

WE COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH . . . OUR PRAYERS

Health and Healing: Terry Armstrong, Kandi Foust Barnett, Levi Bates, Rhea Bearden, Lori Bice, Jenifer Brown, Andrew Buckalew, Carl Buttke, Edna Byrd, Freddie Byrd, Nancy Carmichael, Cheryl Crider, Matthew Edmondson, Harmon Eller, Breanna England, Melinda & Summer Evans, Bobbie Fell, Cathy Fincher, Larry & Imogene Galin, Pressley Gardner, Tiffany Godfrey, Sara Myers Gross, Faye Hall, Barbara Harris, Ronda Harris, Martha Hayes, Tom Hinkle, Mike Houston, Pete Ivey, Charles Jackson, Ron Jasper, Joshua Jones, Alice Keenum, Shirley Long, Christie McAbee, Randall & Sandra McGlaughn, Mickey Megginson, Phyllis Powers, Andrea Prater, Trisha Prater, Sara & Bud Pritcett, Martha Roberson, Halee Russell, Mike Russell, Dorothy Sinyard, Lucille Slade, Phyllis Smith, Anna Sparks, Margaret Stallings, Bobby Stewart, Al Stone, Amanda Thrasher family, Sherri Troxler, Beverly Turner, Gary Turner, Jr.

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AUGUST SERVANTS
Trustee: Sheila Nails

8:30 a.m. Worship
Altar: Denise Nails
Make Coffee: Rita Speegle
Worship Greeters: Randy & Rickey Nails
Hand Out Bulletins: Eddie & Mary Nell Hightower
Take Up Offering: Randy & Sheila Nails, David Adams and Fred Ponder
Pick Up Attendance Pad: Sheila Nails & Clara Laminack

Sunday, August 5
Security: Mickey Phillips
Refreshments: Billy & Judy Bonds
Honeybees: Luwanna Hamby
Set up Chairs: Kay & Mickey Phillips, David Fisher
Communion Servers: Billy & Judy Bonds, Linda Hall, Luwana Hamby, Donna Bryant & Peggy Burgess
Prayer Partners: Rita Speegle

11:00 a.m. Worship
Altar: Carol Tekulve
Head Usher: Eddie Hart
Ushers: Chad Gambrell, Bill Padgett, Frances Cooper and Jean Johnson
Pick Up Attendance Pads: Bryon & Rose Marie Martin
Organize Pew Racks: Sharon Lott
Scripture Reader: Doyle Jones
Acolyte: T.J. Brown

Sunday, August 5
Security: Sandra Britton
Honeybees: Pat Ivey
Prayer Partners: Carolyn & Doyle Jones
Communion Servers: Bill & Hazel Ruehl, Shirley Hays, Lori Tafazoli, Chad Gambrell

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<u>OUR ATTENDANCE</u>	
July 1	
8:30 a.m.	72
11:00 a.m.	87
	159
Sunday School	102
July 8	
8:30 a.m.	93
11:00 a.m.	104
	197
Sunday School	113
July 15	
8:30 a.m.	91
11:00 a.m.	84
	175
Sunday School	108
July 22	
8:30 a.m.	92
11:00 a.m.	83
	175
Sunday School	106

<u>OUR VISITORS</u>	
Annette Bailey	Wendell Brooks
Anna Beyte	Kayla and Ella Foran
Darrin Blake	Josie and Lynleigh Hamm
	M.R. and Charlene Meggins
	Noah Todd

Senior Spirit Singers
Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's Sanctuary
Come and bring a friend



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Joan von Lehe Book Signing
 Sunday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Senior Spirit Singers
 Sunday, August 12 at 5:00 p.m.

PPR Meeting
 Tuesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Swamp John's
 Tuesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m.



Emmaus
 Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter Folding
 Wednesday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Stephen Ministry Supervision
 Monday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Emmaus Team Training
 Thursday, August 30 at 6 p.m.

Swamp John's Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 21
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
\$11 a plate

What if today, we were just grateful for everything?

Pilot Light Home House Parent Position Opening

Pilot Light is seeking House Parents for the Pilot Light Home. The Pilot Light, Inc., is a United Way Agency and 501c3 Not For Profit organization. If interested you can receive a job description and application from the church office. For more information and questions please contact: Peggy Harris, 256-531-2525, gooderharris@gmail.com.


Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will be held on Sundays at 5 p.m. from September 9th - 30th. All youth and adults are welcome to attend. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so the proper amount of curriculum can be ordered.



Book Signing & Reception
Sunday, August 5th, 2 p.m.

Joan von Lehe will be holding a book signing for her new book "Plenty of Something." Copies can be purchased at Deb's Bookstore or through Amazon. Books will also be available for purchase at the signing for \$14.99.

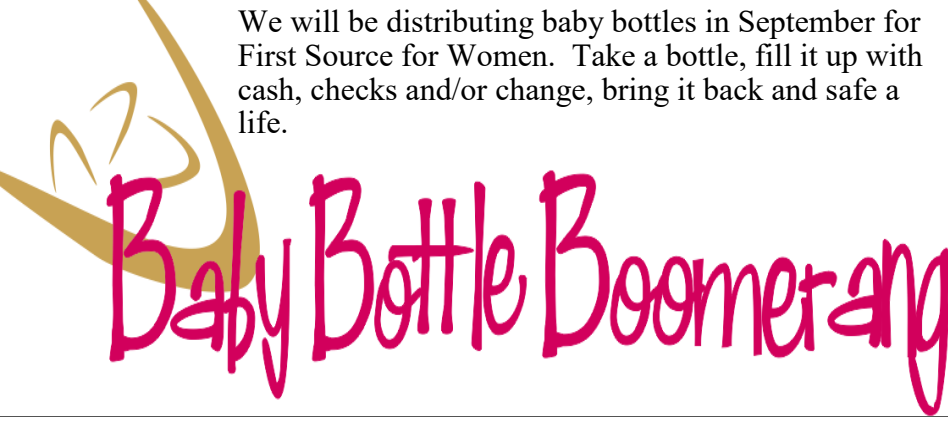


Cullman County God and Country Ride
Saturday, August 4, 2018

Members of the Sons of Liberty Riders with the support of the Christian Motorcycle Association invite all who would like to participate. They will stop at designated schools in Cullman County and have the Pledge of Allegiance and 15 min. for prayer before departing to the next school. There is no cost to ride, all are welcome, you do not have to have a motorcycle, cars and trucks are welcome.

Hanceville - 8 a.m.	West Point Football Field - 1:35 p.m.
Walti - 8:40 a.m.	Harmony and CARE - 2:20 p.m.
Holly Pond - 9:20 a.m.	Cold Spring High - 3:15 p.m.
Parkside - 10:05 a.m.	Good Hope Football Field - 4:05 p.m.
Fairview - 10:40 a.m.	
Cullman CDC - 12:30 p.m.	
Vinemont - 12:50 p.m.	

We will be distributing baby bottles in September for First Source for Women. Take a bottle, fill it up with cash, checks and/or change, bring it back and safe a life.



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES

AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 10

SUNDAY, August 5

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Book Signing for Joan von Lehe
5:00 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, August 6

6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

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How To Love On Our Schools

The bell is poised to ring. The teacher breathes deep. Pencils sharpened to a perfect point and stacks of brilliant colored paper arranged in neat bins. Bulletin boards fresh and bottles of glue in tight little rows. Everything in just the right place. Waiting for eager voices to enter with nervous laughter. A new school year stands ready to begin. Be it public, charter, or private, our nation's schools will open their doors to millions of this year. Millions of hurting students. And millions of exhausted teachers. The church has an opportunity.

I'm moving into my 12th year of teaching. I've been in public schools and private schools. No matter where you are, the need is great. Often we get caught up in policies and procedures, standards and testing. We take sides, we argue, we draw lines in the sand. But every teacher I know will tell you the greatest problem education faces today is the brokenness of our nation's children. Have you ever tried to take a final exam knowing you've just been kicked out of your home? I taught a student faced with that very heartbreak this year—a good kid, a 17 year-old almost-man with tears in his eyes. He wasn't the only one of my students kicked out of his home. There were others. Always one too many. I've taught homeless students. Students working close to 40 hours a week just to help parents pay rent. Students whose parents invite them to get high. There are days I see so much heartache, I struggle to climb from the bleakness. The church has an opportunity.

If I have learned anything from the classroom it's this—students respond to love. So do teachers. Though the Gospel message cannot be shared in every classroom across our nation, the love of Jesus Christ cannot be stopped. One of the greatest displays of love is through the act of service. Because love is always an action. When love is acted out, without an agenda, humanity is moved. How can you, your women's ministry, small group or even church serve your neighboring schools—public or private? I have a few ideas.

- Donate food to the school food bank, backpack ministry, or other various charities that work to feed children over the weekends and through the summer months.
- Ask a teacher from your community if she needs classroom supplies.
- Take a teacher dinner on the first day of school—any day of school.
- Offer to feed sports teams before games.
- Cater a lunch for your neighboring school's faculty during preplanning or other times throughout the year. Or just bring donuts one morning.
- Volunteer to be a reading buddy for students. Or just volunteer.
- Mentor older students by meeting them for lunch or showing up for their school events.
- Can your business hire or apprentice economically disadvantaged students?

Some ideas are simpler than others. Some require a greater investment. This list is just the beginning of possibility. But Jesus never promised loving was easy. His idea of love took Him to a cross with nail-pierced hands. Love isn't without effort, but it's necessary. For our nation's schools to survive, they need to experience the hands and feet of our Jesus kind of love. The church has an opportunity.

Heather Iseminger

Wednesday Night Meal

Meals start back on August 15th

**Food
Friends
Fellowship
Fun**



OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be a worshipping, loving and witnessing church in Cullman County where disciples of Jesus Christ live out their call to ministry and are nurtured in small groups.

Our Mission:
Reach the lost,
nurture the
faithful.