

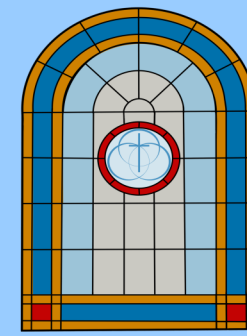
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The Newsletter of the Tuscumbia First Methodist Church of Tuscumbia, Alabama

September 2024

**New Sermon Series:**

**“When God Breaks In”**

September 8, 2024

Scripture: Acts 10:1-8  
Sermon: “Unplanned and Blind-Sided”

September 15, 2024

Scripture: Acts 10:9-16  
Sermon: “Understanding Truth Differently”

September 22, 2024

Chad Kennington will be preaching.

September 29, 2024

Scripture: Acts 10:27-35  
Sermon: “Just Three Words”

October 6, 2024

Scripture: Acts 12:5-11  
Sermon: “Miracles Still Happen”

**CHILDREN’S DEPT.**

**NURSERY**  
INFANTS THROUGH 3 YEARS OLD

Available at all service times on the 1st floor of the Education Building

**KIDZONE**  
AGES 4 YEAR OLD - 5TH GRADE

**8:30** SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Classes on the 3rd Floor.

**9:45** WORSHIP  
Children will start in the 9:45 Service before being dismissed to Kids’ Worship on the 3rd Floor.

**11:00** SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Classes on the 3rd Floor.



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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



**Sunday Church Schedule**

7:30 am	Prayer Walk	
8:30 am	Early Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 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**

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

A new Bible Study for those young adults who feel like they have aged out of the College/Early Career Class led by Kylie Basinger will begin September 4th at 6:00 p.m. It will be discussion oriented and, at times, will include a video teaching from a popular nationally known preacher/teacher. Alan Beasley will lead this study. Nursery is available on Wednesday nights. Make plans to join us for this new opportunity to dig into God’s Word!

## From The Pastor...

### *So Many Magazines*

Lori and I have for several years had a Post Office box rather than having mail delivered to our home for a lot of different reasons. It simply worked better for us. We have one now in Tusculmbia as a temporary solution but will soon begin having mail delivered to our house. (After we get a mailbox.) With the popularity and ease of receiving various pieces of communication via email or online accounts and going paperless, the amount of mail delivered to us has decreased dramatically over the years. That is, until recently. When I was approaching sixty-five years of age, our box became inundated with mail related to Medicare and it hasn't let up. The end result is that I might go to the Post Office to pick up our mail once or twice a week. I do this because we receive very little "important" mail which is time sensitive.

A large portion of the mail we receive are magazines related to retail companies. They have slowed down some but we still get plenty. And oddly, when I say we still get plenty, many of them are multiple, duplicate magazines from the same company. Their marketing strategy must involve the number of magazines delivered directly influences the buyer. I think the opposite is true for me. They become familiar and I assume I've already seen it and I toss it in the trash on the way out. I might miss something great, maybe a terrific bargain, because I assume I'm familiar with the contents. Tossing is easy and has become a habit of mine.

We judge easily and "toss" quickly in our fast-paced culture. Don't let this mentality spill over into your spiritual life. It is quite unhealthy if we think we are so familiar with the scriptures we "toss it" and never explore the contents. Or we assume we are familiar enough with prayer we "toss it" and never spend time in the presence of the One who authored the contents. There are so many things we "toss" in our spiritual journey because of perceived familiarity. Don't make this mistake. Open every piece of scripture, prayer, worship, acts of service, fellowship, etc., and see what is inside. You will be amazed at how it is ever changing in meaning. Ever transforming. New nuggets of truth jumping off the page like never before.

You see, when we get in the habit of opening instead of tossing, we expect something worthwhile to be inside. Intentionality leads to expectation which leads to discovery of the goodness of God. Open. Don't toss the gifts God has given so we might enjoy intimacy with Him.

~Alan

#### Our appreciation to the following who have given honorarium gifts in

##### August:

Those who cook for the shut-ins by: Doris Robbins

Rev. and Mrs. Alan Beasley by: Norman and Patsy Simmons

#### Our appreciation to the following who have given memorial gifts in

##### August:

Edith Ann Barber by: M/M Keith Coates, Gene Cleveland

Michael McDonald by: Don and Edith Ruggles

Gil Cleveland by: Jerry and Janet Wilbanks, Judy Gullett, Terry Mar-mann

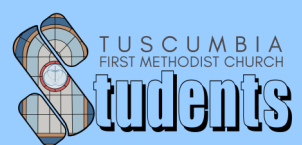
**A Note of Thanks:** The Barber family wants to thank our Church family for their many acts of kindness during the illness, move to Heaven, and Celebration of Life service of our much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and mother-in-law **Edith Ann Barber**. We are grateful for your many expressions of love in sending cards, visiting, meals, memorial donations to the church, and especially your prayers. Also, we are grateful for the weekly meals some of the ladies prepared and delivered to her during her illness. You have truly shared the love of Jesus with us during this time.

Sincerely,  
The children (Barbers, Parrises, Clarks) and grandchildren (Beavers, Boozers, Wilson, Barbers, Wrights).



**Sunday**  
8:30 & 11:00 - Sunday School  
9:45 - Kid's Worship

**Wednesday**  
6:00 pm  
Fun, Faith & Fellowship

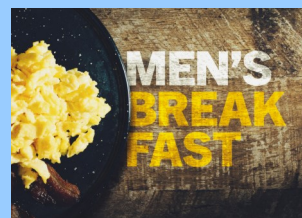


#### Student Ministries

**Sunday**  
8:30  
Sunday School

**Wednesday**  
6:00 pm

Youth  
Wednesday Worship



#### Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 8  
at 7:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

## Items of Note & Upcoming Church Events

**STUDENTS BOWLING**  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

**ISBELL'S PUMPKIN FARM**  
Sunday, September 29  
Meet there at 2:00pm  
\$12 per person

**WE'RE GETTING NEW HYMNALS**

YOU CAN GET A NEW HYMNAL IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS PROJECT AND HONOR THOSE YOU LOVE BY PLACING A HYMNAL IN OUR SANCTUARY

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH & ONLINE.