

First United Methodist Church

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude Carol Dickinson

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" – Arrg. Bish

Call to Worship Choir

"Amazing Love"

Invocation Jim Raines

***Hymn** UMH 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1,2,4)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Church Angie Stovall

Offertory Carol Dickinson

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – Arrg. Maker

***Doxology** UMH 95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Hymn** UMH 369

"Blessed Assurance" (vs. 1,2,3)

Pastoral Prayer Jim Raines

Anthem Rev. Charlie Simmons

Scripture Acts 8:26-40

Sermon Rev. Charlie Simmons

"Where the Rubber Meets the Road"

***Hymn** FWS 2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (vs. 1,4)

***Benediction** Jim Raines

Choral Benediction Choir

"O How He Loves You and Me"

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! Thanks for worshipping with us! We hope you experienced God's love for your life while you were here. If this is your first time, we hope you'll come back. If you wish to know more about our church, here's how:

- ❖ Please contact Rev. Freeman at efreeman@umcna.org or (205)393-2232; or at <https://heypreacher.com>
- ❖ Visit our website - <http://www.WinfieldFUMC.com>
- ❖ We're on Facebook - **Winfield First United Methodist Church**
- ❖ Call or e-mail the church office at (205)487-2405 or info@winfieldfumc.com

In Worship Today:

- ❖ Rev. Charlie Simmons, Guest Preacher
- ❖ Laura Lesley - Choir Director
- ❖ Amanda Anderson - Asst. Choir Director/Pianist
- ❖ Carol Dickinson - Organist
- ❖ Josh Brooks, Wayne Brooks, Ewan Henson, and Anthony McCaleb - Ushers

Church Staff

- ❖ **Rev. Earl Freeman**, Pastor; (205)393-2232;
efreeman@umcna.org
 - ❖ **Bill Belle Isle**, Administrative Assistant;
(205)487-2405; info@winfieldFUMC.com
 - ❖ **Laura Lesley**, Choir Director
205)495-0258; Laura_Boswell@aol.com
 - ❖ **Amanda Anderson**, Assistant Choir Director
(205)495-7518; playingpiano@yahoo.com
-

Acts 8:26-40

26 An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, "At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) 27 So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) 28 He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Approach this carriage and stay with it." 30 Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really understand what you are reading?" 31 The man replied, "Without someone to guide me, how could I?" Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. 32 This was the passage of scripture he was reading: Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent so he didn't open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was taken away from him. Who can tell the story of his descendants because his life was taken from the earth? 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?" 35 Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. 36 As they went down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?" 38 He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

April 29, 2018

Make Plans for Senior Recognition Sunday on May 20, at 11 a.m.
A reception will follow Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Ushers for April:

- ❖ Josh Brooks, Wayne Garrett, Ewan Henson, & Anthony McCaleb

Ushers for May:

- ❖ Jack Bostick, Jim Dickinson, Steve Reaves, & Joe Tex Tidwell

Weekly Events (This Week):

- ❖ Hand Bells Practice, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **NO** Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Choir Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Events:

- ❖ **NO** First Wednesday Potluck Dinner - May 2
- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials

Memorial Gifts: When making donations in memory of a loved one, you may designate your gift to a specific fund of your choice.

Max & Patsy Brasher: Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Max & Patsy Brasher by Beth

Alexander, Bill Belle Isle, Russell & Becky Carothers, Roger & Petra Davis, Jim & Jane Raines, Renee Rye, Scott & Reneé Shirley, Joe Tex & Deborah Tidwell, Co-Workers Methodist Sunday School Class, and Citizens Bank of Winfield

Jayden, Jason & Tanya Tucker

Prebble Bell: Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Prebble Bell by Jim & Jane Raines, and Scott & Reneé Shirley.

Ken Trull: A donation has been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Trull by Jim & Carol Dickinson.

Flo Cunningham: A donation has been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Flo Cunningham by Scott & Reneé Shirley.

Prayer Requests & Praises

April 29, 2018

Church Family:

Chuck Alexander	Marie Hill
Sandy Anderson	Vonceal Holliman, at daughter's home
Nell Attaway	Glenn May
Edd & Mary Jim Black	Harold & Bertie Mae McDonald
Clay & Kristen Brasher	Larry McGee
The Brasher Family	Carl McLaughlin
Rose Byrd	Whit Miles
Ginny Dickerson	Frances Norris
Patsy Earnest	Maddie Reaves
Chris Garrett	Valarie Shirley, childbirth complications
Kenneth Gilmer	Amanda Carothers South

Extended Family:

Doris Anderson (aunt of Todd and Allen Anderson)

Mickey Anderson, cancer, father of Allan Anderson

Allen Barber, cancer has returned (friend of the Sexton family)

Jim Collier (H.S. classmate of Jim & Jane Raines)

Bob Cox (friend of Jim & Jane Raines)

Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)

Nick Fox (friend of Jim Raines)

Jim Fuqua (father of Diana Reaves)

CaroLynne Gann, hospice (cousin of Prebble Bell & Mary Jim Black)

Mac Godsey, health concerns (friend of Petra & Roger Davis)

Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)

Family of Brenda Hall who passed away last week (Aunt of Pam Brasher)

Denn Hocutt, cancer in liver returned (Misty's Daddy)

Sean Hubbert, 2 mos. old, heart issues (friend of Amy Clelland)

Anjaleah Hubbert (Sean's mother), cervical cancer (friend of Amy Clelland)

Hubbertville 5th grader, possible leg amputation - tumor in his leg (Tidwell friend)

Brandi Lowe (daughter of Chuck & Ginny Dickerson)

McKay McDonald, 7th grade, leukemia (friend of Susan O'Mary)

Floyd McNutt, facing April surgery

Jim Mixon, car accident (friend of Pam Brasher)

Pogie Nabors, healing, 4/18 hip replacement surgery (brother of Deborah Tidwell)

Duane Odell, stage 4 breast cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)

Larry & Marion Reese

William Robert Rodgers (brother of Harry Rodgers)

Randy Russell (son of Jack & Hermi)

Robert Sherry, abdominal surgery (brother-in-law of Rose Byrd)

Jake Spiller, auto accident, hospitalized, Tuscaloosa (friend of Dickinson's &
Guyton's)

Glynda Swinney, chemo (friend of Linda Housh)

Jim & Brenda Taylor (friend Linda McDonald)

Ed & June Trull (friends of Linda McDonald)

Kim Underwood, cancer (cousin of Prebble Bell & Mary Jim Black)

Brenda Walker, leukemia (friend of Linda McDonald)

Will Wharten, 3 yrs. old, kidney transplant (friend of Kara Williams)

Karl Yeager, heart & kidney issues (friend of Bill Belle Isle)

First United Methodist Church
Winfield, AL
April 29, 2018