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MISSION OF THE MONTH JORDAN THOMAS FOUNDATION

ABOUT JORDAN

On August 16, 2005 while scuba diving in the Florida Keys, a boat propeller struck both of my legs. I was sent to the Ryder Trauma Center in Miami where I underwent three surgeries, and I lost both of my legs from the calf down. I spent about two weeks in the hospital and returned home to undergo rehabilitation. My rehabilitation has been tough, but I have been given every opportunity possible.

In 2007, I graduated from the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I was a member of the golf and bowling teams, and one of my goals in rehabilitation was to rejoin my teammates for my senior year. I am happy to report that we had a successful golf season, and it's great to be back playing golf. I have just started my sophomore year at the College of Charleston, and I am excited to be a "Cougar." Without your love and support, I would certainly not be doing as well as I am.

When I was in the hospital, I was really touched by the kids who would never be able to achieve their dreams because they did not have the money to continue their recovery and rehabilitation. Larry was one boy who had been severely burned and was recovering in the Trauma Rehabilitation Unit. He had almost no resources with which to continue his rehabilitation after discharge. To make matters worse, Larry was placed on a waiting list to go to a foster home as his parents had abandoned him. I felt great sadness about his many losses and grateful for all the loving support I have received during my recovery.

With that in mind, I have set up the Jordan Thomas Foundation to raise money for children with traumatic injuries who are not as fortunate as I. With my foundation, I hope to raise at least five hundred thousand dollars to help these kids. I would like for you to help us reach that goal!

Gratefully,
Jordan Thomas

To find out more information and how you can donate please go to jordanthomasfoundation.org



Promise Keepers

Promise Keepers Men's Classic Event 2011.

The event will take place August 19 -20 in Akron, OH. The cost for registration is \$50.00 per person. We will have two nights lodging and be arriving back to Huntsville late on the 21st. The lodging cost will depend on how many people sign up and will determine the transportation cost. As any trip, the more that sign up the cheaper it will be on everyone.

For those of you not familiar with Promise Keepers here is some information from their website.

The revived and energized Promise Keepers Classic calls men into a passionate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It challenges them to win the spiritual battles they encounter every day by reading, studying and obeying God's Word. It inspires men to recapture the mantle of being the spiritual leader in their home. It continues to point to the Seven Promises of a Promise Keepers as being foundational to a man's spiritual growth. If you would like to put your name on the list as going or have questions, contact Robert Barnett at (256) 270-9691 or email rbarett1965@yahoo.com. You can visit the Promise Keepers website at www.promisekeepers.org for more information about the event.

We will have other Men's events during the year here closer to home, so keep a lookout in the monthly calendar and the church bulletin.

Come and Dream & Vision Together Willowcreek's Leadership Summit 2011

Mark your calendar, get registered for Thursday and Friday August 11-12, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, @ Cove United Methodist Church, Hampton Cove www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership for more information. Contact Wendy Sampson (wendy.sampson@aldersgate.ws) for registration.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered at Aldersgate UMC this Fall.

What is Financial Peace University?

Financial Peace University is a 13-week life-changing program, taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey, which empowers and teaches how to make wise money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

On July 21st Dave Ramsey held a live webcast encouraging each family and church family to get involved in, and support, The Great Recovery, a grassroots movement spread by people who are tired of looking to Washington for answers. Dave states, "The truth is that the government can't fix this economy. It'll be restored one family at a time, as each of us takes a stand to return to God and grandma's way of handling money. Together, we'll bring this country back on track—one family, one church, one community at a time."

If you missed his webcast on July 21st you can watch a replay at the following link:

<http://www.thegreatrecovery.com/home/?ictid=tgr:involve>

Registration details for Financial Peace University will be provided in the coming weeks, or you can register through Dave Ramsey's website: <http://www.daveramsey.com>

Please contact Jim Shivers at 882-1715 or Lydia Locke at 883-9062 for additional information.



SHOEBOXES!

Not too early to start gathering items for our Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes in November! As you shop for school supplies, please pick up extras and set them aside for a shoebox! Crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, small

notebooks, paper, yoyos, combs, toothbrushes, puzzle/ coloring books are all excellent ideas, so watch for sales and please, stock up!!! Thank you so much!



HAP FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your donations to the HAP Food Pantry these past few weeks. I have delivered about 450 items to HAP during the past six weeks.

David Ezell's small group also delivered items to the pantry. Even with our donations, there is a continual need to fill the shelves each week. HAP distributes food to at least 30 clients each week - most of them new clients. Please continue to bring items for the blue baskets in the back hallway - the need is always there! Some of the items always needed are cereal, canned meats, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned beans - anything your family would eat. Thanks for your continued support for this program. It is appreciated very much!

Thanks. Connie Carter

UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES

The new sound system for the sanctuary has been installed as well as new windows and painting at the disciple center.

Also, we need volunteers for help at the Outreach Center. Please check in the Narthex for days you can sign up to help beginning Aug 6th.

Anyone interested in leading a volunteer team, contact Connie Nicholson at connievb114@gmail.com.

FACILITIES/GROUNDS NOTES

In an effort to keep maintenance costs at a minimum, we have contracted lawn maintenance for two weeks out of each month. We still have a need for VOLUNTEERS to mow during the remaining two weeks of each month. Thanks to those who have stepped up during July and August; we still need help during September and October.

If you can help with this project, please contact Jimmy Carter (jcarter@ccfab.com).

On the Missions Bulletin Board in the main hallway, check out just some of the various mission opportunities that Aldersgate is involved in throughout our community. A new signup sheet for Salvation Army Canteen Truck volunteers has been posted on the board. Aldersgate has supported this mission for several years by having volunteers feed meals prepared by the Salvation Army to those less fortunate. Contact David Ezell for information on this ministry or other mission opportunities.

Religion, Romance & Recipes.

Recent donations to the Aldersgate library (back of the Fellowship Hall marked - Library/Conference Room) will make exciting pool side reading. Some new biographies have been added and there are always beautiful devotional books available. The 'young reader' section has just received the series titled "Left Behind for Kids" by Lahaye and Jenkins. Stop in and select as many books as interest you and relax and enjoy summertime reading. If you have any questions - call Rosemary & Dick Dailey - 256-881-5652

New Aldersgate Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined our church family during May, June, and July:

Leslie Graham, 10113 Nadina Drive, Huntsville, 35803

Jim King, 11311 Maplecrest Drive, Huntsville 35803

Jane Melton, 15065 Ashmont Blvd., Huntsville 35803

Julie Ann Wood, 2804 Overton Road, Huntsville 35801

Arnold and Noel Staton, 14014 Coy's Drive, Huntsville 35803

Denise Firman, 2520 Excalibur Drive, Huntsville 35803

College Graduates

Congratulations to the following Aldersgate members who recently received college degrees:

Ashley Harris Pearce
Masters, Auburn

Jonathan Plotts
Bachelor's, Auburn

Jared Cole
Bachelor's, Alabama

Diana Dowling
Bachelor's, Auburn

If you have a name to add to this list, please contact the church office.

ALDRERSGATE YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES

It's time to start preparing for the upcoming school year!

Our in-home small groups will start back on Sunday, August 21. Our plan is to have more small groups for both high school and middle school students. High school youth meet in homes while our middle school youth meet at the Disciple center. This is the backbone of our ministry. We are praying for new leadership and that God keeps the leaders already serving. We need help in all areas: small group leadership (high school boys), assistant small group leadership (high school girls), middle school leadership (game director, small group leadership, outreach).

If you would like to know more about our student ministry or have an interest in one of the areas mentioned, please contact Chris Jones. God has blessed our ministry over the past year. It has grown both numerically and spiritually. We feel He is calling us to a new level this school year and we would LOVE for you to be part of that.

Training dates for Youth Leadership:

Sunday, August 7 & Sunday, August 14

All training takes place at the Disciple Center, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Snacks provided.

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Presents

BUNCO NIGHT

(An emphasis on Mission)

AUMC Fellowship Hall

August 19, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Donation suggested \$15.00

(includes food and a donation to mission)

Reservation by August 15, 2011

To

Ruth Ann Stalnaker (883-5878)

(rastalnaker@knology.net)

Susan McCrary

(susanartist@bellsouth.net)

Betty Horne

(ehorne@knology.net)

Teams of 4-12 people

Open to all ladies of the church and please invite friend

(If anyone has a card table that we can use, please let us know)





August Birthdays

1	Steve Kindred Scott Todd Will Abercrombie	13	Callie Smith	21	Ken Holcombe David Neese Benjamin Hall Natalie Williams Ashtyn Owen
2	Lauren Callaway Rodger Stone	14	Matthew Mayes	22	Gary Makowski
3	Wendy Sampson Colby Childress	15	Pat Mahan	23	Merlyn Masters Mary Smith Kenneth Rickman
4	Jana Moody	16	Maury Estes Parker Locke Lauren Blocker	24	Marcie Isom Cindy Weaver Lance McCord
5	Dennis Butner Darryl Burnette	17	Betsy Perry Gary Jeter Ron Allen Claire Whitmore	25	John Sheppard Christie Thompson
6	Loretta Bailey Nancy Hummer Matthew McGilvary	18	Frank Watson Ronnie Weinland, III	26	Thomas Leiner Ursula Geracia Stephen Young
8	Hugh McInnish Mona Rousseau Jared Dowling	19	Tim Cotton Steve Wofford Lino Campos Julie Ann Wood Adam Smith Victoria Owen Kyle Neese Jackson Edwards	27	Amy Hamaker Brandon Campos
9	Carol Tarquine Leigh Hummer Barry Billingsley	20	Sarah Scheiman Ashley Sams Rebecca Weathers	28	Beta McIngvale Ann Krouse Mark Hall Joel Jamison
10	Jared Wasson			29	Ryan Whitmore
11	Christy Kindred Jane Buxton Deborah Jeziorski			30	Lori Pendley Hannah Barkley
12	Pam Lowe Ross Laymon Aimee Yost				

Pastor - Todd Henderson
 Pastor - Todd Owen
 Pastor - Pat Mahan
 Pianist/Organist - Rebecca Bundy
 Director of Music/Organist - Michael Gimenez
 Contemporary Worship Leader - Dennis Cornelson
 Director of Youth - Chris Jones
 Director of Discipleship & Family - Lydia Locke
 Asst. Discipleship & Family Minister - Rachel Sparkman
 Office Manager - Marcia Moss
 Financial Manager - Wendy Sampson
 Facilities Manager - Joey Hough

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Contemporary Worship 8:45 AM and 11:05 AM
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Office Hours:
 Mon - Thurs 8:30 to 3:30

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