

The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

June 2021



*Mark your
calendar*

June at The Galilean Service

- June 6 – Nolan Donald
- June 13 – Donna Higginbotham
- June 20 – Nolan Donald
- June 27 – Paul Turner

June 20

Pastor Nolan's last Sunday

June 22, 23, 24

Vacation Bible School
Heritage Park

July 11

Welcome Pastor
Bill Curtin

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU...

What an incredible five years this has been! Serving as your pastor has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I will never forget the wonderful people of Foley UMC and the chance to journey with you toward God's greatest desires!

I am particularly grateful for the ways that you have loved and supported my family. From helping us welcome Esther to the world just after we arrived to walking with us through Susanna's cancer diagnosis and treatment, your care and kindness have been a gift to all five Donalds. We are all better because of your encouragement and love! Thank you!

By far the most memorable thing about Foley will be the spirit and excitement with which you have charged into new life and vision for Foley UMC! Thinking back on the congregation I met in the summer of 2016 and the congregation that I am leaving in the summer of 2021, it is hard to even recognize that they are the same. Many of the wonderful people are the

same, but the openness, excitement, and passion for God's vision and work today is contagious and beautiful. Long gone are the days of thinking the church's best days are behind her, and now there is a spirit that says the best is yet to come and we are moving full speed ahead! Your eagerness and perseverance have inspired me. I have grown more than I can articulate because of our journey together.

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SAY A PRAYER, SEND SOME LOVE



This July, Bill Curtin will become the lead pastor of Foley UMC. Many of our church family had the chance to meet Bill at the recent Vision Celebration events. Bill is a gifted pastor and has gifts that align to Foley UMC in great ways.

Over the next six weeks, we want to cover Bill and Stephanie in prayer as they finish their ministry in Monroeville, move to Baldwin County, and begin their season of ministry at Foley UMC. Will you say a prayer and send a note? Take a few minutes to pray for Bill and Stephanie and then drop them a note of encouragement and welcome. Their mailing address is 67 Mims St., Monroeville, AL 36460. You may also email Bill at bcurtin@foleyumc.org. Let them know how excited we are for their arrival and how we are trusting God to use them in big ways in the years ahead!

COVID TEAM MAKES CHANGES TO PROTOCOL EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

The Covid Team continue to monitor the ongoing circumstances related to the Covid pandemic. Effective June 1, the Covid Team is relaxing all protocol at Foley UMC to the most minimal expectations. Masks are no longer required on campus (although non-vaccinated people are encouraged to wear masks and maintain the utmost caution), and social distancing and sanitation will be left to each individual's discretion. All activities that had been paused or disrupted due to Covid-related concerns may resume. This specifically means that masks are no longer required when entering and exiting the building or during the 8:00 service.

As we get closer and closer to resuming a "pre-pandemic normal," the Covid Team encourages people to maintain caution related to Covid-19. If you experience any symptoms resembling Covid symptoms, we encourage you to serve our community by refraining from coming into proximity with the church community until you are symptom free.

The Covid Team appreciates the diligence with which the church has persevered through the pandemic. The team will continue to monitor the pandemic-related needs and be available to help lead the church should conditions change or needs arise.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU... (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

The years we have spent together have truly been special and marked by God's work and presence.

As we wrap up our ministry in Foley in the next few weeks, things will undoubtedly change. I'll no longer have the privilege of serving as your pastor. I won't get the chance to walk with you through the joys and struggles of life the way I have had over these last few years. I'll become one of the many who are eagerly watching and praying and cheering Foley UMC on from a distance. I'll watch with excitement to see how the next chapters will unfold as you continue seeking after God. I can't wait to see what is in store!

I hope to get the chance to see and interact with as many of you as possible over these last three weeks we have together. On June 6, I'll preach at the beach and lead Communion in the 9:30 and 11:00 services. On June 13, I'll preach at the three on campus worship services, and then on June 20, my final Sunday, I'll preach at the beach and participate in the large churchwide service on campus. I'll savor each moment we have together, and I'll squeeze as much out of these weeks as possible.

Leaving is never easy, but I'm not saying "Goodbye." I know we're all headed toward the same destination, and I'll hope for our paths to cross in the days ahead. Until then and until that final day, though, I'll simply say, "May the Lord bless you and keep you!"

Godspeed!



WORSHIP NOTES FROM CHRIS KELLEY



The Chancel Choir will practice on Monday, June 14 and Monday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. If you have questions about choir or are interested in joining, contact Chris Kelley at ckelley@foleyumc.org.



Beginning Sunday, June 6, we will have a "photo booth" in the foyer of the Spirit Center where you can take pictures with Pastor Nolan after the services.

CARE TEAM UPDATES

Please note that the Cares and Concerns phone line is no longer active, but the Care Team is! Michelle Stracener is taking Terry Collings' position on the Care Team. Beginning immediately, please email any cares and concerns to care@foleyumc.org.



IF YOU CAN 😊, WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU! IF YOU CAN FOLLOW 📋, WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

As we move into the post pandemic reality of what church is going to look like moving forward, we find the church in a place of need. We need people to help serve all those who either call FUMC home and any who might be looking for a place to call home after living through such a hard time felt by all in 2020. There are several areas that we find ourselves looking for people to step in and serve.

SHOW US YOUR SMILE! The first area is with the greeters. We need people who will open doors with a smile, welcome people to church with a joyful spirit, and pass the offering baskets during the service. We ARE NOT looking for someone to commit to doing this every week, but we ARE looking for a bunch of people that will commit to sharing the duty so that everyone will share the opportunity to serve each other.

IT'S NOT THAT SCARY! The second area we need help with is in the audio/visual area. I understand this is a scary place to think about serving, but I promise it is not as hard as it may sound. If I (Pastor John) can learn it, so can you. It really is as easy as following a recipe or a simple set of instructions. You will have the opportunity to practice before you are scheduled to work a service and someone will be with you until you feel comfortable with the equipment.

Serving in the church is the perfect place to practice living out our call to be servants within our community. What better place to learn how to grow our servant's heart than with our family in Christ. I want to encourage everyone to pray about where they might be able to serve and to find a way to become more involved in the life of the church. As you have been hearing over the last few months, we are working to change the DNA of our church by serving our community. There is no better place to start than by serving the church family in a way that helps us all begin to live out our lives as servants with Jesus.



Please note: The weekly men's meeting is on hold until further notice. We will not be meeting in June.

Our next scheduled event is the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Spirit Center with Pastor Bill Curtin as the speaker. We have not had a Men's Breakfast since before Covid restrictions were put in place! We are excited to get together! Pass the word. Invite a friend!

The church office has returned to normal operating hours. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch and is closed on Fridays. The office phone number is 251-943-4393 and email is office@foleyumc.org.



Thank You!

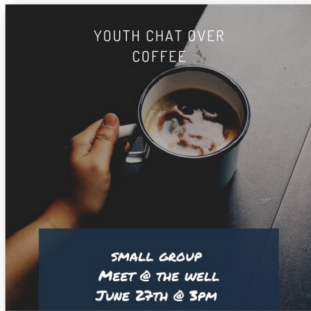


You can find a link to the any of the sermon series shown here and more by visiting foleyumc.podbean.com

Pastor Nolan,
Thank you for pouring your heart and God's Word into the Foley family for the past five years. We will always be grateful for your time at Foley UMC.

Joyfully,
The Foley Congregation

CALLING ALL YOUTH! TIME TO GET TOGETHER!



Youth (Grades 7-12) will have Small Group on Sunday, June 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Well. Youth, join us, invite friends, and look forward to good conversation while enjoying coffee/tea & snacks. We look forward to gathering together!

Kate

Congratulations!

On May 9, 2021, we recognized five graduating high school seniors during our Contemporary service. It has been a privilege to work with these awesome kids over the years and watch them grow into fine young adults. Pictured from left to right are Emily Ebbert, Ethan Ebbert, Seth Kollars, Maddy Messick and Grace Stanley.

Emily is the daughter of Rick & Kristine Taylor and the late Robert Ebbert. After graduation she is attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham and majoring in nursing. Ethan is the son of Rick & Kristine Taylor and the late Robert Ebbert. After graduation he is attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville and majoring in Meteorology. Seth is the son of Shannon Kollar and Heather Tucker. After graduation he is going into 3D modeling for a shipbuilding company. Maddy is the daughter of Dendy & Marti Messick and Randall & Janay Caldwell. After graduation she is attending Auburn University and majoring in Elementary Education. Grace is the daughter of Kevin & Michelle Stanley. After graduation she is attending Columbus (Ohio) College of Art and Design to obtain a degree in Fine Arts for Animation.

If you see these kids around please stop and congratulate them on their job well done!

Youth! You are needed!
We could use your
skills in serving!
(See Pastor John's
article on page 4!)





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/01 John C Hess
06/01 Donald Morrow
06/01 Jan Sheridan
06/01 Betty Ankrom
06/02 Tracy Hill
06/04 Heather Cole
06/04 James Jackson
06/04 Dale Jepsen
06/05 Randy Benefield
06/08 Jill Normand
06/09 Lyn Bayne



06/13 Joe Barnett
06/14 RJ Anderson
06/14 Randy Arp
06/14 Carson Brantley
06/14 Joe Cabaniss
06/14 Christopher Fly
06/15 Bob Christopher
06/16 Sonya Mortimer
06/18 Weldon Walker
06/18 Jenni Simonson
06/19 Debra Dukes

06/20 Virginia Hale
06/22 Mason Weber
06/23 Donna Caufield
06/24 Vivian Strohschein
06/25 Diane Bunch
06/26 Darryl Bunch
06/26 Debbie Johnson
06/26 Shane Ratcliff
06/26 Jerry Parker
06/27 Cindy Harden
06/29 Barbara Snider

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

George Hill
Norman White
James and Judy Jackson
Liz Kinsey
Shannon Deas
Debbie Johnson
T.J. Brooks
Mary Lou Berg

David Schwartz
Linda Radcliffe
Maranie Adams
Emery Martini
Lynn Ainsworth
Margie Kennedy
Barbara Beam
Sheila Schoen

Dear Foley UMC Family,

A lot has happened over the past eleven years when Bryce and I started calling our church "home". You welcomed Bryce and I with open arms and hearts. Bryce stepped right in and began serving. It took this introvert a few years, then Pastor Nolan encouraged and God guided me to step out of my comfort zone. My journey began with the Leaders Journey facilitated by Pastor Nolan followed by two book studies facilitated by Susanna Donald. Thank you for allowing me to "find myself through Christ." You, as my church family, encouraged me, participated with me, prayed for me, worked with me, hugged me, loved me, forgave me, and offered me grace. You have a very special place in my heart.

As most of you know, my daughter, Jennifer accepted the position of Director of Adult Education at South Arkansas Community College in Eldorado, AR. It certainly will be a change. Yet, I believe with all my heart and soul, God is ready for me to do something there and I am looking forward to finding out what He has in mind. Thank you for helping me prepare for my new journey. I love you and will miss seeing you. God has great things in store for you and Foley UMC.

Bountiful Blessings,
Terry Collings



SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Add these items to your grocery list!

FOR JUNE:

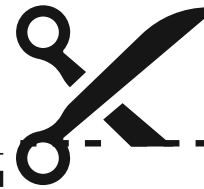


The Real Life Needs Missional Community is asking the congregation to assist in beginning an ongoing contribution program just as the congregation has for food items.

Beginning June 1 and going forward, the items collected will be distributed among a few organizations the team has chosen to support such as The Baldwin County Sheriff's Boys Ranch, The LightHouse, and Ecumenical Ministries.

All of these organizations are in need of any type of cleaning supplies with the Boys Ranch in need of many additional and varied items. At right is a list from the Boys Ranch in which many of the same items can also be distributed to The LightHouse and Ecumenical Ministries.

Please bring any donated items to the church library.



Organizations' Needs:

Brooms, mops, toilet bowl cleaner, all purpose cleaner, dish soap/dish scrubs, Ziploc bags of all sizes, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, Lysol, hand soap, oven cleaner, cleaning wipes, 14 gallon trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins

Boys Needs:

socks, boxer brief underwear, lotion, combs

Boys Ranch Wish List:

Vacuum cleaner, shower curtains, AA & AAA batteries, printer paper, clothes hamper

Additional Items Needed:

toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, feminine products, Clorox, hot pads, toilet brush, various sized totes.

ATTENTION KIDS!



Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School

For kids who have completed K4 through 6th grades

June 22, 23, and 24

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Park in downtown Foley

Register for VBS at foleyumc.org/vbs2021

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY LOVING KIDS



Breakaway Outreach, a Tennessee Mission Organization, facilitated a weekend retreat for children of prisoners and reached out to FUMC for assistance in providing meals. Many thanks to the UMW Circles for donating money for the pizzas and drinks, and a special thanks to Alva Schroeder for also baking the cookies for dessert. Shown at left are Lyn Bayne and Michelle Stracener, representing the Kids Missional Community, along with helpers Jim Bayne and Dave Schwartz, as they delivered a meal to kids at Camp Beckwith, Fairhope, AL.



KidsQuest meets
at 9:30 a.m. on
Sunday mornings

In June, our kids are learning the connection between confidence and God's character. When it comes to confidence, we might try and base it on what we do well or what a teacher or parent might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something that lasts forever. We think that's found in understanding how God sees us. God created us, and God loves us. Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And, when you put your confidence in Jesus, you can truly see yourself how God sees you.



THANK YOU'S



20511 County Road 36
Summerdale, AL 36580
Phone: 251-947-5641
www.familypromisebc.org

May 10, 2021

Foley United Methodist Church
915 North Pine Street
Foley, Alabama 36535

Dear Foley United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for your generous gift for Family Promise Giving Day of \$100 on May 7, 2021. Your support is helping fund our Comfort Kits for Kids project and we are so grateful.

We have already put the funds raised in action and are thrilled to have received our first order of comforters and supplies to assemble Comfort Kits last week! We are looking forward to the joy and comfort these will provide to the children that come into our programs.

Thank you for making a difference and being a blessing to the children in Baldwin County in need.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Biggs".

Beth Biggs
Executive Director

Dear Foley United Methodist Church,

I am writing on behalf of Florence B. Mathis Elementary School. Several weeks ago, FUMC donated brand new uniforms and undergarments for our students in need. These items came at the perfect time because our uniform closet was running extremely low on small sizes. The FUMC congregation came through for our school and our students in a huge way.

Because of your contribution, we have been able to supply brand new uniforms and undergarments to our families who have very little resources. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our school and, most importantly, our students!

Thank you,
Mary Rosene, School Counselor
Florence B. Mathis Elementary

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May 3, 2021

Foley United Methodist Church
915 N Pine St
Foley, AL 36535

Dear Foley United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the University of Mobile, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$500.00. As requested, it will be designated to Ram Corps in the Alabama School of the Arts.

The University of Mobile remains a Christ-centered academic community dedicated to preparing our students intellectually as well as spiritually to pursue their professional calling. God is working in remarkable ways at our university, not the least of which is blessing us with friends like you. With your support, we are able to provide opportunities for our students that would not be available otherwise. We are extremely appreciative of your generosity and faith in our mission.

Thank you, again!

Blessings,

Dr. Lonnie A. Burnett
President

Dr. Bruce A. Earnest
Vice President for Advancement



**ECUMENICAL
MINISTRIES, INC.**
102 W. SPRUCE AVE.
FOLEY, AL 36535

Dear Friends,

Each spring it has been a tradition of EMI to reach out to all of our donors who have faithfully supported us through the past year. It would be an understatement to say that this past year was difficult, but with your generous support we were able to meet the needs of our clients and to remain strong in our commitment to the community. Our donors have always been the backbone of this ministry and for that we wish to say THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Paul Davis, EMI Board President

Sally Deane, Executive Director

Dana Jepsen, South Baldwin Director

Dear FUMC,
Thank You so much for the
Sweet graduation Ceremony! I
Am in love with my gift and I will
be using it daily.
I love You all and I am so blessed
to have a Church Family like this
- Markdy Messick



Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

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Pastor Nolan's last Sunday
on June 20!

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