

# First United Methodist Church

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

**Call to Worship** *"Shine Jesus Shine"* Choir

**Greeting** Rev. Freeman

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 585

*"This Little Light of Mine" (vs. 1,2,3)*

**Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881

*The Apostles' Creed*

## Proclamation and Response

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn** UMH 577

*"God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1,2,3,4)*

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Anthem**

Choir

*"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Scripture

James 3:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Freeman

## Sending Forth

**\*Invitational Hymn** UMH 572

*"Pass It On" (vs. 1,2,3)*

**Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** All sing (screen)

*"Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

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## Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

If you wish to know more about our church, here's how:

- ❖ Please contact Rev. Freeman (see below)
- ❖ Facebook: **Winfield First United Methodist Church**
- ❖ At (205)487-2405 or [info@winfieldfumc.com](mailto:info@winfieldfumc.com)
- ❖ **Ushers:** Jack Bostick, Allen Brasher, Max Brasher, & Joe Tex Tidwell

### Church Staff

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## James 3:1-12

1 My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. 2 We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. 3 When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies. 4 Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. 5 In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly. Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. 6 The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell. 7 People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. 8 No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. 10 Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way! 11 Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

## Announcements September 16, 2018

**Back Packs & Beyond:** At the Administrative Board Meeting in August, the Board passed a motion to contribute \$100 per month to this mission program starting in September, and continuing for the next 8 months. Please consider making an "extra" contribution each month, noting on your check that it is for "Back Packs & Beyond."

**Love Offering:** We want to give you an opportunity to contribute to a love offering for Allan & Amanda Anderson to help defray expenses due to the father of Allan being in ICU for the last 3 weeks. If you choose to contribute, make your check out to WFUMC, for "Allan & Amanda Love Offering."

**Mary Alexander** transferred to DCH in Tuscaloosa last week. We will pass along more information when her family provides it.

**Mary Jim Black:** Mary Jim expresses her appreciation for the love and support extended to her family during the time of illness and loss of her husband, Edwin Black.

**Celebrate:** Please join us as we honor Olan Cunningham for the hard work and dedication he has given to the citizens of Winfield:

Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Winfield Community Center,  
400 Community Street, Winfield AL.

Hosted by friends of Olan

### **Ushers for September:**

- ❖ Jack Bostick, Allen Brasher, J. Max Brasher, & Joe Tex Tidwell

### **Disciples in Action for September:**

- ❖ Carol Dickinson (468-5490) & Hermi Russell (487-3599)

### **Weekly Events:**

- ❖ Handbells for Adults & Youth, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Choir Practice, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monthly Events:**

- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, moved to Sunday, Oct 21, 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board**, moved to Sunday, Oct 21, 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **First Wednesday Potluck Dinner**, October 03, 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Methodist Men's Breakfast**, Sunday, October 21, 7:30 a.m.

## Memorials & Honorariums

**Edd Black:** Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Edd Black by Russell & Becky Carothers, Co-Workers Methodist Sunday School Class, Wayne & Kayron Silas, and others.

### Prayer Requests & Praises

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#### Church Family:

Chuck Alexander	Marie Hill
Mary Alexander	Vonceal Holliman
Nell Attaway	Glenn May
Family of Edd Black, who passed away September 3	Harold & Bertie Mae McDonald
Rose Byrd	Larry McGee
Liz Clinton, surgery recovery	Carl McLaughlin
Ginny Dickerson	Whit Miles
Carol Dickinson, hip surgery	Frances Norris
Patsy Earnest	David Sexton, surgery recovery
Kenneth Gilmer	Amanda Carothers South
	Jayden, Jason & Tanya Tucker

#### Extended Family:

Karen Anderson, colon cancer (mother of Todd Anderson)  
Mickey Anderson, in ICU at UAB hospital (father of Allan Anderson)  
Shelly Cunningham & family, loss of Shelly's Stepfather  
Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)  
Marlon Farris (brother of Lyvonne Estes)  
Jim Fuqua (father of Diana Reaves)  
Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)  
Lisa Hudson (friend of the Cunningham family)  
Virginia Knight in Hospice care in MS (grandmother of Steve Ford)  
Steve Logan, recovering from auto wreck (friend of Carol Dickinson)  
Willow Lyons (born 16 wks early), & parents: George & Jennifer Lyons  
McKay McDonald, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, leukemia (friend of Susan O'Mary)  
Amy McGuff, cancer

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