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Randall's Chapel United Methodist Church

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NEW BEGINNINGS

Several years ago while attending the worship service fixing pastoral appointments during the meeting of the North Alabama Annual Conference, I was introduced to a new hymn which was led by Rev. Steve West who just happened to be our incoming newly appointed pastor. The Hymn was written by Brian Wren and entitled: *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* and is found in the United Methodist Hymnal, No. 383.



This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, lay to rest the pain that's gone.

This hymn encapsulated what I needed to hear and in my belief what the church needed to hear during this transition in our pastoral ministry from our previous beloved pastor to Rev. West. When a new appointment takes place there is grief suffered by many. The receiving congregation grieves the loss of their previous pastoral family. The incoming pastor and his family grieve the loss of their former congregation. While grief is a natural response, it must not weigh us down. Yes, there is a time to remember but we must shift our focus to the future in order to move on as Christ would have us do. Free of our grief and anxiety, we have a golden opportunity for a new beginning in ministry with a new leader, Rev. Joey Karr, which is cause to celebrate! As Easter people, we live in the light and love of the empty tomb--an empty tomb that teaches us that change can be painful, but it can also bring about amazing transformation.

In preparing for the arrival of the Karr family the most important thing we can do as a church is to pray for them and open our hearts and commit that we are going to unconditionally love and accept them into our church family. The atmosphere of the recent "meet and greet" fellowship gathering was evidence that this has already started among us. I can assure you that our pastor, his family, and our church will gain strength from our continued prayers. Prayers are important in the formation of meaningful relationships.

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 CHARLES GIDDENS SHANE SNYDER
- 3 ROGER BROOKINS **DEANNA HUGHES**
- 4 CINDY GREEN **CINDY BATEY**
- 5 KELLY ELLIS
- 9 CLARENCE POTTER EDDIE ALLEN
- **10 BILL HENSHAW** WYATT ELLIS DAVID GIDDENS
- **11 JUDY WADKINS**
- 13 JERRY KIRBY
- 16 LISA LUSK
- 21 BRIAN RICKER SNOOKIE BRADFORD
- 22 TINA RENEE ALLEN
- 26 SHANNON SNYDER
- **30 JENNY ADAMS**

ANNIVERSARIES



12 - JAMES & CINDY GREEN 23 - CHARLES & DEBBIE GIDDENS 25 - LEEANN & KELLY WALKER 26 - RICK & JUDY WADKINS



Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers to work with Children and Youth Ministries. If you would like to be a part of this blessing please call the church office.



Life Resource Services of Jackson Co. We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. JUNE Collection: Peanut butter, jelly, bottled water and

anti-bacterial wipes. We can always use

volunteers to help. Thank You for your support.



United Methodist Women's Meeting - Tuesday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We are meeting in the Sanctuary to allow sitting 6 feet apart from one another. Please bring a mask to wear. Looking forward to seeing all who are able to come.

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Grief Support Group

Theresa Kilgro has been leading a great support group for a couple of years here at Randall's Chapel. If you have had the passing of a love one, let me encourage you to check out this ministry and group to find some good

support and encouragement. They have temporarily postponed weekly meetings but are having monthly luncheons. If you are interested contact Theresa or the church office.

Bible Discussion - Come join us on Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m. as we get into the Bible and discuss the answers to our questions. It's laid back and you're welcome to join us.





Children's Message -

Once again, we are providing a Children's Message during our worship time. Thanks to you ladies who are being a part of this team.

June Leaders -

6-6 Shelia Morris, 6-13 Lisa Lusk, 6-20 Kelly Ellis, 6-27 Shelia Morris, Sonya Shook is also our backup leader.





News and Announcements



- 6-1 United Methodist Women's Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 6-2 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m.
- 6-6 Worship with Pastor Havens
- 6-6 Communion Sunday
- 6-9 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m.
- 6-13 Worship at 10:00 with Pastor Kay West



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Another important reminder is for us not to be shy. Introduce yourself using your name and don't be afraid to ask each of the Karr's to remind you of theirs. Yes, while they have a larger church family to learn the names of they are also a large loving family with separate

identities for us to learn. Names are important in forming meaningful relationships.

As time allows, share with Rev. Karr your story and your vision for Randall's Chapel in carrying out God's plan. Ask yourself what gifts you have to invest and share in this new season of ministry at Randall's Chapel. Sharing stories and gifts are important in forming meaningful relationships.

Be quick to extend grace. We all have much to learn during this time of transition. The pastor will need to learn us just as we will need to learn him. This will take some time so we must be patient with one another and keep the lines of communication open. We are in ministry together and we each have our gifts as well as our faults. Grace is important in forming meaningful relationships.

Let us continue with our hymn:

Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from our past, and leave behind our disappointment, guilt and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is Making all things new.

And all God's people said......AMEN!

Blessings, Ralph Grider



- 6-16 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m.
- 6-20 Worship at 10:00 with Pastor Kay West
- 6-20 Happy Fathers Day!
- 6-23 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m.
- 6-27 Worship at 10:00 with Pastor Kay West
- 6-30 Bible Discussion at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tueday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 United Methodist Women's Meeting 10:00	2 Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Worship 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Havens		8	9 Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
Holy Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship, 10:00 a.m. With Pastor West			Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.			19
20 Worship, 10:00 a.m. with Pastor West	21	22	23 Bible Discussion 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
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THE FUNNY PAGE



SHEPHERD'S VOICE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: - John 10:27 kJV

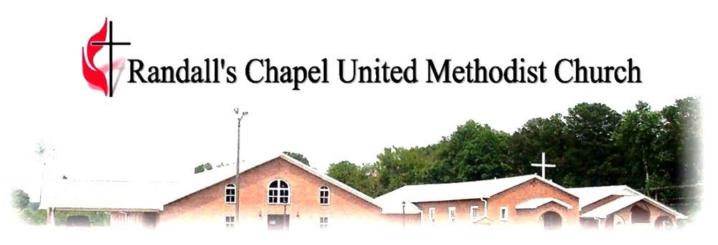




"Wow! Your new chair's comfortable and the perfect size! Right, Daddy?"



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RICK OLANDERLEADERSHIP TEAM CO-CHAIR			
SHELIA MORRIS LEADERSHIP TEAM CO-CHAIR	SUNDAY		
CHARLES GIDDENSLAY LEADER	SUNDAY		
PATTY MILLERSECRETARY	NEW TIME		
	WORSHIP 10:00		
	WEDNESDAY		
FOR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,	ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM		
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