

Morgan Academy 1st Day
August 10th

Dallas County Schools 1st Day
August 4th



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Dear Friends,

Is it my imagination or has summer zoomed past? It seems that just yesterday we were attending graduations and making plans for summer. And here we are, getting ready for school to begin again.

The staff and I have been busy talking about plans for the fall. Believe it or not, I have begun the process of planning for Advent.

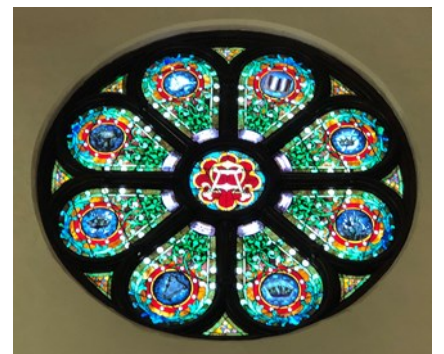
I have enjoyed seeing pictures of your summer travels and it looks like many of you had some wonderful quality time with your families. I am excited about all of us being together again as we gather to worship and play.

We will begin "Midweek Recharge" on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00p.m. We will have dinner together then the children and youth will have their time together and the adults will have Bible study. We have had fun being together on Wednesdays this summer. I am looking forward to our time together in the fall.

Thank you all for your commitment to Church Street UMC and for all the ways you serve and support the mission and ministries of our church. I am excited about the future God has planned for us and the many ways He invites us into Kingdom work.

In His Service,

Diane



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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



The summer is half over and so is the singing of the “good ol’ favorite hymns”. Thank you for singing these favorites with enthusiasm, joy, and excitement. I love these hymn medleys!

We were greatly blessed as Valerie Reese Harris presented three beautiful and outstanding original piano selections during our July 10th worship service. Our final summer guest soloist is Andrew Swindle, who will share two beautiful, touching vocal selections with us on Sunday morning, August 21st. Andrew is the son of Betty Carol and Tommy Swindle. He was an active member of Elkdale Baptist Church during his childhood and youth; always very active in the music ministry of Elkdale. He graduated from Morgan Academy in 2013 and then studied marketing at Auburn University; graduating in 2017. While at Auburn, he was an active member of the Auburn Singers—a well-known auditioned, mixed chorus that presents concerts in the US and abroad. After graduation, Andrew decided to remain in Auburn where he has developed many marketing strategies in the area; one of those being the establishment of *Andrew Swindle Photography*—a thriving business that keeps him very busy during all seasons of the year. Andrew is very active at First Baptist Church, Opelika, where he participates in the Adult Choir and directs the fourth through sixth grade children's choir. He is a featured soloist for many musical events presented by the choir. His giving spirit and love for his hometown is evident by his participation in many activities and fund-raisers for his hometown school—Morgan Academy. We welcome Andrew to Church Street and know he will bless our hearts with his vocal solos in August.

It's not too early to ask for Chancel Choir members! Our fall schedule will begin soon so consider being a part of this wonderful choral group. Contact me if you have any questions.

Gordon

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Living Treasures

This group of senior adults (60 and above) meets the third Thursday of each month for a catered lunch and program in Windham Hall.

If you would like to be a part of this group and receive notifications of meeting dates, please contact Gale Bedgood or call Pat in the Church Office. They will resume meeting in September.

Circle Meetings

Catherine Revel Circle

meeting will be

Monday, September 12th at 3:00 pm
in Windham Hall.

Roberta Sample Circle

meeting time will be determined
later.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study led by Martha Jackson will resume meeting in the fall.

The year to date finance report
is located on the back of the
August calendar.

When we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their proper place.



Promotion
Sunday &
Blessing of
the
backpacks

Sunday,
August 7th

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SERVICE**



On Wednesday night this fall
beginning September 7th
Join us for the Midweek Recharge
Dinner at 5:00

Adult Bible Study, Youth & Children's Activities follow

Teams Serving in August

Ushers: Leonard Ingram, Andy Stewart, Milam Turner III, Dub Deavor, Rex Jones, James Drinkard, Drew Wendland, Frank Speed

Security: Jon Stewart, Chuck Utsey, Floyd Plummer, Jr., Kory Taylor, Sharon Hardy, Rebecca Stewart

Worship Stewards: Em Moore and Polly Sellier

Collection Counters: Julie Drinkard & Myrna Hollis

August Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, August 9, at 5:00 pm

Finance

Thursday, August 25, at 5:00 pm

Church Council

Thursday, August 25, at 5:45 pm

**All meetings take place in the Grist Library.
Please contact the Church Office if you will
not be able to attend**



Children's Ministry

As the new school year begins, we are thankful that volunteers, yet again, have committed to another "run" of teaching our children's Sunday school classes. Special thank yous to Cora Smith, Callen Free, and Dawn Wendland. Additionally, we are thankful for the over 15 nursery volunteer helpers who on a rotating basis and along with Tracy Longmire and Kishanna Cole give of their time to take care of the little ones during Sunday school and church. If you would like to be a nursery helper or Sunday School teacher, please let me know.

Please mark August 7th on your calendars! It's not only Promotion Sunday, but also it's the "Blessing of the Backpacks." Promotion will take place during the Sunday School hour in our assembly area, and the Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during our worship service.

Additionally, please know that we will have an ACOLYTE meeting/training on Sunday, August 14th in the Sanctuary @ 9:30. All who are in the 5th through 12th grades and are interested in Acolyte are encouraged to attend.

Leika's Lambs at Church Street UMC is ready to begin another "new year" on Monday, August 1st. It is our joy and privilege to serve the families of the Selma/Dallas County community. At this time, we have a "wait list." If you know of someone who will be needing child daycare, please advise her/him to contact me ASAP, and I will be happy to discuss our classes and potential openings.

Prayerfully,

Frances

A Back to School prayer:

As we begin this new school year, we give thanks that God has given us the ability to learn many things in many ways.

Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both. Help us remember to show our thanks for your gifts of learning by doing our best every day. We ask that you bless our schools, teachers, classmates, and friends. We ask that you bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe. We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning. AMEN (FiskMUMC)

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PRAYERS**



Current: Cassandra Steele, Allen Williams, The Family of Luke Whetstone, Drew Harrison, Jimbo Barrett, Bert Beers, Mary Nell Mayo, Peggy Cross, Glenn Carter, Bobby Phillips, Allen Green, Sonny Nelson, Bob Simpson.

Ongoing: Dub Deavor, Helen Edwards, Bill Sellier, Buc & Gwen Shaw, Caroline Thomas, Linda & Jesse Harris, Brooke Lawrence, Shelby Breedlove, David Saylor, Abigail Flanagan, Jim Kennedy, Arthur "Deedle" Sullivan, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook,

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Camille Salter, Rex & Anita Waldrop, Lucille Jordan Sellier, Mary Ann Hornsby



Please be in prayer for our students, teachers, administrative faculty, and parents as school is about to begin.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 7th, during the morning worship service.

We are in the planning stages for the exciting fall evening schedule. We will get information out as soon as possible!

Please pray about where you will plug into your church activities this fall.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, Faithful in prayer"

Romans 12:12



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PRESENCE**

Average attendance in July

Sunday School: 76

Worship Service: 134

We hope to see each of you each week for our regular Sunday Schedule with Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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GIFTS**

Memorials

Luke Whetstone

By: Edie & Larry Jones

By: Coralie Frazer

By: Kaye & Floyd Plummer

By: Ed & Andrea Livingston

By: Judy Spivey

By: Sister Pitts

By: Sharon Hardy

Joe Hagood

By: Sharon Hardy



August Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, August 7th, will be given to Edmunite Mission.