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First United Methodist Church of Alexander City, Alabama

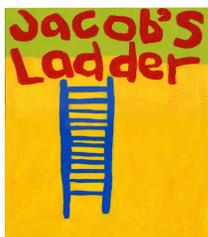
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Greetings everyone. I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer. As we return to school, a series entitled "Back to Basics" seems appropriate for August. It is a consideration of the basic path of our salvation through grace, as Wesley understood it. So, with that in mind, here are a few thoughts for us:

Our third grade daughter was having trouble with math, so, to get another voice, we took her to a tutoring center called KUMON. I would sit with multiple parents from India. Kumon embraces the ancient practice of repetitious learning. It required daily, short lesson sheets. A lesson each day, no exceptions, even holidays! It works. Of course with children, they must have the support of an adult. Classic modes of learning work. Apparently, Silicon Valley brainiacs know this to be true. In an article by Matt Richtell, the art of classical education is now being embraced by tech elites (See "A Low-Tech School in the Heart of Silicon Valley" an article in the Seattle Times). The simple idea of repetitious learning, alas, is tried and true. These ancient ways of the east live on today.

Possibly, we need to embrace simple, basic, and foundational truths. In fact, we know that the simple daily practice of our Christian faith is life changing. The grace associated with discipleship, such as humility & modesty before the Holy One, confessing our sins, a spirit of repentance, a vital and personal relationship with Christ our savior, forgiveness, seeking God's ways in His moral universe, and more (I ramble, but you get it), all lead to shaping and ordering our lives in life-giving ways for everyone. These values are found in the words and practices of our historic faith grounded in sacred Scriptures. Simply said, our greatest discovery may be one of the oldest and simplest: Holiness (i.e. the hallmark characteristic, of our holy triune God, is the grace offered to us for practicing a holy life through Christ).



*We are looking forward to a new school year with old and new faces and friends! The last day of our summer program was July 26th . Jacob's Ladder will be closed July 29th through August 2nd to clean & prepare for the new school year! We will have Open House Wednesday, July 31st . August 5th is the first day of our new school year! Thank you for your continued support & prayers for this ministry of FUMC!*



#### **Weekly Schedule for Students (7th - 12th grade)**

Sunday - 10:10am - Sunday School - Arbor  
 Monday - 6:15pm, 7:15pm, & 8:15pm - Softball  
 Tuesday - 5:30pm-7pm - Basketball Ministry - Arbor  
 Wednesday - 6pm-8pm - Student Fellowship - SHED

#### **August Dates for Students (7th - 12th grade)**

**August 4, 4pm** - Prayer Around the Flagpoles  
 Students will meet at the Arbor and travel to the local schools for a special prayer time.

**August 4, 5pm** - Back to School Pool Party  
 (Brian & Melanie Fuller's Home)

**August 25, 4pm-7pm** - Tailgate Party  
 Students and parents will have a tailgate tent at our annual Tailgate Party. This year the event will be held at The S.H.E.D.

Our annual FUMC Tailgate Party is on August 25th. You will not want to miss this family event. Get your teams ready for an exciting night of fellowship. Cooking teams, please contact David Hand for new information.

**Take note - THE ANNUAL TAILGATE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE S.H.E.D. IN THE OPEN FIELD.** Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, family, strangers ...get the word out!

David Hand - youthdirector@alexcityfumc.org

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**NO EXCUSE**

Gifted with a talent you're ready to share? Our music department has been waiting for you, patiently... waiting. We have multiple ways for you to use your musical talents.

Trinity Campus Choir  
Arbor Campus Praise Team  
FUMC Green St. Choir

Contact Bobby Boone  
[bboone@alexcityfumc.org](mailto:bboone@alexcityfumc.org)  
for one of the choirs.

Contact Jody Lumpkin  
[jody.lumpkin@exeloncorp.com](mailto:jody.lumpkin@exeloncorp.com)  
for the Praise Team.

*"Lord, with your strength, I've got no excuse 'cause broken people are exactly who you use. I'm gonna sing & shout & shake the walls. I won't stop until I see' em fall. Gonna stand up, step out when you call, Jesus!"*

Confirmation classes are for 6th grade children. We will begin this year's journey on August 4th on the Green Street campus FirstKidz hall.

August 4 - Confirmation Class 10am  
August 14 - Tween Time 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
August 21 - Acolyte Training 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
August 24 - Confirmation Family Serve at Go Day  
August 25 - Confirmation Family/Tailgate Team

**CONFIRMATION 2020**

# Connect

Connect Centers are found on all campuses of FUMC. We use these communication centers to disburse information to everyone. You will find up-to-date newsletters, weekly communications, youth information, children information, small group semester catalogs, God-First bracelets and magnets, pens, Upper Room Devotionals...and other valuable information. You may also find an interesting book on the racks located at the main Connect Centers. We hope you'll enjoy the many materials offered to you.

Go by a Connect Center when you're in the church and take note of the many Kingdom building ministries at Alexander City First United Methodist Church!

## FUMC Staff

### Pastors

Barry Dunn - Lead Pastor

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David Hand

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Connie Forehand - Assistant

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# SMALL GROUP CONNECT

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Matthew 4:19

**We exist, that all people may: KNOW the love of God in Jesus Christ; GROW as disciples of Jesus Christ; and GO share the love of God in Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

## SHARE IT!

*We want to share what your small group is studying this fall. Many of us are looking for new ways to stretch our minds and hearts to grow, grow, grow. Knowing all the many resource offerings in our church gives us a great opportunity to find what we need at just the right moment. Please contact Tammy Wendling to share your plans. [twendling@alexcityfumc.org](mailto:twendling@alexcityfumc.org)*



Contact Tammy Wendling for your invitation to RightNow Media where you will find 1,000's of studies to choose from.

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## Fall Semester, 2019

Kids are heading back to school which means we're kicking off everything fall here at the church. We will have the new Small Group Guides, Fall 2019 in the Connect Centers on August 4th. Take a look; find an intriguing and challenging study! What's your "Next Step" this fall? Where will you grow? How will you challenge yourself?



## RESOURCE ROOM

We are gathering and cataloging Bible Study materials to offer to small groups in our church. If you or your small group have resources you'd like to share, please bring them to the church office at the Green Street campus. We would be so appreciative. As a note, these materials should be full studies, leader's guides, video studies, etc.



August 24th is our GO DAY! Small groups and individuals are asked to join a project and a team. Projects are available now. Contact David Dennis and sign up your small group. Start praying for the families you will serve.

David Dennis  
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Take control of your money with **Financial Peace University** (FPU)! This 9 lesson course uses biblical wisdom & common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Contact David Carlisle at [DavidCarlisleCPA@outlook.com](mailto:DavidCarlisleCPA@outlook.com) for more info. New class beginning 9/8/19 at the FUMC Green Street campus.

Register: [www.alexcityfumc.org](http://www.alexcityfumc.org).

## Notes from your Board of Trustees:

After several months of prayerful and careful research and discussion, the following plan for repairing and restoring the roof and sanctuary wall at the Green Street Campus was unanimously accepted by the board .

1. Beginning toward the first of October, Guyette Roofing and Construction will remove all layers of roofing, etc. down to the decking at the entire Green Street building. If repairs to the decking are needed, they will be made. To ensure the stability and strength of the roof, a ½ inch piece of plywood will be put over all decking and a new roof will be installed. The reason for the timing is so that the temperature will be milder and there is less chance of damage to the shingles from the feet of those installing the roof.
2. Once this is completed and there are no signs of roof leakage, the brick on the outside of the building currently affected by the leakage will be sealed.
3. When a determination is made that the sealing of the brick has worked as it should, the inside wall that shows considerable damage will be cleaned and repaired and the plaster will be restored.
4. Following the restoration of the wall to its former glory, the sanctuary and any other areas needing it will be repainted.

# FirstKidz

Woo hoo! It's time for the kiddos to fill the halls at FUMC! We love our summers but love the school year even more because of the little ones. Their laughter, chatter, foot steps, and most of all, their love for Jesus rejuvenates us all here at FUMC! We have a busy season ahead and we thank you for entrusting your precious little one with us!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday 10am - 11am (Green St.)  
 Preschool - 5th Grade  
 Sunday 10am (Trinity)  
 Preschool - 5th Grade

## **CONFIRMATION**

Sunday 10am - 11am (Green St.)  
 CONFIRMATION (6th Grade)

## **FK Fellowship**

Sunday 5pm - 7pm  
 Kind. - 6th Grade  
 Dinner provided by parents.



## **Jesus and Me (JAM)**

Wednesday 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
 Preschool - 1st Grade  
 Green St. Campus

## **Bible Investigators**

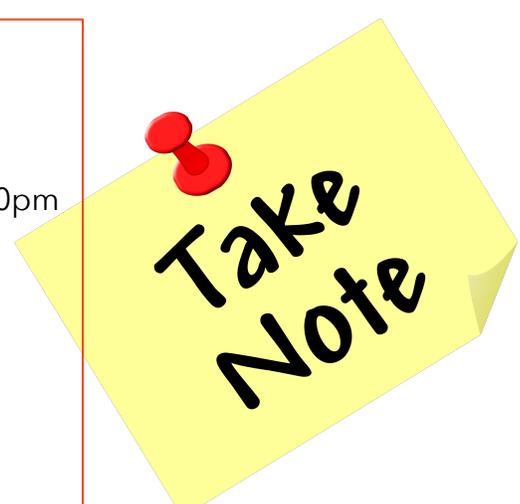
Wednesday 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
 2nd - 3rd Grade  
 Green St. Campus

## **Tween Time**

Wednesday 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
 4th - 6th Grade  
 Green St. Campus

## **FirstKidz Fall Dates**

August 4 - Confirmation begins  
 August 14 - Wednesday Evenings Begin 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
 August 21 - Acolyte Training (4th - 6th graders) 5:45pm - 7:00pm  
 August 24 - Churchwide Go Day  
 August 25 - Annual Tailgate Party (The S.H.E.D.)  
 September 1 - No Sunday School or Confirmation  
 September 8 - FK Fellowship Begins 5pm - 7pm  
 October 5th - 7th - CAMP SUMATANGA! (3rd - 6th graders)



FirstKidz Contacts:

Tammy Wendling - [twendling@alexcityfumc.org](mailto:twendling@alexcityfumc.org)

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### Have you attended LifeTrack?

Life Track at FUMC Alex City guides you to discover your God given purpose, power, and peace that comes from a vital relationship with God. Our process is comprised of three steps in one session that equips you to **know** Jesus, **grow** in relationship with Jesus, and to **go** for Jesus to make a difference in the world.

Join us for the next session of LifeTrack. We will serve a light lunch. Please reserve your seat by calling the church office or emailing Tammy Wendling, [twendling@alexcityfumc.org](mailto:twendling@alexcityfumc.org).

LifeTrack - August 18, 2019, Trinity Campus, 12pm - 3pm



**Diane Hunter** joined our church family on April 14, 2019, transferring from another United Methodist Church locally. Her husband Michael is also a member of FUMC. Welcome, Diane!

On May 5 we welcomed the members of our 2019 Confirmation Class into full membership: **Davis Barnett, Clark Dennis, Cortlynn Fisher, Ava Franklin, Anabelle Gordon, Katherine Howorth, Jack Johnson, Macie Knox, Banks Leonard, Addi Nolen, Cecilia Radney, Kathleen Sheffield, Campbell Thomas, and Ellie Kate Worthy.**

(Following are those who participated in Confirmation Class but attend other churches: **Brayden Anderson, Hamp Bowen, Mackenzie Moseley and Julie Ann Wilson.**)

These family members of our Confirmands also joined FUMC:

**Mindy Fisher**, the mother of Cortlynn Fisher, transferred from another United Methodist Church in Andrews, North Carolina.

**Chuck and Jill Bradley and their son Hunter Worthy**, parents and brother of Ellie Kate Worthy, came to us from another United Methodist Church nearby (Chuck), and from another local denomination (Jill and Hunter).

**David and Shelly Dennis**, parents of Clark Dennis, transferred to FUMC from another denomination locally, and their children **Gamble and Georgia** became members of our Preparatory Roll and will become full members at a later date.

**Michael and Britta Bowen** joined on June 30, 2019, transferring from another United Methodist Church locally.

**Phyllis Petty** joined our church family on June 30, 2019 by transfer from another United Methodist Church.

*Lynn Moran, Membership Secretary*