

# The Hallelujah

— Here's the good news! —

June 2022

## Q & A

### WHAT IS A PILLAR?

Someone or something that is considered a foundation or support.

### WHAT ARE THE FOUR PILLARS OF FOLEY UMC AND WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

Back at the end of 2017, our Church Council began the work of trying to move toward a healthier future for the church. In January 2019, they began a nine-month research project into the current reality of the church and the community. The group was asked to find out what we as a congregation were, or were not doing in the name of missions, and what the needs of our community might be.

In February of 2020, a group of 35 members from Foley UMC spent 24 hours praying and discerning where God was leading our church for the 21st century. Out of this retreat came four areas of focus for missional work which we call our four pillars.



Kids Missional Community – From snacks for kids, to afterschool programs where meals were served, to developing a children's ministry that engages kids of all races, socioeconomic, and family backgrounds, the call to serve the children was unanimous.



Table Missional Community - Launching or partnering with a food pantry and using our facilities to prepare and serve meals to the community, collecting and donating snacks to the schools, the possibilities of serving through food are endless.



Real Life Needs Missional Community – Working with Family Promise, Hosting work teams after disasters and helping with disaster recovery, and more were all some of the ways that we could make a real difference for someone.



Discipleship Missional Community - At the core of everything we feel called to do is Jesus. We serve because he calls us to serve, and we serve because we want other people to experience the life-changing love of God.





## KIDS COMMUNITY

### Helping children in school,

One of the many ways the Kids Missional Community shares God's love with the Kids of Foley is through our relationships with the Foley and Magnolia Springs elementary, middle and high schools. Through our partnership with Foley High School, a critical need for feminine hygiene products was brought to our attention. We answered the call by donating close to \$100.00 worth of products, which as you can see was greatly appreciated!

Jeri and Foley United Methodist,  
I want to thank you a million  
times for your generous donation. I was  
able to share these products with all  
of our counselors and our nurses station!  
We thank you for thinking of Foley  
High and our girls! We hope you have  
a great and safe summer! -Makayla Ridgway  
Social Worker

### Helping children in camps



For the 2nd year in a row, the Kids Missional Community was called upon by Breakaway Outreach to provide meals for one night at their week-end retreat for prisoners' children at Camp Beckwith. Breakaway Outreach is a program designed to empower kids through communities of faith, hope, and love. Included are: youth camps, sports ministry, mentoring initiatives, missions and outreach mobilization and leadership development. Thanks to the generous donations of some of our Sunday School Classes, and Lyn's awesome negotiation of the prices for the pizzas, enough money was collected to provide not only pizzas and drinks, but a monetary donation as well.

### And planning for the summer!

**VBS**  
(Vacation Bible School)

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 8TH AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE SPIRIT CENTER RM 119**

**We need volunteers!**  
For more information contact  
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or  
Mary Medbery at  
[marymedbery@centurylink.net](mailto:marymedbery@centurylink.net)



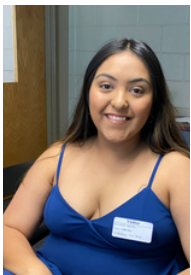
## REAL LIFE NEEDS

The Real Needs group with the support of the Church council and the use of some of the Fish Fry profits and donations from the community, were honored to interview these young people and select them as our first group of scholarship recipients. Each of these students will receive a \$1000 scholarship to help with tuition in the tech field of their choice. We are already planning how to possibly renew these six and offer others in the future.



Abigail Felks - Abigail's love of nursing resulted in her health science classes being her favorite in high school. She plans on attending Coastal Alabama to get an associate degree in registered nursing.

Ashton Bowers - Ashton loved Ag classes in high school and played football and was on the wrestling team. He is currently helping his dad build their home. He wants to attend a trade school for electrician or HVAC .



Celia Noyola-Juarez - Celia was very busy in high school while working at Culvers. Of the many clubs she was associated with, what impressed us the most was her involvement with the Alabama Coalition for Immigration and Justice. She was in the internship program at South Baldwin Regional hospital and she plans on attending Coastal Alabama to get an associate degree in registered nursing.

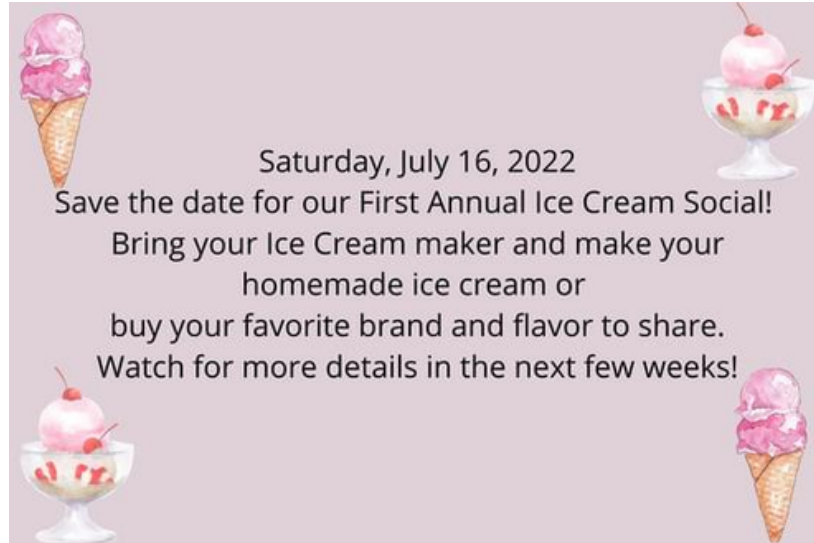
Emily Ebbert - She is currently in the nursing program at UAB and is a member of our church. If you have not met her at church she has worked for 5 years at Stacey's Old Tyme Soda Fountain. She has overcome many life obstacles to get where she is today and for us to help her journey is an honor.



Gabriela Figueroa Alve - Gabby will be attending Coastal Alabama in the dental program. She enjoyed science and english in high school, a member of HOSA and worked in retail and as a lifeguard in her spare time.

Kealderick Wilson - During high school he completed a Culinary Art certification and plans to further his education at Coastal Alabama in their Culinary Chef program. During high school he was on the track and field team and worked for his father's business.





## TABLE GROUP

### Love comes in many forms



**10:30 Small Group**  
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**Everyone Welcome!!**

**STARTS JUNE 5TH**

MEETS IN THE PARLOR

## DISCIPLESHIP



## CONNECTIONS

**Have you found your niche at Foley UMC yet?**

**If not, have we got a deal for you!**

**Summer is a time of vacations, trips and getaways. There are several areas where new volunteers could help our regular volunteers for the summer months.**

**We need workers in the sound booth at the 11:00 service. (In case you haven't noticed, Pastor John's boys do this almost every Sunday!) Anyone can be trained to run the sound and slides. If you can help in this area, contact Kate Norris at [knorris@foleyumc.org](mailto:knorris@foleyumc.org).**

**Ushers and greeters need only have a friendly smile and a "so good to see you" attitude. Contact Gail Edmondson ([bgaile52@me.com](mailto:bgaile52@me.com)) if you can help for the summer.**

**Think of all the nice people you will meet!**

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council met on May 2nd and items discussed were: compiling a list of projects needing to be done, prioritizing them, and getting cost estimates; we discussed our Scholarship plans and as you read the Hallelujah you will see more information; and last but not least our continued goal of keeping and funding Pastor John as our full-time associate Pastor. The Council will NOT meet in June due to several members attending the Annual Conference in Montgomery. Ann Johnson, Council Chair



Family Promise week is May 29 to June 4 and as of this writing (May 18) the following folks or groups have volunteered to provide dinner for this session, Naomi Circle, Lydia Circle, Bill Roberts, Tom & Debbie Siemers, The Ratcliff's prayer group, Ruth Circle, and Sheila Schoen, Alice and Chris McCormick. I really appreciate them as well as the 14 people who will be spending the 7 nights and acting as hosts to our guests. Our next turn will be August 14 - 20. so be thinking about how you can help.

Ann Johnson

## INFORMATION

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.**

**The Alabama/West Florida Annual Conference will convene in Montgomery on Sunday, June 12th at 4:30 p.m. and will continue through Wednesday, June 15. Pastor Bill and Pastor John will both be attending with our Lay representatives.**

**May 2022 Curriculum****WHAT YOU DO TODAY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU**

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.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself."

GALATIANS 5:22-23A, NIRV

WEEK 1 - BIBLE VERSE - We Love Because God Loved Us 1 John 4:9-13

BOTTOM LINE - Love others because God loves you.

WEEK 2 - BIBLE VERSE - The Apostles Are Treated Badly Acts 5:17-42

BOTTOM LINE - Choose joy no matter what's going on.

WEEK 3 - BIBLE VERSE - Abigail Intervenes 1 Samuel 25:1-35

BOTTOM LINE - You can help others make peace.

WEEK 4 - BIBLE VERSE -Patience Principle Proverbs 15:18

BOTTOM LINE - Be patient with each other

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](mailto:debwiist@gmail.com). You will be blessed!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/01	John C. Hess	06/14	Joe Cabaniss	06/23	Donna Caufield
06/01	Jan Sheridan	06/14	Christopher Fly	06/24	Vivian Strohschein
06/02	Tracy Hill	06/15	Bob Christopher	06/25	Diane Bunch
06/04	Heather Cole	06/18	Weldon Walker	06/26	Darryl Bunch
06/08	Jill Normand	06/18	Jenni Simonson	06/26	Debbie Johnson
06/09	Lynn Bayne	06/19	Debra Dukes	06/26	Shane Ratcliff
06/12	Barry Raines	06/20	Virginia Hale	06/26	Jerry Parker
06/13	Joe Barnett	06/22	Mason Weber	06/27	Cindy Harden
06/14	Randy Arp			06/29	Barbara Snider

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Susanna Donald  
Bernie Tindall  
Marian Bethea  
Darryl Bunch  
Brandon Geeslin  
Renee Nelson  
Vikki Miller  
Sylvia Howland

Patrick Siano  
Barbara Sechrest  
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

## NEW MEMBERS

These new members joined our family in May, 2022.  
Be sure to bid them welcome when you next see them.



Shirley and Bo Roddenberry  
joined May 1, 2022



David and Linda B. Williford  
joined May 8, 2022



# Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

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Text "Rain" to (251) 333-0515  
To be notified of weather updates  
for the Park Service

## Sunday Morning Worship



8:00 A.M.  
COMBINED  
SERVICE  
HERITAGE PARK

9:30 A.M.  
CONTEMPORARY  
SERVICE  
THE WELL  
(KIDSQUEST MEETS)

11:00 A.M.  
TRADITIONAL  
SERVICE  
THE SANCTUARY

COME JOIN US