



Heartbeat

The Church With The Warm Heart

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY - PROMISE HOMES



PROMISE HOMES

Promise Homes was founded in 1994 by a group of advocates from the North Alabama United Methodist Special Camps. Promise Homes serves the entire community, providing quality family-style housing for adults with developmental disabilities.

The purpose of Promise Homes is to provide not just a place to live, but a real family where intellectually disabled adults can live as independently as possible with pride and dignity. Promise Homes currently operates nine homes, six in Decatur, three in Gadsden, as well as a community day training facility in Decatur. Plans are underway for a new home near Bluff Park United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Promise Homes depends upon charitable donations from its ministry partners for many of its residents' needs. For more information the website is www.promisehomes.ws

Ministry Opportunity - Good Neighbors needs meal providers for the months of March and July. This is a great service project for small groups. We meet on second Tuesday of the month and like for the meal to be ready to serve by 6:10. We are presently serving approximately 100 adults in this ministry and simple meals work best. Drinks and paper products are provided. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Lynn Dowling at 256-881-5058 or lynnddowling@yahoo.com.

SOUPER-BOWL SUNDAY

On February 5, Super Bowl Sunday, we will be collecting cans of soup (or any food items) for HAP (Huntsville Assistance Program). These will benefit the families who come to them for assistance from the food pantry. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the blue wicker baskets and marked boxes located in the narthex and the back entrance hallway.

The need continues to be great in our community! Thanks Connie Carter

Dear Aldersgate Family....words can never express our sincere gratitude for all of your kindness shown to our family during our four years of ministry at Aldersgate. Thank you for the generous love/Christmas gift and for all of the food, other gifts and many, many kind words through cards and prayers for our family this past Christmas season. Your generosity was heart warming and very kind, thus you are the church with the warm heart. May the Lord continue to bless you all, love & blessings, Todd, RoxAnne, Hannah and Garrett

Etheridge's Epistle GRACE

My favorite word in the Bible and the English language is the word **Grace**. The word grace (charis) is used by the biblical writers with a considerable variety of meanings. Good will, loving kindness, mercy, and grace has come to signify the kindness of God to human-kind. For myself, grace is the kindness given to someone who does not deserve it; hence, undeserved favor.

This is how Becki and I felt the past three Sundays. You have welcomed us with open arms. Thank you for being a gracious people. We are excited about being able to live with you and share in the life and ministry of our new church family. As your new minister, I look forward to the future with great expectations. I am extremely excited about our ministry team. Our church staff is a dedicated group of Christian servants. I feel greatly blessed to have the opportunity to share in ministry Todd and Pat. I pray for God's Spirit and Grace to be poured out upon us as we grow together. Let us seek to live by faith in order to fulfill God's call upon our lives in all that we do. Thank you for receiving us in such a warm and gracious manner!

See you in Worship this Sunday!
In Christ
Bro. Bill

Men's Ministry

If you would be interested in going to Promise Keepers 2012 April 27-28 in Orlando, FL please email Robert Barnett at rbarnett1965@yahoo.com. Sign-ups will be limited to the first 12 people because of space in the van. The cost will be \$120 a person which includes ticket to the event, hotel, t-shirt and travel. You will need to cover the cost of your meals. Email me if you have any additional questions. For those that have not been to one of these events this is an awesome time to worship with thousands of your new Christian friends.

Habitat for Humanity

All though this is not a build year for Aldersgate we do get involved in helping where we can. If you are interested email me at rbarnett1965@yahoo.com. There is a work schedule posted in the hallway of the Bailey Cove Campus.

Robert Barnett

CASSEROLE ORDERS COMING SOON!



Our Relay for Life team will be having our Sale # 11 - our final sale! The order forms will be available

beginning February 12th, and the deadline for orders will be February 27th. This time we will have Ravioli Bake, Chicken Amandine, and Layered Mexican Bake. They can be purchased in two sizes - small for \$14 and large for \$22. They will be available for pickup on March 11th and 18th. Order forms will be available in the church office, and they will be available before and after all services on February 12th, 19th and 26th. All orders must be pre-paid with the order form. Support our team one last time and our mission for cancer and have dinner for your family or buy some to give as gifts! Call Connie Carter at 883-8353 with any questions.

SUPPER TIME!!!!

Time to sign up for the next round of the Aldersgate Supper Club! Sign-up sheets will be posted this week on the bulletin board in the main hallway --- please add your name to the list by February 12th! Groups will be notified in mid-late February and your group can meet for your first Supper together as early as you all agree on a date and time! This is a chance for you to get better acquainted with other members of our warm-hearted church, and enjoy great food and fellowship at the same time.

If you're new to this, usually a group of about 8 people (both "singles" and couples welcome!) are grouped together from the sign-up sheet, and you'll either receive a call from a member of your group to arrange the first meeting, or a letter with the names in your group, and you'll be asked to call each participant to set up a time convenient for all. When you "host" the supper, you usually provide the main dish and beverages, and others fill in the menu so it's not too much work on any one of you. Some groups choose to eat out at a restaurant occasionally, but usually the meals are shared at participants' homes....up to each group to decide!! If you're looking for a way to meet a few new people, and you like to eat, then this is for YOU!!! This round will probably begin in early March and end in June/July. (With everyone's busy schedules, we've found it's best to be flexible!) Please sign up ASAP but no later 12 February!!

What happens to the Flowers after church on Sunday?

Jean Dussault

The flowers that grace our sanctuary on Sunday is beautiful, and enjoyed by those attending services. They are very meaningful for the people paying for the flowers whether it is in memory of loved ones, in honor of birthdays, anniversary's or loved ones. If they do not want to use them. there is a team of dedicated volunteers who deliver them to members in the church who are ill or just need cheering up or we take them to nursing homes for the residents to enjoy. Sometimes we make many bud vases to take to the nursing home for patients who do not have anyone here to visit them. The smiles on their faces makes it all worth while for us. If you have not bought flowers, please consider doing so. They bring much joy to many. If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please contact me or Marcia.



Sunday School for Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Journey Land Sunday School

We have been learning all about Abraham and Sarah this rotation. Costumes, computers, picnics and more each week. Don't miss out!

February 12 we start a new rotation preparing for Lent and Easter. We hope you will make Sunday School attendance a priority for your child. This is such a critical lesson, we want to see children in Sunday School.

Butterflies

Butterflies will be making their arrival as caterpillars in March, don't miss out on this exciting time. They will be released as part of our Easter Celebration.

Camp Sumatanga: Lydia Locke and Rachel Sparkman will be co-directing Elementary Week 3 at Camp Sumatanga June 24-29th. Registration opens on the Camp Sumatanga web site (www.sumatanga.org) mid-February. This camp typically fills up. Please contact Lydia or Rachel with any questions.

Sunday Nights Kids Zone

Jan. 29: Minute to Win It & Bible Bingo Night from 6 -7:30 in the Disciple Center Prizes, laughs, and more!!!

Feb. 5: The Big Football Game Night from 6-7:30 in the Disciple Center. Bring a snack to share while watching the game on the big screen. We will also have crafts and game room open for the non-football fans!

Feb. 12: Valentines Party night from 6-7:30 in the Disciple Center. Wii Dance party will make a come back!! Valentines games, crafts, and snacks. Don't miss out on this fun night!

Feb. 19: NO evening Activities due to Huntsville City School long weekend.

Feb. 26: Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras party!! Complete with a pancake dinner! Don't miss out on the fun and meaning behind Fat Tuesday. (yes, we are a few days late...)

Music and Arts Week

We will be having Music and Arts week this summer. Mike G. has agreed to come back and lead the older group this summer. We need to hear from the older elementary and middle school parents about July dates that work for you to participate. Email lydia.locke@aldersgate.ws with possible dates you can participate.

Small Groups you can still join!

Life Groups: Our Life Together Groups are meeting again and always welcome people to join their group. These groups study together, pray together, and enjoy fellowship. You can go to the web site or email lydia.locke@aldersgate.ws for more information.

Beth Moore Bible Study: Starting Wednesday morning, Feb. 8 at 9:00 will be studying Psalms. Treva Whitmore is the facilitator. It is not too late to join this class.

Monday lunch Bible Study for Women: We meet at 11:30 at Newk's on Airport Road. Our new book is "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson. If you want to enrich your prayer life, please join us for good food, friends, and study.



February Birthdays

1	Willard Holmes	11	Ken LaRue	21	Alec Levenhagen
2	Shawnee Jones		Ben Rawls		Bob Gibbs
	Roy Goodrowe		Jonathon Black		Katie McGilvary
	Paul Hurt	12	John Callaway	22	Judy Servick
	Jim Kenamer		Daphne Martin		Mark Glenn
	Adam Kindred	13	Lucy Graham		Morgan Scott
3	Ardith Meadors		Richard Cole		Blake Hilton
	Violet Vitola	14	Erin Looney	23	Fonda Gaylord
	Fred Crauswell		Cherise Cutten	24	Jim Delary
4	Katie McCollum		Annie Moody		Avery Butler
	Caden Edwards	16	Ricky Crook		William Broach
5	Martha Edwards		Lauren Smith	25	Patsy Doty
	Phil Sapp	17	Bill Ottman		Roberto Rivera
	Betty Horne		Chuck Hilton		Logan Finley
	Phil Searcy		Darren Hatcher	26	Carol Morgan
6	Doug McVey		Josh Light		Rebecca Jordan
	Marcia Moss	18	Emery Looney		Chris Clark
	Erin Sadler		David Werber		Jamie Wells
7	Dean Roberts		Jordan Marcum	27	Charles Plott
	Lisa Thorington	19	Barbara Arnold		Lisa Smith
	Stephanie Barnett		Doug Smith		Heidi Shaw
8	Kevin Shorter		David Ridgway	28	Regina Reaves
10	Kathy Weathers	20	Marilyn Ridgway	29	Lauren Parker
	Pat Goodrowe		Judy Norris		
	Ashlyn Plott		Tom Henderson		
	Dillon Firman		Jonathon Hubbert		
			Kristen Abercrombie		

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM and 11:05 AM
 Aldersgate on the Parkway 11:05
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Office Hours:
 Mon - Thurs 8:30 to 3:30
 Pastor - Bill Ethridge
 Pastor - Todd Owen
 Pastor - Pat Mahan
 Pianist/Organist - Rebecca Bundy
 Director of Music/Organist - Michael Gimenez
 Contemporary Worship Leader - Dennis Cornelison
 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