

First United Methodist Church

October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude	Carol Dickinson <i>"Come, O Thou Traveler" – Arrg. Wood</i>
Call to Worship	Children/Youth <i>"How Great Is Our God"</i>
Invocation	Rev. Freeman
*Gloria Patri	UMH 70 <i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i>
*Hymn	Screen <i>"Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs. 1,4) / "God Is so Good" (1 time)</i>
*Affirmation of Faith	UMH 881 <i>The Apostles' Creed</i>
Children's Time	Rev. Freeman (Children's Church: K – 4 th Grade)
Offertory	Carol Dickinson <i>"Holy Spirit" – Arrg. Leatherman</i>
*Doxology	UMH 95 <i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>
*Hymn	UMH 526 <i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (vs. 1,3)</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Freeman
Anthem	Adult & Children Choir <i>"We Believe"</i>
Scripture	Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon	Rev. Freeman <i>"You're Invited"</i>

*Hymn

UMH 337

"Only Trust Him" (vs. 1,3)

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

Choir

"We Are One in the Spirit" (FWS 2223)

**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 heypreacher.wordpress.com
- ❖ Visit our website – 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. Earl Freeman
- ❖ Laura Lesley – Choir Director
- ❖ Amanda Anderson – Asst. Choir Director/Pianist
- ❖ Carol Dickinson – Organist
- ❖ Allen Brasher, J. Max Brasher, Jimmy Chaffin, and Nick Smith – Ushers

Church Staff

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Matthew 22:1-14

1 Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. 3 He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. 4 Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!" ' 5 But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. 6 The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them. 7 "The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. 9 Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.' 10 "Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. 11 Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. 12 He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.' 14 "Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."

Announcements

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Max & Patsy Brasher completed moving to Country Place Senior Living Center of Winfield. They are in Suite 3, and visitors are welcome.

Family Life Committee invites you to the annual "TRUNK or TREAT" on October 31, at 6:00 p.m. Decorate your car and give out candy! Please bring all candy donations to Church over the next two weeks. Contact Melanie Norris at (205)412-2812 if you wish to "do a trunk."

Confirmation Classes continue this week, with Bro. Earl and Roger Davis teaching our Middle School Youth in their Sunday School class.

Safe Place Donations:

The WESLEYAN FELLOWSHIP will join the Marion County Domestic Violence Task Force in collecting needed supplies for SAFEPLACE in Marion County. SAFEPLACE offers a refuge for victims of domestic abuse and their children. Donations may be left in the special box outside the church office during the month of October. An insert in the bulletin has the needed supplies. Thank you for your donations and prayers.

Ushers for October:

- ❖ Allen Brasher, J. Max Brasher, Jimmy Chaffin, & Nick Smith

Weekly Events:

- ❖ Disciple New Testament Study classes, Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Choir Practice, Wednesdays:
 - ❖ Children/Youth practice at 5:15 p.m.
 - ❖ Adults practice at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Events:

- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, Sunday, October 29, at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, Sunday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **First Wednesday Potluck Dinner**, November 01, at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Methodist Men's Breakfast**, Sunday, November 19, at 7:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests & Praises

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Church Family:

Chuck Alexander	Marie Hill
Nell Attaway	Gloria Keeton
Edd & Mary Jim Black	Glenn May
Max & Patsy Brasher (at Country Place)	Harold McDonald
Misty Brown	Frances Norris
Debra Burnett, recovering from surgery	David Peoples, recovering from surgery
Rose Byrd, new cancer treatment	Jack & Hermi Russell
Lynn Crook, recovering from surgery	Amanda Carothers South
Patsy Earnest	Rhyan Suitts

Extended Family:

Kareem Abram (friend of Jim Raines)
Doris Anderson (aunt of Todd and Allen Anderson)
Dennis Austin, hospitalized (nephew of Linda McDonald)
Lurleen Avery (Pam Brasher's sister's mother-in-law)
Marsha Baker, cancer (sister of Roger Davis)
Allen Barber, cancer has returned (friend of the Sexton family)
James ("Jr.") Cochran (friend of Rodney Vaughn)

Brandon Bostick (grandson of Sonya and Jr. Bostick)
Sam Cunningham, 7th grade boy in Vestavia Hills, cancer (Vicky & Larry McGee)
Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)
Donna Dunn, surgery, broken ankle (daughter of Jack & Hermi Russell)
Jay Elliott, surgery
Nick Fox (friend of Jim Raines)
Dale Gilliland (friend of J. Max & Pam Brasher)
Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)
Danny Harbin, cancer (friend of Linda McDonald)
Dale Housh
Bobby Lacey, leukemia
Danny Loftis (nephew of Linda McDonald)
Brandi Lowe (daughter of Chuck & Ginny Dickerson)
Scarlett Markham, cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)
Beth Mason, cancer (sister of Lynn Crook)
Will Nailen, 8th grade boy in Vestavia Hills, cancer (Vicky & Larry McGee)
Duane Odell, stage 4 breast cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)
Lonnie O'Rear (friend of Jim Raines)
Bob Page
Family of Brenda Pickle, who is in hospice (aunt of Pam Brasher)
Seth & Laura Raines (son & daughter-in-law of Jim & Jane Raines)
Larry & Marion Reese
William Robert Rodgers (brother of Harry Rodgers)
Randy Russell (son of Jack & Hermi)
Karen Shelly, health concerns (friend of Roger & Petra Davis)
Glynda Swinney, chemo (friend of Linda Housh)
Jim & Brenda Taylor (friend Linda McDonald)
Thomas Tyra (father of Cynthia Tyra)

Rose Warren, chemotherapy for cancer

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

Victims & Rescue Workers: Mexico earthquake, Caribbean hurricanes & California

forest fires

Shooting Victims & Rescue Workers: Las Vegas music festival

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