volunteers with chain saws as well as help removing trees and debris. Some of the work is during the week, but the majority is on weekends. Weekend help is preferred because many of the homeowners needing help have now gone back to work and want to be present when we are working on their property. If you are available to work on a weekend, please contact the church office or send an email to: [teresa@pellcityfumc.org](mailto:teresa@pellcityfumc.org)

On Monday, we received 2 large boxes from Broadmoor UMC in Shreveport, LA. They heard about our children's mission to make shoe boxes filled with goodies for children and wanted to help. Their group called "Mission Possible Kids" made the boxes and shipped them to us for distribution. They also send their prayers!

**Please remember to keep all of Alabama (and Joplin, Missouri) in your prayers.**

**Job Opening** First United Methodist Church of Pell City seeks a Christian person for efficient administration of church financial affairs. For qualifications and job description, please visit our website at [www.pellcityfumc.org](http://www.pellcityfumc.org). Submit resumes to: First United Methodist Church, Church Fund Manager, 2200 3rd Ave. North, Pell City, AL 35125 or email to: [fumcpellcity@gmail.com](mailto:fumcpellcity@gmail.com)

**Ageless Wonders** Join the group, including the Ageless Wonders for dinner at "Top of the River" in Gadsden on Monday evening, June 13th. Make your reservations by signing up on the bulletin board by the church office. The church bus will leave the upper parking lot at 4pm. **Come out and enjoy the fellowship and the food!**



**Do you have the gift of organization? Have you been wondering where you may serve? Do you have an extra 5-10 minutes after Sunday service or maybe during the week?**

We have a need for a young person, a family, or an individual to volunteer for one month at a time to straighten hymnals and Bibles; keep pencils sharpened; keep giving envelopes in the back of the pews; and remove used bulletins after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

This will rotate every month beginning in July. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the sheet titled "Pew Service" on the bulletin board by the church office.



**Congratulations to Jill Kurzejeski and Chestley Harmon who were married on Saturday, May 21st!**

**Wanted:** The Fellowship Hall is in need of a microwave . If you happen to have one you are not using please notify the church office.

**OUR KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Our Community and our State,** Bob and Jeri Hollis, Mel and Betty Osinga, Dorothy Thomas, Kaylynn Bailey, Alana Williams, Myrt Pfannkuche, Charlotte Eubanks, Sara Guinn, Liz Bivin, Dot Eden, June Slimp, Joanne Herold, Beatrice Dobbs, David Slimp, Joyce Rogers, Christy Bowman, Jane Hays, June Helton, Marcelle Bell, Wanda & Hugh Harkins, Curtis Capps, Preston Thompson, Jim Broadwater, Ray Cooper, Jim Dargan, Jewell Burns, Ronnie Ensley, Joan Phillips, Mitchell McEver, Rosemary Carter, Judy Shute, Gary Evans, Jimmy Isbell, Ray Cooper, Dick Whatley, Sonny Thompson, T. J. Cook, Martha Davis, Jessica Martin, Renee Palmer, Beth DeLage, Samuel Rankin, 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)**



**Relay for Life Update**

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the success of Relay for Life last Friday night. Our church team raised \$3,820.53 and took home First Place in church teams. A special "thanks" to those who helped with the tent on Friday and Saturday.

**Hometown Block Party** Mark your calendar for the Pell City Hometown Block Party coming Friday, June 3rd, at 5:30 pm.

**Sound System Operators**

We have a new sound board on order for the Sanctuary! If you are interested in becoming one of the volunteers to assist on Sunday morning and for special events, please contact Debbie James at home-884-0627 or by email at: [eyedrhelper2004@yahoo.com](mailto:eyedrhelper2004@yahoo.com) for more information.



Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Millie Dillon and her family in the recent loss of her brother, Randolph Gardner.



**Welcome to all of our Confirmands (featured on the front page) and to Bob and Laurie Carleton.**

**Financial Update:** Budget Needs to date: \$240,423.32  
 Receipts year to date: \$233,884.31  
 Difference: \$ -6,539.01  
 Building Fund: Debt year to date: \$826,703.24  
 Receipts Year to date: \$28,040.00



Our calendar for the altar flowers has several openings, especially in the next few weeks. Please stop by the church office or call and reserve a date for flowers in honor or in memory of someone special.



**ATTENDANCE**

**MAY 15TH**

**Sunday School:** 166

**8:30 Worship:** 23

**10:30 Sanctuary:** 134 **10:30 Wide Open:** 136  
**Chapel in the Pines:** 100

**MAY 22ND**

**Sunday School:** 146 **8:30 Worship:** no service

**Combined 10:30 Worship:** 250

**Chapel in the Pines:** 184

**THURSDAY, MAY 26TH**

10:00a Day Care Chapel-Sanctuary  
 1:00p Christian Outreach-Conference Room  
 6:00p Gateway Group-New Covenant Class  
 6:30p District Meeting-Conference Room  
 8:00p Men's Group-Summit

**FRIDAY, MAY 27TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center

**SATURDAY, MAY 28TH**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 29TH**

7:30a Men's Breakfast-Garner Room  
 8:30a Chapel in the Pines  
 8:30a Morning Watch-Sanctuary  
 9:15a-Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-Beacon

**MONDAY, MAY 30TH****OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, MAY 31ST**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room  
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-Conf. Rm.  
 12:30a Staff Meeting-Conference Rm.  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND****NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

10:00a Day Care Chapel-Sanctuary  
 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry-Fellowship Hall  
 6:00p Gateway Group-New Covenant Class  
 8:00p Men's Group-Summit

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD****NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center  
 5:30p Hometown Block Party-Downtown

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH****NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall  
 8:00a Community Art Class-Beacon

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**

8:30a Chapel in the Pines  
 8:30a Morning Watch-Sanctuary  
 9:15a Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-Beacon

**MONDAY, JUNE 6TH**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-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, JUNE 8TH****HOMETOWN MISSION TRIP**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-Seeker's Class  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 7:00p Choir Practice-Sanctuary  
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

*Next Newsletter Mailing:—June 8th*

Zach Spann will be working in California

during the summer. His new address is:

**Zach Spann** - Staff, JH Ranch  
 8525 Homestead Lane  
 Etna, CA 96027

**June Birthdays**

6/1: Dot Eden  
 6/2: R. J. Buckley, Sam Richardson  
 6/3: Jennifer Helms, Glenn Smith  
 6/5: Braylon Guinn  
 6/6: Jenny DuBose, Tara Hazelwood  
 6/7: Fred Middleton, Karen Sawyer  
 6/8: Martha Martin, Paige Phillips  
 6/9: Linda Fowler, Nina Overton  
 6/11: June Brascho  
 6/12: Bill Cloud, Bill Hays,  
       Regina Mathis  
 6/13: Sandra Middleton, Helen Staples  
 6/15: Andrea Jackson, Justin Pope  
 6/16: Andrew Heineman  
 6/17: Chandler Clemmons,  
       Evan Sawyer  
 6/18: Gary Johnsey, Matt Kronen,  
       Nina Wright  
 6/19: Leslie Hughes  
 6/20: Laurie Carleton, Emerson Wright  
 6/21: Johnny Mathis  
 6/22: Robin Hines, Aaron Mathis,  
       Walter Quick, Diana Thomson  
 6/23: Waymond Adams, Bob Day,  
       Harrison Skillman  
 6/24: Ava Rozelle  
 6/25: Henry Alexander, Linda Garing  
 6/26: Jean Reid, Buddy Spradley  
 6/27: Alexandra Brascho, Emily  
       Haines, Kristin Kurzejeski,  
       Layne Lee  
 6/28: Sara Guinn  
 6/29: Judy Douglas, Pamela Thomson  
 6/30: Emily Eickmann, Briley  
       Goodgame, Becky Wansart

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Friday - Closed