



# CHAPEL CHIMES

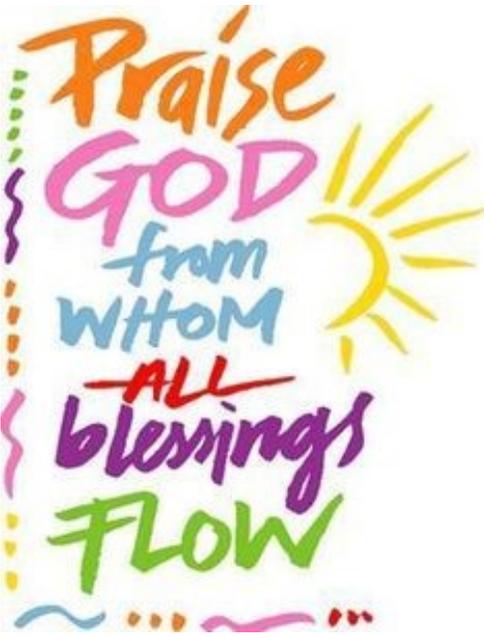


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### *Causing Praises...*

*I was reminiscing back to a time when I was traveling on a country road in south Georgia. As this road wound through farm lands, I came upon a farm with fields full of flowers growing on it. So I pulled into an area that had a little shed that served as a store that sold these flowers. It was a farm where you got to cut your own flowers. This was new for me, I've seen farms where you picked your own berries and pumpkins, but flowers? So I went into the store.*

*After inquiring about this place, the lady running the store handed me a knife and said, 'Go cut yourself some.' So I walked across the road with a knife in hand and found myself walking through this field of flowers awestruck with amazement. Almost all of these flowers were different types of Dahlias, I had never seen these kind of flowers before. This moment was overwhelming, this field of flowers had become a sanctuary for me. I just stood there in the middle of all these flowers and praised God for His incredible, amazing creativity. Whoa! Believe it or not, I had this thought while standing in this field of flowers; I wondered how many seeds it took to produce so many flowers. Because of someone else's labor, sowing, I was blessed, and being blessed caused me to praise our heavenly Father.*

*The Apostle Paul shares a similar idea in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Pull out your Bible and read it. Verse 6, '... whoever sows generously will also reap generously.' ... verse 11, '... your generosity (in sowing) will result in thanksgiving to God.' Verse 12 refers to this overflowing giving by us, will cause others who are blessed by our giving, will give thanks (praises) to God.*

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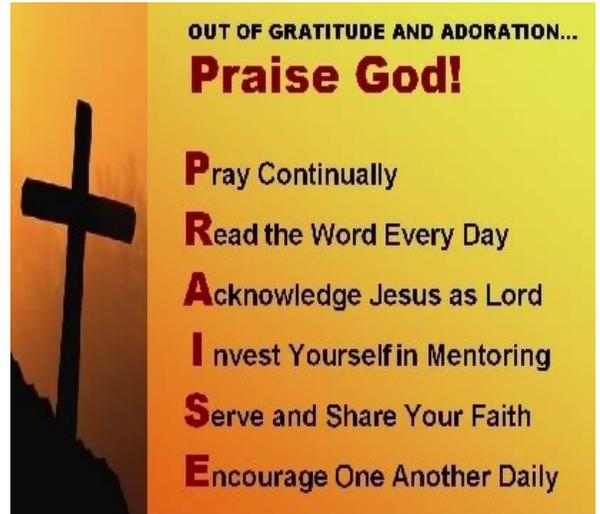
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*Like the field of flowers, where seeds were sown and the abundance of flowers were available. I believe we as a church will also reap generously if we continue to sow generously. As we attend worship, we have the opportunity to sow blessings into the lives of others.*

*We have the opportunity to sow kindness, mercy, encouragement and the love of Jesus into a field of grace that we call worship and church. It is my heart's desire and prayer that as we sow into the lives of others, it will cause others to praise the goodness of our God for their blessings.*

*Let's let our sowing be with a cheerful and generous heart, so that there will also be an abundance of His grace to reap.*

*Praising God for the seeds you sow, -Pat*



### NEWS AND EVENTS

**The United Methodist women will meet on the first Tuesday of every month.  
Come join us on September 5th at 10 am**



**The United Methodist Men meet on the third Monday of the month. The next fellowship meeting will be on September 18th at 6 pm. Please come join in the good fellowship and food.**



# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9-3 No Evening Worship**
- 9-4 Happy Labor Day! Office Closed.**
- 9-5 United Methodist Women's Meeting 10:00 am**
- 9-6 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm**
- 9-7 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am**
- 9-11 Lay Leadership/ Nominations Committee Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 9-13 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm**
- 9-14 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am**
- 9-18 United Methodist Men Food & Fellowship at 6:00 pm**
- 9-20 & 21 No Bible Study**
- 9-27 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm**
- 9-28 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am**



We welcome to Randall's Chapel our new custodian Vickie Young.

## Something We Are Looking Into . . .

Mayor Robin Shelton has approached Randall's Chapel UMC in an effort to join with the City of Scottsboro in a storm shelter program. The City would like to place a storm shelter on our property. The idea would be to have a storm shelter behind the back parking lot; this shelter would hold up to 90 persons. It would be 48'L x10'W x8'H. All of the shelter expense will be handled by the City.



The May 7<sup>th</sup> Ad. Council meeting discussed the plan and voted to approve the 'go ahead' of looking into what all is involved in making this happen. The Ad. Council thought this would be good for the community. Many avenues are being looked into, even as to whether the North Al. Conference approves this. All of this is a process to see if we and the City can make this happen. The whole project is still in the process of the possibility; nothing is set in stone yet. Just a little information to let you know as to what we and the city are looking into.

## Plans for Increasing the Average Worship Attendance for Randall's Chapel UMC



*The North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Northeast District are asking all pastors and churches to come up with a written plan that will be their attempt to increase their average worship attendance for 2018.*

*As the pastor, my desire is to make a simple plan for the congregation to partake in. Hopefully this plan will increase our numbers of the average of our worship attendance.*

*In 2015 our average attendance was 117. For 2016 our average attendance was 116. As for the first 7 months of 2017, our average attendance from January 1 thru July 31 has been 113.*

*A suggested plan to increase our average attendance is to include everybody who attends our worship to partake in a simple plan.*

*The following steps are to involve everyone who is attending worship by doing the following steps.*

*Steps to increase average worship attendance are:*

- 1. Prayer - For everyone to pray over the following areas.
  - (a) Pray for their own personal attendance to increase.*
  - (b) Pray for an individual who is not attending regularly to attend more.*
  - (c) Pray for an individual who does not attend church to start attending.*
  - (d) Pray for an opportunity to ask b. & c. to attend church.**
- 2. Commitment Cards – For everyone to offer a Commitment Card as an offering on a set Sunday (Two cards, one for offering & the other to keep as a reminder).*

*What we will do with these cards:*

- Write your name down as a commitment to increase your attendance.*
- Names of 1.b. & 1.c. Whom you will pray for and ask to attend worship.*
- Then one Sunday in the future, we will turn in our cards as an offering with our pledge to increase our attendance and our prayers for others.*

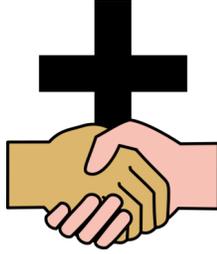
*As stated before, our goal to increase our average worship attendance involving everyone to partake in this simple plan. Putting this plan into action will happen after several weeks of announcing the plan during our worship and newsletter announcements. The official start date will begin with our “**Commitment Card Sunday Offering**” when everyone may offer their Commitment Card.*

*I believe this is something we can all partake in and see the blessings that will come from this. I ask that we take this to heart and be in prayer about our commitment to encouraging others to be a part of the Body of Christ in our worship time together.*

*Thanks, Pat*

## SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 3 - CORKY GARDNER
- 10 - EDDIE ALLEN
- 17 - JEREMY HUGHES
- 24 - KYLE WENDLICK



*We need volunteers for Nursery workers. If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery duty, please contact Jean Hardman our Church Secretary. 256-574-6685*



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Manuel Nash
- 3 Sherry Gross
- 3 T.G. St. John
- 10 Taylor Miller
- 11 Robert Culpepper
- 12 Detriech Schaefer
- 16 Evie Campbell
- 19 Paul Wilson
- 23 Bill Hurlburt
- 25 Blake Welch
- 26 Laura Adams
- 26 Zachery Richey
- 27 Myron Dawson
- 30 Barbara Gross



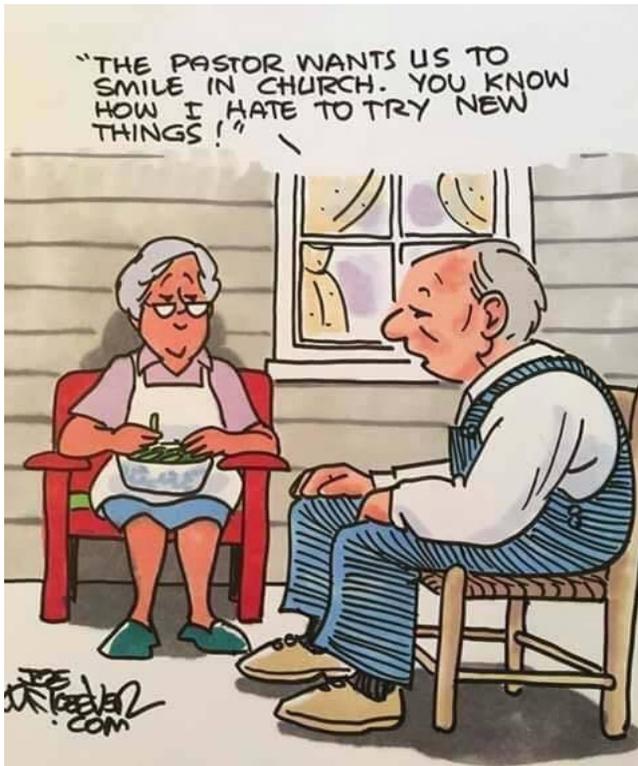
## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Jimmy Joe and Louise Lusk
- 17 Manuel and Lorene Nash
- 21 Robert and April Culpepper



***Bible Study will return this month. We will meet on Wednesday evening at 6 pm and on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.***

# THE FUNNY PAGE



Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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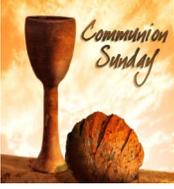
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3  <i>Communion Sunday</i> No Evening Service	4  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	5 <i>UMW 10am</i>	6 <i>Bible Study 6 pm</i> <i>Children and Youth 6 pm</i>	7 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Lay Leadership Nominations Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	12	13 <i>Bible Study 6 pm</i> <i>Children and Youth 6 pm</i>	14 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>UMM Food &amp; Fellowship 6:00 pm</i>	19	20 <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Children and Youth 6 pm</i>	21 <i>No Bible Study</i>	22	23
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# 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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