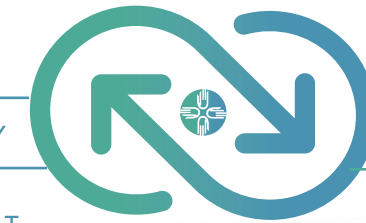




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## GOODBYE *From the Tostens*

"There are things you do because they feel right; they may make no sense; they may make no money; it may be the real reason we are here: to love each other; to eat each other's cooking; say it was good." -STORY PEOPLE

Friends, it was good. In fact, it was better than good. The last three and a half years have been some of, if not the best years of our lives. What a joy it has been for our family to join your family in ministry together at First Church.

As a church family, we celebrated 200 years of ministry in Tuscaloosa. We walked in parades and worshipped in taverns. We explored 53 of the best stories in the Bible and helped over 200 families find financial peace through FPU. We celebrated the past, honoring Ken's ministry of 18 years, while at the same time embracing our future ministry with Clinton. And let me tell you how excited I am about First Church's future with Clinton leading us. I assure you that you can follow him, because I promise you he's following Jesus!

The last years haven't just been good because of church ministry, though. For Emily and me, Tuscaloosa has become home. We purchased our first house here. Our children were born here. Bennett learned to say, "Roll Tide!" - and does so no matter who is playing on the TV. We

spent Thanksgiving this year with friends who became family. We laughed. We cried. We grew. We ate lots of barbeque and drank lots of sweet tea. Tuscaloosa will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our only regret? We wish we could stay longer.

While we mourn our goodbye, we are excited for our new task - to plant a church in central New Jersey in order that more people may experience life in Jesus. We covet your prayers. Our emails are changing ([jesse@kairosnj.church](mailto:jesse@kairosnj.church)), but our phone numbers and social media accounts are staying the same, so keep in touch.

Several years ago, I reminded us, "God didn't bring us this far to only bring us this far." First Church has a bright future ahead and I am excited to see what God does through you and your ministry. What I love about First Church is that we know the church's work isn't dependent on one person. It takes all of us to fulfill our mission to make disciples for the transformation of our community, church and world. Emily and I have confidence that you will continue to build the kingdom here and now in this place.

As we say, "see you later", I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 1:3-6, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." It was good...It is good...And it will be good...As long as we continue to follow Jesus.

*Jesse & Emily*



All thanks to God for blessing us to see a New Year. Each of us gets a clean, new slate to record our life's work on. I'm prayerful that our entries will include meaningful ministry opportunities that will help us realize our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community, church and world." I'm thrilled to be in ministry with you!

This New Year will afford us the opportunity to begin the process of visioning our ministry together. We have some exciting transitions for our church for the New Year. Stephen Stroud will serve as interim associate pastor of contemporary worship in the Bridge. He will also continue to serve as Director of Student Ministries and Recreation. To ensure that both ministries remain effective, additional individuals will be assuming responsibilities in both Student Ministries and the Bridge. Additionally, Jan Porter is our new Director of Missions. I'm intrigued about the mission opportunities before us and getting more of our congregation involved in hands-on mission. Please remember Stephen and Jan in prayer as they assume these new responsibilities.

Gloria and I are indeed blessed to serve in ministry with First Church. The past six months, though challenging, have been great. We have become more acclimated with the Tuscaloosa area and enjoy living here. Getting to know people in our residential community, business community, and church community has been very rewarding. Last month at the end of the worship service, a little boy around 10 years old approached me and said, "I'm your neighbor." That warmed my heart as I learned that he lived on my street! Experiences like this make for a wonderful transition to Tuscaloosa and First Church and encourage us about our ministry possibilities for 2020.

Blessings,

**DR. CLINTON HUBBARD, JR.**

Senior Pastor  
First United Methodist Church Tuscaloosa





## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF GENESIS

**LED BY: Geoff Plott in the Stabler Conference Room**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

*Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* presents evidence for the biblical account of creation from a young-earth perspective, and offers defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science. How did life begin? Where did humans come from? Was Noah's flood real? How old is the earth? Each of the 22-minute episodes will guide the viewer on a memorable journey through some of the most fascinating topics in creation science. Through interviews with the leading creation scientists, insights from cutting-edge research, and on-location investigations, *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* presents evidence that supports a biblical viewpoint and dispels pervasive and inaccurate theories from the secular world. Our church members (of all ages), will find many of the answers they need to affirm and defend their faith and to discover the harmony between scripture and science.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

**LED BY: Laurie Copeland in Room 221**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

This interactive adult Bible study by John Franklin and Chuck Lawless explores the biblical issues of spiritual warfare. Come to understand the difference between God's voice and Satan's voice and how to respond appropriately. We will evaluate popular issues in the spiritual-warfare movement today.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ALIVE!

## MOST CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 15TH, 2020

**DINNER: 4:45-6:00 P.M. in Chitwood Hall**

**PRICE: \$7 for adults/\$4 for children**  
 \$20 family max

**CLASSES: 6:00-7:00 P.M.**

## UNSHAKABLE HOPE

**BY MAX LUCADO**

**LED BY: Jackie Green in Room 219**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you're facing or the pain you're feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present? Worried about the future? If so, you are not alone, but there is hope. You can live with security and purpose.

## THE ART OF MARRIAGE: GETTING TO THE HEART OF GOD'S DESIGN

**LED BY: Danielle and Shane Turrisi in Room 213**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

Every marriage is unique, expressed by the colorful personalities of each spouse and textured by the circumstances at play in their lives. Blending these to make marriage work is a divinely inspired art form—challenging to master but definitely worth the effort.

## YOUBELONG

**LED BY: Donna Benjamin in Room 218**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

YouBelong is a small group for God's people with disabilities to grow together in fellowship and service. We are excited to start 2020 focusing on specific themes related to real-world events. January's focus will be on making personal goals based on a "word" (similar to a resolution). In February, we will focus on God's love and learning about Lent. March's theme is TBD. April's focus will be Easter. We will continue to manage our church's sensory bags and replenish supplies as needed.

### SYMPATHIES

- In thanksgiving of her life, Julia "Judy" Gartman Young, of Northport, Alabama who died on December 11, 2019. Sympathy to her daughter, Annah (Brian) Roberts and grandsons Henry and Patrick Roberts.
- In thanksgiving of his life, Alvin R. "Al" Sneckenberger of Tuscaloosa, Alabama who died on November 11, 2019. Sympathy to his wife, Mary Jon Sneckenberger. Sympathy also to his son, Chris (Julianne) Sneckenberger and grandsons, Ethan, Sage, and Paxton Sneckenberger
- Sympathy to Linda (Bud) Dunn on the death of her father, Robert William Vance, Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on December 11, 2019.
- Sympathy to Lisa (Cooper) Shattuck on the death of her father, Jerry Wayne Waldrop of Vincent, Alabama on December 7, 2019.
- Sympathy to Laura (Brandon) Farmer on the death of her father, Tommy McMullen of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on December 3, 2019. Sympathy to granddaughters Mary Madison and Oliva Farmer.
- Sympathy to Bryan (Theresa) Chandler on the death of his stepmother, Ellen Sullivan Britton Chandler on November 28, 2019.
- Sympathy to Sandy (Will) Stanard on the death of her father, Wilson Ray Eldridge of Lavaca, Alabama on November 22, 2019. Sympathy also to grandchildren Mary Elizabeth and James Stanard.
- Sympathy to Glinda Blackshear on the death of her mother, Naomi Helene Cummings Ogle of Decatur, Alabama on November 21, 2019.
- Sympathy to Sally (Dale) Erdman on the death of her mother, Margaret Breed Hilliker, of Ripley, New York on November 19, 2019.
- Sympathy to Rush (Diane) Smith on the death of his mother, Maxine Smith of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on November 12, 2019.
- Sympathy to Josh (Allison) Thomas on the death of his grandmother, Frances L. Thomas of Viburnum, Missouri on November 10, 2019.
- Sympathy to David (Iris) Hinton on the death of his mother, Lutrelle King Hinton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on November 8, 2019.
- Sympathy to Ken (Barbara) Dunivant on the death of his father, William Dunivant of Northport, Alabama October 28, 2019.

### BIRTHS:

- Congratulations to Kendra and Jeff Powell on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Cayte Powell on November 18, 2019. Congratulations also to big brother, Harrison Powell.
- Congratulations to Terri Boman of the birth of her grandson, Hollis Kearney Boman on December 10, 2019.

### BAPTISMS

- Congratulations to Dorie and Riley Edwards on the baptism of their son, William Dixon Edwards. Congratulations also to grandparents Melanie and Claude Edwards.
- Congratulations to Meagan Thomas and Henry Allen on the baptism of Carson McKennon Allen. Congratulations also to grandparents, Lori and Randy Allen, and great-grandparents, Martha and Bill Allen, Theresa and Gary Meendering and aunt, Elizabeth Allen.
- Congratulations to Katie and Charlie King on the baptism of their daughter, Mary Davis King. Congratulations also to grandparents, Jana and Chuck King.

### NEW MEMBERS:



• Jack Kapphan with granddaughter, Louise Cole



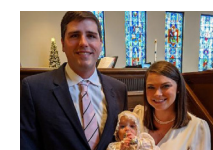
• Emily and Micky Mitchell with sons, Aaron (4) and Evan (15 months)



• Todd Arendale with son, Miller Arendale



• Kimberly Tucker & children, Kellen, Wells & Ellis



• Katie and Charlie King with their daughter, Mary Davis King



• Pattie and Frank Bonner

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Happy New Year! It's that time again for making our resolutions. Will you resolve to lose weight? Get into shape? Start eating right? I am sure you, like me make these kinds of resolutions and by January 20th, we have slipped or even abandoned them altogether.

This January, I am going to be talking with you about another kind of resolution. Not one that will change your physical well-being, but one that will change your inner being. We will be talking in the Bridge about being better stewards of our souls.

Our theme is *Surrendering Your Life to Christ*. In Romans 12:1-2, the Apostle Paul says, "Let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind." We will talk about some familiar stories like the woman at the well in John 4 and Jesus' charge to us in Matthew 6 to store up treasure in heaven not here on earth. And some not-so-familiar stories like the one of Shamgar, son of Anath in Judges 3.

I am pleased to be more involved in the Bridge. Shea and I appreciate the confidence of Dr. Clinton Hubbard, Jr. in my ability to lead the Bridge on an interim basis. I ask for your support and your prayers as together we explore surrendering our lives to Christ.

*Stephen*

**Stephen Stroud**

Interim Pastor of Contemporary Worship



**NEW YEAR CLOSINGS** | The church office and CAC will be closed for New Year's Eve, **December 31st** and New Year's Day, **January 1st**. They will reopen **January 2nd**.

**STOCK GIFTS** | Transferring stock is a great way to give to the church. For those members who use stock to fulfill pledge obligations or for other purposes, contact Charles Tuten at the church office (205.345.7261 ext. 103) with the necessary information as soon as you have notified your broker of the transfer. Stock transfers take several days to process, so make sure to leave enough time for your gift to reach the church by the contribution deadline. Please submit all 2019 contributions by **Tuesday, December 31st**. The church office will close at **noon**, but online donations can be **submitted any time before midnight**.

## UMW MEETINGS

- Monday, January 13th at 5:45 p.m. | Celebration circle will meet in the Stabler Conference Room.
- Monday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. | Charlotte Shamblin circle will meet in the Lee classroom. This is a change due to the MLK holiday.
- Monday, January 13th at 10:30 a.m. | Faith and Friendship circle will meet in the Parker Fireside room.
- Monday, February 10th at 5:45 p.m. | Celebration circle will meet in the Stabler Conference Room.
- Monday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. | Charlotte Shamblin circle will meet in the Lee classroom.
- Monday, February 10th at 10:30 a.m. | Faith and Friendship circle will meet in the Parker Fireside room.

## SINGLES TOGETHER

**LED BY: Dennis Harkey in the Parker Fireside Room**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

We are like-minded singles who are looking for community, learning and socialization in a healthy environment. Whether you were never married, divorced or widowed, Singles Together is for you.

## FUMCT MEN

**LED BY: Mike Greene in Room 204**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

Are you looking for a way to connect with other men at First Church? Are you looking for a place to immerse yourself in the Bible and discuss scripture with other men? If you are looking for a place of community and service, please plan on checking us out. Men of all ages are welcome.

## PRAYER

**LED BY: Randy Allen in the sanctuary**  
**BEGINS: January 15, 2020**

Our lives are hectic. We seek a time to slow down and commune with God. We know that prayer helps us grow in Christ and shrinks the barriers separating us from the Holy and Divine. Each week we will briefly discuss Biblical principles of prayer and then we will enter into sacred conversations with God, together.

## PRAYER JOURNALING

**LED BY: Janice Stewart in Room 214**  
**BEGINS: February 5th.**

Keeping a prayer journal helps us connect with God in a consistent, authentic, creative and tangible way. The class has been updated so, even if you have been a member before, come back and discover new ways to dialogue with God.

## HOW HAPPINESS HAPPENS: FINDING LASTING JOY IN A WORLD OF COMPARISON, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND UNMET EXPECTATIONS BY MAX LUCADO

**STUDY OFFERED AT TWO TIMES:**

- Led by Susan Page during WNA in room 212 beginning **January 15th at 6:00 p.m.**
- Led by Susan Kizziah on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at her home located at 1873 Gaineswood Drive, Tuscaloosa 35406. Email [susankizziah@gmail.com](mailto:susankizziah@gmail.com).

In a world searching for happiness, bestselling author, Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus, teaching and modern research. Do you feel happy? How long has it been since you felt a level of contagious, infectious, unflappable, unstoppable happiness? For many of us the answer is, "Well, it's been a while. I used to be happy, but then life took its toll." Based on the teachings of Jesus and backed by modern research, the study presents a surprising but practical way of living that will change you from the inside out.

## WHEN LESS BECOMES MORE MAKING SPACE FOR SLOW, SIMPLE, AND GOOD BY EMILY LEY

**LED BY: Julie Salter during WNA in room 215**  
**BEGINS: January 15th at 6:00 p.m.**

People today are more fatigued, burned out, and overwhelmed than ever. Smartphones constantly ping and alert and demand our attention. Social media can eat up hours of our days with mindless scrolling and tapping while leaving many feeling empty and lonely. Add to that family commitments, work that is accessible around the clock, and overscheduling, and you have a life that can feel unmanageable and frantic...even running on empty. This study offers practical encouragement in a world that often overwhelms women to the point of burnout! Discover how to push back against mindless, time-draining habits that steal our joy. Learn to structure your life based on core values; pursue less frenzy and more "soul rest".

## MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

**LED BY: Sandy Felkins in the Lee Class Room**  
**BEGINS: March 4, 2020 (6 weeks)**

*Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton is a study about what the Bible is and is not. We will get a deeper understanding of its creation and wrestle with some thorny passages. Hamilton says he intended this book to be like a conversation with a friend on the back porch with a glass of lemonade. So grab your Bible and a lemonade, and journey with us.



# Cultivate

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### *Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life* AROUND THE TABLE WITH RECIPES BY SHAUNA NIEQUIST

**LED BY:** Donna Cornelius at her home located at 7207 Commodore Drive NE, Tuscaloosa 35406  
**BEGINNING:** Tuesday, February 15th at 5:45 p.m. Email [donnawcornelius@bellsouth.net](mailto:donnawcornelius@bellsouth.net) to register.

Do you love food? Who doesn't really? Eating is a necessary activity, but in His overwhelming abundance, God has blessed us with thousands of ways to satisfy our hunger. One of the best ways to enjoy this abundance is with the people we love and cherish, gathered around the table, receiving nourishment from the food and from each other. Learn why food is so important for our bodies and our souls, and how imbalance in one area of life can lead to unbalance in others. Discover more of the sacred in your everyday, as you slow down and enjoy what happens around the table. Participants will take turns bringing dishes made from recipes in the book.

### *Hebrews:* **THE NEARNESS OF KING JESUS** BY LISA HARPER

**LED BY:** Beverly May on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in room 212 at FUMCT  
**BEGINNING:** Monday, February 10th. Email [bevbmay@icloud.com](mailto:bevbmay@icloud.com) to register.

Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution. It is also relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Join Lisa as she bridges the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. The study helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic and loving to no end.

### *Join Us!*

Cultivate Women's Ministry is offering several opportunities for small group studies during spring semester 2020. Approximately 100 women participated in small groups last fall – we offer groups for all ages and interests. We'd love for you to join also! Email the group leader to register.

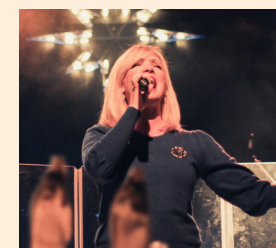
### *Inspired*

#### BY RACHEL HELD EVANS

**LED BY:** Zoe Winston on Mondays at noon in room 303 at FUMCT beginning Monday, January 27th. Email [zoelynn.winston@gmail.com](mailto:zoelynn.winston@gmail.com) to register.

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired. Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. This is a "lunch and learn" study group – please bring your lunch and gather for fellowship and study.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



### NICE TO MEET YOU, SHANNON CHANDLER! WORSHIP LEADER IN THE BRIDGE

#### "I HAD TO GET OVER MY STAGE FRIGHT QUICKLY,"

Shannon Chandler said as she told the story of being the youngest child and only daughter of a father who was a minister of music and a mother who played the piano for his choirs. "They were a package deal," she said. "And with that came opportunities for me to sing for the congregation at our small Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Glencoe.

Shannon was trained in all sorts of music—drums, violin, piano and she grew up wanting to teach music in the schools. She pursued that degree until reality hit and Alabama's education budget was cut which eliminated many of the arts programs. She didn't waste time in switching to Communications at the University of Alabama and became involved at WVUA with an award winning, student-led talk show.

Her career in communications started in radio and continued to digital billboard sales and service. In 2007, Shelton State Community College hired her and her switch to higher education administration has been successful too. She is the Chief Development Officer and responsible for donor relations, major gifts and event planning for the Foundation. This past year, under Shannon's leadership, the Foundation awarded 104 scholarships to students based on merit and financial need.

Shannon has learned that God's timing is not always our timing. When she was 17 she started competing in pageants for the scholarship money. "WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU COULD PAY FOR COLLEGE LIKE THIS, I WANTED TO WIN." She competed in the Miss Alabama pageant



for six years and achieved top honors each time but never won THE crown. She was discouraged and considered giving up—and then rededicated herself to one last competition. That year, Deidre Downs became Miss America and Shannon was crowned Miss Alabama!

Shannon is married to Eric Chandler who grew up in First United Methodist. He brought her to church services here for the first time. Later, his father, Bryan showed a tape to the Bridge leaders of Shannon singing. Dayna Strickland recruited her to join the singers. In September 2015, Shannon was asked to take the leadership of the Worship Team. Shannon and Eric have three children, Mary Coleman (16), Evie (4) and Walt (3).

With two jobs and three children, it is amazing that Shannon finds time for anything else. "You might find this shocking but I am somewhat domestic," she admits. "I have a famous cinnamon roll recipe and I cook to relieve stress." Every holiday brings out a new stash of decorations that fill her lovely home.

Her favorite Bible verse is Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

#### "MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO BE PRESENT. PUT DOWN MY DEVICE AND PROTECT MY TIME AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY,"

she said. As her favorite verse urges us—every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

Join Shannon in the Bridge on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

## HOW TO VOLUNTEER

We will need 300 volunteers. Volunteers must register through Love INC at [loveinctuscaloosa.com](http://loveinctuscaloosa.com). Volunteers will work in a variety of ways including:

- Host the homeless guest or family and lead them through the agencies and services they need.
- Pray with guests who identify the need for prayer.
- Prepare and serve lunch to the guests.
- Shuttle guests to services like dental that are in town.
- Work in the clothing area or eyeglass ministry.

There is no training required prior to the morning of **February 1st**. Mark this date and plan to serve with us.



## HOMELESS CONNECT

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 1, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** First United Methodist, 800 Greensboro Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

**WHO:** We need you to volunteer!

Homeless Connect is an event that focuses on serving those who are housing insecure in Tuscaloosa. We will be hosting the event in our church again this year. Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC), along with area churches, agencies, businesses and volunteers come together to remove the barriers of homelessness and get help for those who desperately need it. On Saturday, February 1, our homeless guests can receive any and all services provided, free of charge. Lunch will be served, too.

### WHO IS A GUEST?

- An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- An individual who resides in a car, park, abandoned building, bus station, airport, camping ground or shelter. Or one who resides in a hotel, motel or transitional housing that is designated to provide temporary living arrangements.
- An individual or family living temporarily in a multi-family residence.

## SERVICES OFFERED

Legal advice  
Housing information  
Court (minor offenses)  
Eye exams and glasses  
Medical exams  
Dental exams and services  
Veterans' Affairs  
Prescriptions (non-narcotic)  
Clothing and other supplies  
State-issued ID cards  
Employment opportunities  
Flu vaccinations  
Hair cuts  
Hygiene items  
Prayer  
Addiction Counseling  
STD and HIV testing

## Unhitching from the Crazy Train

### FINDING REST IN A WORLD YOU CAN'T CONTROL

BY JULIE SPARKMAN

**LED BY:** Terri Boman on Monday nights beginning January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at her home located at 2520 Maple Ridge Drive, Tuscaloosa 35406. Email [terricbomanphd@gmail.com](mailto:terricbomanphd@gmail.com) to register.

Each of us has a picture of how life should go: The dream job. A perfect marriage. Loving, grateful children. Life doesn't go according to our plan. We try to force people and circumstances into our pictures. Our emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being depend upon how close reality resembles our pictures. We've hitched ourselves to the crazy train and we want to get off. But how? This study explores Jesus; gentle, yet costly, invitation to true rest - rest that isn't dependent on getting our way, but on the finished work of a Savior who knows what it's like to suffer deep disappointment, yet still submit to His Father.

## Bible Study for Moms of Preschool Children

**LED BY:** Nancy Vandervoort in Room 204 on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

The class is for preschool moms. Topics are varied and geared to parenting and living with preschool children. \* Child care available upon request. Email [becky@fumct.org](mailto:becky@fumct.org) to register.

## Wonderstruck

### AWAKEN TO THE NEARNESS OF GOD BY MARGARET FEINBERG

**LED BY:** Marcia Burke on Thursdays at noon in room 303 at FUMCT beginning Thursday, January 16th. Email [burke.marcia@icloud.com](mailto:burke.marcia@icloud.com) to register.

This is a seven-session Bible study filmed in the spectacular Canadian Rockies that will remind you what it means to awaken to wonder - every day. Do you ever feel like you're going through the motions of faith? Sometimes we do and say the right things, but our hearts are far from God. We lose our sense of holy awe. In Wonderstruck, you are invited to toss back the covers, climb out of bed, and drink in the fullness of life God intended. This is a "lunch and learn" study group - please bring your lunch and gather for fellowship and study.

## When Less Becomes More

### MAKING SPACE FOR SLOW, SIMPLE, AND GOOD BY EMILY LEY

**LED BY:** Julie Salter during WNA in room 215

## How Happiness Happens

### FINDING LASTING JOY IN A WORLD OF COMPARISON, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND UNMET EXPECTATIONS BY MAX LUCADO

Study offered at two times:

• **LED BY:** Susan Page during WNA in room 212 beginning January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Email [spage830@gmail.com](mailto:spage830@gmail.com) to register.

• **LED BY:** Susan Kizziah on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at her home located at 1873 Gaineswood Drive, Tuscaloosa 35406. Email [susankizziah@gmail.com](mailto:susankizziah@gmail.com).

## Prayer Journaling

**LED BY:** Janice Stewart during WNA in Room 214







**KIDDIE KOLLEGE PRESCHOOL**  
 REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR  
 Contact Crystal Hollyhand  
 at [kiddiekollege@fumct.org](mailto:kiddiekollege@fumct.org) or 205-345-7074.  
**DATES FOR REGISTRATION ARE:**  
**January 7-17:** Open to current  
 Kiddie Kollege families  
**January 20-24:** Open to church members  
**January 27:** Open to public until full

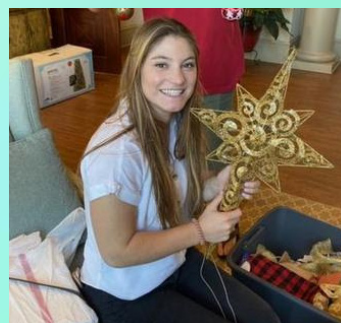
**FIRSTKIDS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** | First Kids on Wednesday Nights resumes **January 15th!**

**FIRST KIDS ROTATIONS CONTINUES ON SUNDAYS AT 11:00 A.M.** | Children K-3rd grade rotate weekly among learning stations such as: art, cooking, games, missions, science and storytelling. Experiencing the Bible story in a different way each week is fun and appeals to various learning styles!

**LITTLE LAMBS SALE SAVE THE DATE** | March 5th - 7th, 2020



Student Ministry volunteers and the family of Jim Page decorated a tree at Hospice of West Alabama on Sunday, December 1st. The tree is dedicated to the memory of Jim for his years of service to the youth programs of our church.



## FOOMACK 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 6TH - FEBRUARY 28TH** | Basketball on Mondays

**JANUARY 15TH** | FOOMACK Wednesday starts back 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 16TH - 20TH** | Spring Break – No FOOMACK

**MAY 3RD** | Senior Recognition Sunday

**MAY 6TH** | Last FOOMACK Wednesday night before Summer

**JUNE 26TH - 29TH** | Youth Trip

**JULY 15TH - AUG 5TH** | Discovery leader training Wednesday nights 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 7TH- 9TH** | Discovery 2020

### FUMCT STUDENT MINISTRIES WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** | 10:00 a.m.

**SMALL GROUPS** | Times vary weekly. Contact Charlee Rogers for information about small groups at [charlee@fumct.org](mailto:charlee@fumct.org).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** | 5:30 p.m.

