



# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Christmas Open House



Pat and Kathy invite you to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on December 18th from 2 to 4 PM. We would love for you to stop by and see all the updates that have been done to the parsonage. Our address is 1004 Hood Ave.

On Sunday December 18th at 6 PM in the sanctuary the choir and guest of Randall's Chapel will be performing "**Now You're Here**" as our Christmas Cantata. Please make plans to join us and be blessed .



We will be having our Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:30 PM. This will be a casual worship celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will have an Advent Devotional, singing of Christmas hymns, Communion and the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night, by candle light. Make plans to join us.



We will have only one worship Christmas morning. It will be at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Remember it is His birth we will be celebrating.

# Church Events



12 - 1 Charge Conference at First UMC Scottsboro. 6 pm  
*This will be a combined gathering with other local UM Churches.*  
12-4-16, Second Sunday of Advent: Peace. Communion Sunday  
12-7,8-16, Adult Bible Studies  
12-11-16, Third Sunday of Advent: Joy. White Christmas Offering  
12-14,15-16, Adult Bible Studies, Last ones for the year.  
12-18-16, Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love. White Christmas Offering  
12-18-16, Open House at the Parsonage, 2-4:00 p.m.  
12-18-16, Christmas Cantata, 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary.  
12-24-16, Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 p.m.  
12-25-16, Christmas Day Worship, One worship, 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, White Christmas Offering.



## White Christmas Offering-

Each year we as Randall's Chapel UMC collect what's call a 'White Christmas Offering'. This love offering is our Christmas gift to the United Methodist Children's Home here in Scottsboro. Prayerfully consider giving to this ministry. You are able to give a love offering towards this ministry on Sunday December 11th, 18th and 25th. You can put 'White Christmas' on the memo section of your check. Thank you for your blessing.



United Methodist Women will have their Christmas gathering at the Magnolia House on December 6th at 11am. Please join us for a time of Christmas Joy and Fellowship.



Many of you have signed up to help us host the homeless overnight here at the church. There are many areas that your service is needed. Preparing meals, driving the van, spending the night, so thanks for volunteering to love these folks with the love of Jesus. As the dates approach I will be posting a meeting to prep

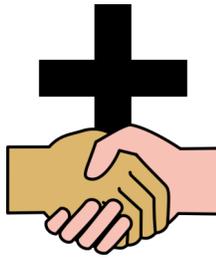
ourselves for our guest. We are schedule to host our guest on the following nights: Tuesday Jan.17th. Monday Jan. 30th. Wednesdays Feb. 8th & 22nd. There is still room for more volunteers.

Wednesday Night, Dec.14th and Thursday Morning, Dec. 15th will be our last evening and last morning Bible Study for the year. We will begin again in January.



**DECEMBER GREETERS**

- 4 - ROGER BROOKINS
- 11 - CORKY GARDNER
- 18 - EDDIE ALLEN
- 25 - JEREMY HUGHES



**DECEMBER NURSERY WORKERS**



- 4 - MADISON HELMS
- 11 - LEE ANN WALKER
- 18 - REBECCA MURPHY
- 25 - SONYA SHOOK

*If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery duty, please contact Jean Hardman our Church Secretary.*

**256-574-6685**

*If you are scheduled for nursery duty and can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to work in your place.*

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



- 1 John Gerlach
- 2 Jean Hardman
- 5 Bud Bacon
- 5 Eleanor Allen
- 6 Ginia Riggs
- 7 Jurdy Michaels
- 10 Michael Livesay
- 12 Harry Clemons
- 12 Gene Kirby
- 12 Chrissie Street
- 13 Chole Wendlick
- 13 Ginny Lovingood
- 15 Eddy Richey
- 19 Shelia Morris
- 22 James Kuykendall
- 24 Dorothy Kylo
- 25 Pat Bacon
- 28 Wynola Kirkland



- 14 Richard & Brenda Olander
- 18 Justin & Kelly Ellis
- 24 John & Denise Gerlach



Free for adult ladies, Mon. 6p.m., Wed.10 a.m., Thurs. 6 p.m.

Contacts: Jack St. John 256-599-5448

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*It will resume after the new year.*

**Youth Group Pecans**

The Youth are selling 1lb. bags of pecans again this year for \$10.00 per bag. You can buy them on Sundays between worship services. So for those holiday treats, get your pecans from the youth. All proceeds go toward youth events .



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



Carolee Baubata  
<http://ministry-to-children.com>

## God in a Manger

Christmas is not about the Savior's infancy; it is about His deity. The humble birth of Jesus Christ was never intended to conceal the reality that God was being born into the world.

But the modern world's version of Christmas does just that. And consequently, for the greater part of humanity, Christmas has no legitimate meaning at all.

I don't suppose anyone can ever fathom what it means for God to be born in a manger. How does one explain the Almighty stooping to become a tiny infant? Our minds cannot begin to understand what was involved in God's becoming man.

Nor can anyone explain how God could become a baby. Yet He did. Without forsaking His divine nature or diminishing His deity, He was born into our world as a tiny infant.

He was fully human, with all the needs and emotions that are common to us all. Yet He was also fully God--all wise and all powerful.

For nearly 2,000 years, debate has been raging about who Jesus really is. Cults and skeptics have offered various explanations. They'll say He is one of many gods, a created being, a high angel, a good teacher, a prophet, and so on. The common thread of all such theories is that they make Jesus less than God. But the biblical evidence is overwhelming that this child in the manger was the incarnation of God.

One passage in particular, written by the apostle Paul, captures the essence of Jesus' divine nature and underscores the truths that make Christmas truly wonderful.

[Colossians 1:15-20](#) says,

*<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*



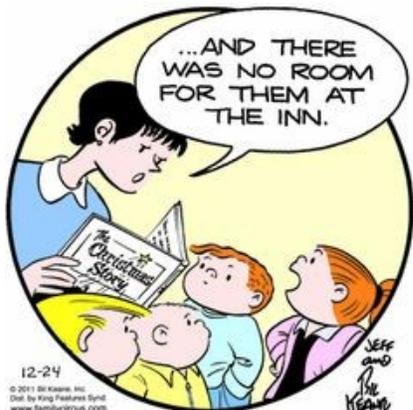
# December 2016



| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed                                    | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|--|-----|--|--|---|-----|---|
|  |     |  |  | 1 Bible Study<br>10:30 am<br>Charge<br>conference<br>6 pm 1st UMC | 2   | 3   |
| 4 2nd Sunday<br>of Advent<br><br> | 5   | 6<br>UMW<br>Christmas<br>Luncheon<br>11:30 am<br>Magnolia<br>House | 7<br>Bible Study<br>and Youth<br>6 pm  | 8<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am                                      | 9   | 10  |
| 11 3rd Sunday<br>of Advent<br><br>  | 12  | 13   | 14<br>Bible Study<br>and Youth<br>6 pm | 15<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am                                     | 16  | 17  |
| 18 4th Sunday<br>of Advent<br><b>LOVE</b><br>Open House<br>Parsonage 2-4<br>Christmas<br>Cantata 6 pm  | 19  | 20   | 21                                     | 22  | 23  | 24<br><br>Christmas Eve<br>CANDLELIGHT<br>SERVICE<br>5:30 pm |
| 25<br><br>Worship<br>10 am<br>Sanctuary   | 26  | 27   | 28                                     | 29  | 30  | 31  |

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

# THE FUNNY PAGE



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www.familyfocus.com  
"Joseph should've just gone online and booked a room before they left."  
JEFF AND THE LEGEND



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I WANT TO GET GOD SOMETHING AWESOME FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, BUT WHAT DO YOU GET THE GUY WHO MADE EVERYTHING?



## Christmas Riddles

- What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
- What type of candle burns longer?
- What do you get if Santa comes down your chimney when the fire is ablaze?
- What do you get if you team Santa with a detective?

Frostbite.  
None, they all burn shorter!  
Crisp Kringle  
Santa Clues!

## Church Mice



## Trust Him?

On the Sunday before Christmas Reverend Billy Graham was walking down Highland street in Mt Holly, North Carolina on his way to see a parishioner. However, he wanted to post a parcel urgently so he asked a young boy where he could find the post office. When the boy had directed him, Reverend Graham thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to the Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.' The boy replied, 'I think I'll give your sermon a miss. If you don't even know your way to the post office, how will you lead me to heaven?'



# Randall's Chapel United Methodist Church



## CHAPEL CHIMES

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### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

*Classes for all ages - nursery provided*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN 6 PM

#### THURSDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM

FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,  
CORRECTIONS, CHANGES, SUGGESTIONS AND/OR COM-  
MENTS.....

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