

The Weathervane

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Weatherly Heights Baptist Church

1306 Cannstatt Drive

Huntsville, AL 35803

Pastor's Ponderings

Pulpit and Choir Swap With Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Dr. Mitchell Walker, pastor of Church Street, and I have been talking about and planning for a pulpit and choir swap for several months. We now have it on the calendar, and both churches are making plans. Mark your calendar for September 29. Our choir, Handy, and I will lead worship at Church Street. The Church Street choir, their Coordinator of Music, Sister Deborah Nious, and Dr. Walker will lead worship at Weatherly. I believe this will be a special day for both churches.

At a time when race relations are tense, our two congregations are forging friendships across racial lines. Jim Wallis writes in his book *American's Original Sin* that 75% of white people have no significant relationship with individuals or families of color. He touches a truth with these words:

Somewhere we must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals.

Prepare to give the Church Street folks a warm welcome. I'm sure we will receive one.

With bonds of love,
David

Worship News for Next Sunday

Good News for Shady Characters
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Luke 15:1-10

Tax collectors and sinners. These were the people "coming near to" Jesus. The townspeople began to talk. What was Jesus doing with such shady characters? Jesus let them know that shady characters were welcome. The pastor will talk about this next Sunday. Please join us and invite a friend or neighbor to be your guest.

2020 Budget Requests

It's that time of year again. Committee chairs, please work with your committee to prepare a budget request for the 2020 budget. Those requests are due to the Stewardship Committee on October 6.

Church-wide Meetings

to discuss Lighthouse remodel

September 22 and 29

4:30-5:30

In the Lighthouse

We pray for those in need

- Art & Mary Dohrman on the death of Mary's sister Ann Killian
- Debra Atchison, cousin of Dee Ann Creel
- Brad Tipton, son of Judy Swaim
- Ashley Dezarn, daughter of last year's KY Mission family
- Lonnie Key & family, friends of Courtney Jeffreys
- Sheila, friend of Yvonne Betowt
- Lou Ann James, sister of Ladd Lewis
- Ron Eng, husband of ESL teacher Helen Wong
- Gunter Livingston
- Sean Larkin, nephew of Anne Livingston
- Peggy Bordewieck, aunt of Kathy Campbell
- Patty Simmonds, cousin of Kathy Campbell
- Carol McGinnis
- Gordon Streeter, father of Patrick Streeter
- Susan Alexander, sister of Greg Olmsted
- 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 9/8 Terri Caniglia

Week of 9/15 Diane Robey

TELLERS

Dorothea Dunham, Connie Stevens

NURSERY

Susan Davis, Robin Sells, Kendall Rodkey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Allison & David Whitener



September 10

Brandy Lighthall

September 11

Marissa Coffelt, Weston Coffelt

September 13

Mike Campbell

September 14

Jan Johnson, Bob Nore, Kevin Young

September 15

Gene Sapp

September 16

Henry Lemley



THE RECORD SPEAKS

Sunday School 121

Morning Worship 170

Budget Update

Weekly Requirements \$11,247.00

Offering of Last Sunday \$ 8,337.00



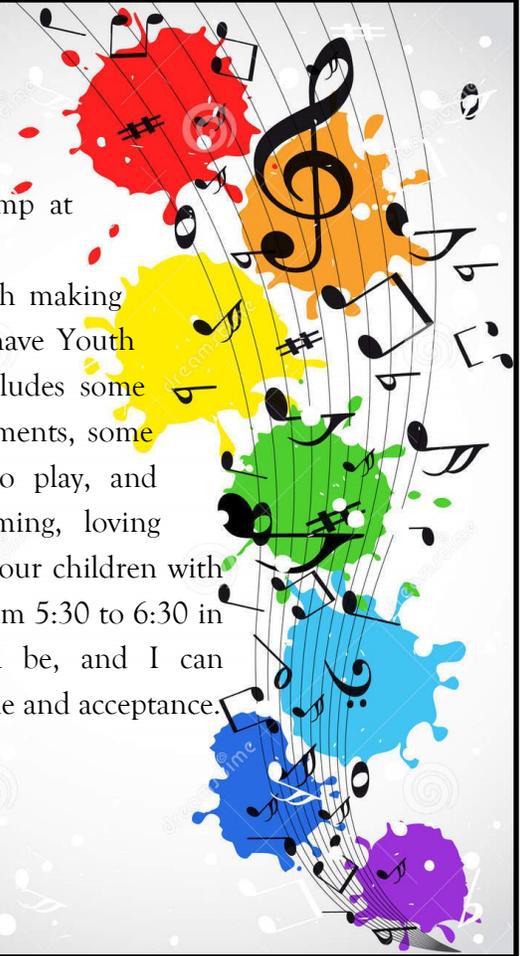
Handy's Happenings

Every year about this time, I find myself thinking these things: What if someone told you that there was a place where your child could always, always feel safe—a place where they would have and make friends—a place where they discovered things about themselves that they never imagined could be—a place where serving God was the top priority, and even though they may not grasp what that means at first, it would all become clear to them—where they not only explored theology, but also committed God's Word to memory and in that process tucked away strength and wisdom that will serve them for the rest of

their lives, wouldn't you jump at the chance?

That place exists in youth making music at their church. We have Youth in Worship Arts, which includes some singing, some playing instruments, some learning new instruments to play, and offering it all in a welcoming, loving environment. I want to see your children with me on Sunday afternoons from 5:30 to 6:30 in the choir suite. There will be, and I can guarantee this, lots of welcome and acceptance.

 Handy



Backpacks for Education

School has just started, but Fall Break is not far away at October 7th. That means it is time to start thinking about packing food bags for Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary. Because of the high poverty level of the students there, over 95%, they all receive free breakfast and lunch. Our project is to provide a replacement for that for the 5 school days and the 4 weekend days they are on break. We will be packing 22,500 items into 500 bags for the school to be delivered on October 4th.

We need your help. We still need about \$3,000 to finish providing the food and several more packing "parties" to fill the 500 bags. Our children and youth will pack on Wednesday evening. Everyone available is invited to come next Tuesday morning at 9:00 to help pack another set. Anyone can help on this project. Mark your checks as food bags or back packs and the money will get into our designated account for supplies.



Thanks for your continued support.
Steven Pinke



The Fall Rummage sale benefiting the Families with Children's Ministry will be Saturday September 28th from 8am-noon. Donations can be dropped off at the church now, or you can wait until the Wednesday before the sale to drop off your donations. The Rummage Sale closet is almost full, so any additional donations can be stored in Room 109. Thank you for supporting the Families with Children's Ministry.

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Churchwide Meetings to Discuss Possible Remodel of Lighthouse

At the April, 2019, meeting of the Church Council, a feasibility committee was formed to research the possibility of converting the Lighthouse/gym into a more functioning fellowship hall with updated commercial kitchen. Since that time, the feasibility committee has formed and sought ideas from three architectural firms in our area about this possibility. All three have strongly affirmed that we could convert our existing space into a wonderful fellowship hall and kitchen.

After approval from both Church and Deacons' Councils, we are asking our

church family to give us an hour to discuss what they would like to see happen in any possible remodel. After the church meetings, there will be a called business meeting to vote on taking this idea to the next level: hiring an architect and receiving drawings of how our space could look after a remodel. At that point, the church will meet

again to discuss the cost and take a vote on going forward.

But the **FIRST MOVE** is to hear from each of you: we know we need updated restrooms, updated handicapped accessible entrances, as well as dining, storage, and kitchen spaces. Please mark on your calendar the dates of Sunday, September 22 and 29, at 4:30 and plan to meet us in the Lighthouse to hear your ideas.

Sincerely,

Susan Cox,
Chet Dunaway,
and Handy Avery

