Our Church’s Ministry of Koinonia

The word *koinonia* is Greek and translates into English as “fellowship.” It is also the word we use to describe a ministry in our church. The Koinonia Committee is our official Casserole Committee, the ones who show up with food when a death occurs. The people on this committee have the privilege of providing food, often a complete meal, for grieving families. Sometimes the meal is in our Lighthouse prior to or after the funeral. Sometimes the food is taken to the home, where visiting friends and relatives enjoy it. The food is a tangible expression of the love of our church. It is fellowship at its best.

Here is how the Koinonia Committee functions. The four people on the committee recruit others to make up a team. The team may be as large at ten or twelve people. When a death occurs, the team springs into action. Notice that sometimes they assist a Sunday School class or another group (e.g., the choir) in the church. I’ve printed their job description below:

> The KOINONIA COMMITTEE shall develop a church-wide list of persons willing to be called on to prepare food for a family of the church during a time of bereavement; be available to assist Sunday School classes and other groups with providing food; provide food when the family is not in a Sunday School class or group; formulate and maintain guidelines by which the committee carries out its responsibilities; and keep a list of persons called on for food preparation and of those receiving meals.

> The committee shall consist of four members—a chairperson and three members at-large.

Linda Worley is chair of the committee this year. She is ably supported by Amy Mingle dorff, Martha Keplinger, and Jill Gravel. Their ministry allows grieving families to have quality time together around good food. It’s often like a family reunion. If you have been the beneficiary of their ministry, you know how meaningful it is. When you see them, take a moment to express your gratitude.

Most warmly,

David
We pray for those in need
Daryl Johnson on the death of his grandmother Louise Scott
Dacia Spencer, daughter of Karen Spencer
Harold Ray Sells
Will Mims
Marian Aldridge
Gunter Livingston
Joy Hildebrandt
Peggy Bordewiseck, aunt of Kathy Campbell
Patty Simmonds, cousin of Kathy Campbell
Karen Lawrence, daughter of Carolyn Hicks
Bill Green, grandfather of Patrick Streeter
Carol Wright, sister of Anne Livingston
Alice Caruso
Ann Killian, sister of Mary Dohrman
Sean Larkin, nephew of Anne Livingston
Carol McGinnis
Gordon Streeter, father of Patrick Streeter
Susan Alexander, sister of Greg Olmsted
RC & Nancy Darden
Betty & Gene Terry, parents of Yvonne Betowt
Jeff King, brother-in-law of Melanie Berbrier
Brian Parker, son-in-law of Bobby & Pat Williamson
Family & Friends in the military
Our country

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

DEACON ON CALL
Week of 5/19 Terri Caniglia
Week of 5/26 Art Dohrman

TELLERS
Dottie Keebler, Denise Kenney

NURSERY
Diane Robey, Linder Gilmer, Angela Garrett

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Becky & Larry Davenport

ACOLYTES
Alice & Lucy Borders

THE RECORD SPEAKS

Sunday School 132
Morning Worship 174

Budget Update
Weekly Requirements $11,247.00
Offering of Last Sunday $6,270.00

May 21
Caleb Brothers, Cody Brothers

May 22
Eunice Augustus, Methel Foster, Jesse West

May 23
Martha Keplinger, Stephen Ledbetter

May 25
Jean Arrowood, Cathy Hough

May 26
Jason Rutherford, Beck Threlkeld

May 27
Blake Biggs
**VBS**

Join us for an interstellar journey of faith this summer as we go To Mars and Beyond! We will explore where God’s power can take us while we learn more about Him. The adventure begins June 24 at 9:00AM and continues until noon daily through the week.

Log on to weatherly.org to register.

**Senior Team Picnic**

Join us for our next senior team adventure on Thursday, May 30 for a picnic lunch at Cathy and Vann Hough’s cabin. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a lawn chair! Either meet us at the church at 10:30 to carpool or at their cabin, 100 Hough Road, Lacey’s Spring, at 11:00. As a special treat, Sam and Jill Gravel’s brother-in-law, Dr. Lee Morris, will entertain us with his “preachments.”

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to let us know you are coming.

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**May is Decatur Children’s Home Month at Weatherly**

We would appreciate your love offering this month for the 32 children who live in the three houses at the Decatur Children’s Home and the ones who reside in their transient home. Your support makes this wonderful home possible for these children.

Please make your check payable to Weatherly Heights Baptist Church and put Decatur Children’s Home on the “for” line.

Thanks, Weatherly Children’s Home Group

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**Lincoln Village Open House**

About a year ago we started work on 1114 Bennett St. with the help of a group from Madison United Methodist Church. We started with the demolition in the late spring and worked through the summer on it. Then in August we started back with rebuilding. Our original schedule was to be complete in May of this year. We had several setbacks waiting on sub contractors (HVAC, plumbing and electrical); however, our two groups continued on and we are actually complete on schedule.

To celebrate our friends from Madison are having an open house Thursday, May 23 from 2 to 4 at 1114 Bennett St. to show what we accomplished. Everyone is invited to see our newest house in the Lincoln area. We have completed a house that will become a home the first week in June.
Weatherly Heights Baptist Church
1306 Cannstatt Drive
Huntsville, AL 35803

**LIM Education Support Fund**

The LIM Education Support Fund makes money available in the form of interest free loans to approved applicants. The funds, paid directly to the institution, may be used in any accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or trade/technical school for tuition, materials, books, or room and board. Any U.S. citizen may apply for a loan with priority given to church members and those involved with Weatherly Heights Baptist Church. Are you a deserving student or know of one? If so, contact the church office or Debbie Elliott (djelliott@knology.net) for an application.

**Wednesday Night Schedule Change**

This week marks the last Wednesday night fellowship supper before our summer schedule. Starting on next Wednesday, May 29, there will be no supper in the Lighthouse. Adult Bible study, youth activities, and children’s activities will start at 6:00. Choir rehearsals will start at 6:45. ESL has also finished for the summer.

We will resume fellowship suppers and ESL in August.

**Ice Cream Social**

June 2 at 5:30
In the Lighthouse

Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream or an appetizer of your choice.

We will have a competition for best flavor.