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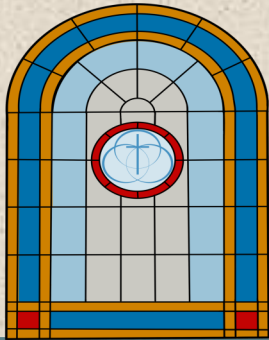
Wednesday Church Schedule

10:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
	Young Adult Group	FLC room 201
	Children’s Ministries	KidZone - 3rd Floor
	Youth Ministries	Youth Worship Student Building
7:00 pm	Choir	Choir Room
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Sunday Church Schedule

8:00 am	Prayer Walk	
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship	Family Life Center
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Shepherd’s Table Worship	Family Life Center

Nursery is available for all services and church programming



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A GLOBAL METHODIST CONGREGATION

The Newsletter of Tuscumbia First Methodist Church

July 2025

Sunday Morning
Adult Groups

10:00 am

Character Builders
Men of all ages
B104 - Off the
Fellowship Hall

Sister’s in Christ
Women of all ages
F201 - Family Life Center

Adult Small Group-Couples
& singles of all ages
F202 - Family Life Center

Men’s Class
Men of all ages
B103 - Off the Fellowship Hall

Women of Faith
Women of all ages
S101 - Sanctuary Building

Ethel Gary Class
Married & Single men
& women
S201 - Sanctuary Building

Kathryn Mills Class
Couples & Singles 60 & up
BS102 - Chapel -
Sanctuary Building

Sarah Ann Maples Class
Couples & Singles 50 & up
S202 - Sanctuary Building

College Class
College age Young adults
E203 - 2nd floor of
Education Building

CELEBRATING
YOUTH MINISTER
CHAD
KENNINGTON

16 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT TFMCH
JULY 6TH @ 6:00
IN THE FLC

ALL ARE INVITED - FORMER YOUTH ENCOURAGED

TABLE FOR
GIFTS &
CARDS

DESSERT

SHARE A
FUNNY
STORY OR
MEMORY



SUMMER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuscumbia First Methodist
KidZone

July 9

Ice Cream
Sundaes 6:00

July 16

Gattman Splash
Pad 6:00

July 23

Miami Ice 6:00

July 30

BTS Party- 72 Play Factory
5:00



From The Pastor...

<i>Spiritual Health</i>	
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At some point in our life, we become acutely aware of being concerned about our physical health. Whether it comes naturally or as the result of an illness, there are steps that can be taken to improve our physical health. Many times it comes down to our eating and exercise habits and at times requires medication. Once we become aware of the need to be attentive to our health, we realize we must always attend to it.

When we become healthy, we don't stop paying attention to our health. We never get to the point where we're healthy enough to stop paying attention to our health. The truth is, we never finish. We come to understand good health is more a life-style, not a singular goal. The healthiest people in the world are the ones who are always working on their health. They do so more and more. They keep eating the healthiest foods (except for that humongous bowl of ice cream with chocolate syrup thoroughly enjoyed with Oreos), keep exercising, and keep taking the necessary medications. Once healthy, we want to remain healthy and should want to become healthier if possible.

I believe the same principle holds true when considering our spiritual health. We have Paul's words found in 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3 which support this principle.

“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ It is God’s will that you should be sanctified . . .”

Focus a moment on, “to do this more and more.” Follow along Paul’s train of thought. He instructed the believers on how to live in order to please God. Then said do it more and more. And finished this thought describing living in order to please God as the will of God and the will of God being sanctification. We are to seek to please God more and more, which results in becoming like Him more and more, which by definition is becoming holy, which we call the process of sanctification.

Do it more and more. It will help keep you fit and spiritually healthy.



**Our appreciation to the following who have
given honorarium/memorial gifts in June:**

Charles Luman by: M/M Jimmy Lockett, Gary and Brenda Meeseman

Mary Duncan by: M/M Jimmy Lockett, Victor Colton, Beverly Cowan, Terry Marmann, M/M Matt Kirkland

Lucy Heidorn by: Mary Shook, M/M Jerry Wilbanks, M/M
Matt Kirkland



Items of Note & Upcoming Church Events

Holy Conferencing – North Alabama Style
Rev. Alan Beasley

Rev. Alan Beddie

On June 12, the North Alabama Annual Conference, clergy and lay delegates alike, gathered in Trussville for our annual gathering. From the earliest days of our Methodist roots and John Wesley, came the term for Annual Conference know as “Holy Conferencing.” Be encouraged that we have returned to our roots. It was without question two and a half days of learning, worshipping, fellowshiping and renewal. It was a holy conference for sure.

For a glimpse of what we did, here are some specific highlights:

☐ We elected 6 delegates, 2 alternates, and 4 reserves to serve as clergy representatives to General Conference in 2016.

- ☐ We elected 6 delegates, 2 alternates, and 4 reserves to serve as clergy representatives to General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 28 - September 5, 2026. I was elected and will have the privilege of being the leader of the delegation. We elected 6 delegates to represent the laity. We need a few more.
- ☐ We passed a \$650,000 conference budget for 2026. All salaries and administrative costs amount to 43% of the budget. 57% of our budget is for missions, ministry, and equipping for all ages.
- ☐ We ordained 13 people as deacons or elders as part of 4 powerful, Spirit-filled worship serves. We worshiped like champions and the Spirit moved in each service.
- ☐ We celebrated new churches and pastors joining the Global Methodist Church, and new church plants within our conference.
- ☐ We celebrated our conference mission partnership with Nigeria and welcomed a new mission partner, Eurasia, which includes Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Here are some thoughts I borrowed from a friend in Ohio. It sums it up well.


- ☐ There was more praying than legislating. In fact, there was hardly any legislation.
- ☐ There was more worship in spirit and truth than looking back on what was.
- ☐ There was an obvious openness to the Holy Spirit while maintaining a gathering of “order and peace.”
- ☐ People stepped further into grace expecting the gospel to deliver them further from the power of sin and fill them with the love of God and love for neighbor by the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ There was a laser focus on the mission of the local church with a global vision of partnering with sister annual conferences in different parts of the world.
- ☐ The teaching and preaching was biblical and geared towards application, while holding to our doctrines with a convictional and whimsical spirit.
- ☐ There was an abiding spirit of trust, humility, joy, and cooperation that has as much to do with the laity as it does with our annual conference leadership.
- ☐ Jesus was proclaimed as Lord and the Bible as the Word of God...and we weren't angry about it.

We will gather again next year, May 28-30, 2026. You might want to consider joining me!

A New Annual Conference Mission Partner! Tuscumbia First Can Help! During Annual Conference a couple of weeks ago, we announced a new mission partner beginning immediately in addition to Nigeria. Our conference will be joining in mission and ministry with the conference of Eurasia, which includes the countries of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

When the North Alabama Annual Conference began in early 2023, we had no money. We needed seed money just to get our conference off the ground. Several churches who had the financial capacity after coming through disaffiliation to sow into our annual conference we asked for a one time gift, including Tuscumbia. They were generous and responded. That allowed us to operate until we started receiving connectional funding. Eurasia needs seed money. The difference between our conference and Eurasia is they have no real capacity to raise money. We are their capacity!

- We're raising \$25,000 by July 15 to support administrative costs.
- Your gift will help launch and grow the Eurasia Annual Conference.
- Together, we're expanding the mission of the Global

A map of Eurasia, showing the continents of Europe and Asia. The map is color-coded with various shades of green and yellow, and includes labels for major countries like Russia, China, and India. The map is framed by a decorative border with sunburst-like rays emanating from the top and bottom.

We are trying to raise \$25,000 for Eurasia to operate this year. This was not in the conference budget for 2025 so every church is being asked to receive a special offering for Eurasia. It is in the 2026 budget. We did not receive a special offering for Annual Conference as we normally do but this is it, just after Annual Conference. If you would like to give to support Eurasia, make your check out to the church just like any offering, mark it "Eurasia Offering" and we'll send one check to the conference office on July 15. Thanks for your generosity.

North Alabama & Eurasia: Growing the GMC Church Together



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- A map of Eurasia, showing Russia, China, and various Central Asian countries. The map is framed by a thick blue border and set against a background of yellow sunburst rays.



Donations

July 15th Make checks payable to:

Our Goal
\$25,000

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