

The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

July 2022



*Mark your
calendar*

Fish Fry
Friday, July 1

Church Office Closed
Monday, July 4
for Independence Day

Church Council
6:00 Monday, July 11.
Meetings are open to the
congregation

Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 16

Vacation Bible School
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday
August 1st - 3rd



Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference

June 12 - 15, 2022

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama

A first time personal impression of Annual Conference.

I was honored to be one of the four people who represented Foley at this year's annual Conference. I was blessed by seeing many friends from other churches and Emmaus, meeting new friends, hearing God's Word through messages from Pastors, sharing communion and liturgy as we worshiped and singing beautiful music led by the gifted worship leaders.

It was a learning experience watching our conference at work. It is comforting to know our conference is led by God through the Bishop, pastors and lay leaders that have been called into His service who take the issues of today seriously and prayerfully.

Sadly, most of the discussion was on topics dealing with the disaffiliation of churches in our conference. When it came time to vote to accept the 4 churches who were leaving, I grieved for them. I felt like our conference is similar to the 12 tribes that God brought into the Promise land to form one nation but ten of the tribes felt they could do it better on their own and formed their own nation.

Please be praying for the churches in our conference - the pastors and leaders and the congregation members- and for our annual conference leaders who are guiding us through these new issues.

Peggy Ratcliff, Lay Member to Annual Conference

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES



REAL LIFE NEEDS MC

5th Sunday Potluck, July 31st – Following the 11 am service.
Meat will be provided so prepare your favorite recipe
and join us for wonderful food and fellowship.



DISCIPLESHIP MC

Let's get connected! Connected to new friends and God's Word! There are many opportunities at FUMC to do this but here are three choices that you may not know about. If these topics, days, or times don't fit your schedule, I would love to help you get a group started on another day or time. It can be a game type like described in #2 below, a book study, discuss the sermon topic, or use a technique called "verse mapping" which emphasizes a verse a week while sharing life with a few friends in a small group atmosphere.

#1 9:30 am Sunday -room 114 Spirit center Using Acts, discover ways to serve and be part of a community centered on Christ.

#2 8:30 am Monday – Using chapters from the book of John, participants write 2-3 questions per chapter during the week then as a group we ask these questions to each other. What a fun way to learn God's Word while forming friendships. We meet in a home so contact Peggy for directions.

#3 Beginning July 10th, the Wesley Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Revelation. Come on and join in, we'd love to have you! We meet at 9:30 in the Spirit Center room 205 (the northwest corner on the second floor.)

Have a question or need more information on this or other classes, contact the church office - 251-943-4393, Pastor Bill, Pastor John or call Peggy Ratcliff – 251-975-8336.



KIDS MC

FOLEY UMC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 1st-3rd
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Foley United Methodist
915 N. Pine St., Foley

Register Today:
Online at foleyumc.org/vbs-2022



* Ages 5 - 6th Grade

* Created in Christ

* Join the Fun!

VBS Update

We had our first planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on June 8, 2022. The theme this year is "Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose," as part of the Sparks Studio program. The turnout for this meeting was tremendous - 19 dedicated volunteers willing to help children learn more about Jesus in fun and exciting ways.

VBS this year will be held at the church - in the Well and in the Spirit Center on August 1, 2, and 3, 2022 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The program includes a creative focus centering on the phrase "We are all God's Masterpieces."

Even though we had a great number of individuals signing up for various areas, we can still use many enthusiastic people willing to work with the children of Foley this summer, right before school starts again! There are many different areas for which you can sign up to help. These include: refreshments, recreation, marketing, music, mission, arts/crafts, story time, decorations, and registration.

Our next planning meeting will be July 14, 2022 at 6pm in Rm. 119 of the Spirit Center. Hope to see many bright and eager faces!! Contact me with any questions



VBS (Vacation Bible School)

2nd Organizational and Planning Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 2022 At 6 pm In Spirit Center, Room 119

We still need volunteers in many areas!!

For more info. contact:

Michelle Stracener at mcstracener1995@gmail.com

or

Mary Medbery at marymedbery@centurylink.net



TABLE MC

**The Table is sponsoring our first
Ice Cream Social in the
Spirit Center on July 16 at 2:00 pm.
Bring your favorite Ice cream
and we will supply all the toppings!
Come join the fun!**

**(Psst! I hear you may get a chance to
cover Pastor John and Pastor Bill with
toppings! Whoo-Hoo!)**



The Table group has placed a food donation cart in the 9:30 and 11am services which will be there each Sunday. Feeding the hungry in Baldwin county is our continuous mission.



Please remember to bring your non-perishable goods, and staples such as rice and beans, Mac n cheese, oatmeal and peanut butter and jelly (these are just suggestions) and place them in the cart on your way into church! The need is great, bless a hungry family!



Join us every Sunday at 9:30
for KidsQuest and bring a friend or a neighbor!

GOD VIEW: The connection between making waves and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

We were created in God's image. God sent Jesus to show us the best way to be human. But God knew we'd need help. That's why God sent us the Holy Spirit. With the power of the Spirit, we can produce fruit that points others to Jesus. Every month, kids discover something about God's character and how they can reflect or respond to that character because they are created in God's image.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	BOTTOM LINE Show kindness to everyone
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY City on a Hill Matthew 5:14-16	BOTTOM LINE Show God's goodness to others
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY David and Jonathan 1 Samuel 18-20, 2 Samuel 9 (Supporting: 2 Samuel 4:4)	BOTTOM LINE Be faithful so others can count on you.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Jesus and the Little Children Mark 10:13-16	BOTTOM LINE God can give you the strength to be gentle.
WEEK FIVE	BIBLE STORY Taming of the Tongue James 3:1-6	BOTTOM LINE God gives you the power to have self-control.

KidsQuest needs volunteers for Sunday mornings! Can you help out on Sunday mornings? If you can give one or two Sunday mornings a month, or if you can serve on a rotating basis in our Sunday morning kids ministry, please contact Debbie Wiist at debwiist@gmail.com. You will be blessed!

THANK YOU

There are no words to express my appreciation for my Foley UMC family. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to me in the loss of my husband Bernie has been overwhelming. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I say "Thank you".

Bernie's memorial service is as follows:

July 23rd - Visitation at 10:00 a.m. ; Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Luncheon immediately following the service for ALL attendees in the Spirit Center

Love and thanks, Donna Blankenship-Tindall

Julie, Gerry & Volunteers,

We wanted to thank you for all of your time and help with the Community Outreach Day. We absolutely could not have done it without your help. Your support for EMI and our mission to serve our community means so much to us.

Thank you again, Michelle and Margaret, Ecumenical Ministries

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donna Tindall
Darryl Bunch
Brandon Geeslin
Renee Nelson
Vikki Miller
Sylvia Howland
Patrick Siano
Barbara Sechrest

Linda Williford
Susanna Donald
Marion Bethea
Lori Hagle
Charlotte Ainsworth
Melanie Brown
Ruthie Teagle
Ruth Hensen
Maria Flanagan

Chris Sharp
Cassie Jepsen
Gail Parris
T. J. Brooks
Melissa Nagy
Margie Kennedy
Barbara Beam
Mary Burke's family

BILL'S BOOK SUGGESTIONS

"I still hold my understandings loosely.

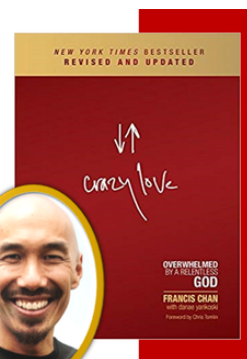
Faith isn't certainty,
I know that now.

If I were certain,
I wouldn't need faith."



"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."

"Do you know that nothing you do in this life will ever matter, unless it is about loving God and loving the people he has made?"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

07/02 Pat Rhodes
07/04 Barbara Sechrest
07/04 Sam Lewellen
07/06 Maria Flanagan
07/06 Casey Lane
07/09 Janice Childress
07/10 Richard Arp
07/10 James Borchardt
07/10 Woody Marshall
07/10 John Simonson
07/11 Howard Dawson
07/11 Dianne Rippetoe

07/13 Holden Cook
07/13 Layla Jones
07/14 Gail Edmonson
07/15 Anna Lathrop
07/15 Lily Stiffler
07/15 Ryan Stiffler
07/16 Drew Cole
07/16 Gary Kobylski
07/16 Thomas Kuhl
07/16 Donna Schoen
07/16 Caleb Yaeger

07/17 Donna Owens
07/17 Kelly Varvi
07/17 Laura Wright
07/18 Richard Brooks
07/19 Katie Cargle
07/23 Cheryl Gilbert
07/25 Cyle Wiist
07/27 Maureen Rhodes
07/28 Mary Allison
07/30 Craig Schoen
07/30 Christian Bova
07/31 Marti Messick

NEW MEMBERS

These new members joined our family on June 12, 2022.
Be sure to bid them welcome when you next see them.



Vicki Hall and Mike Flowe



Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

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VBS August First - Third
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Well / Spirit Center
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