



The Aldersgate

Heartbeat

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SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH IS MEALS ON WHEELS

Aldersgate, thru our faithful members, has been a part of this special mission, Meals on Wheels, for well over 20 years. Each month, over 500 volunteers deliver to 22 routes here in Huntsville. Violet Vitola, Dick Lieby, Katherine Bradley, Phil and Bernita Sapp, Kay Carroll, along with others representing our church, form six routes. Delivering to 53 seniors on the 3rd Monday of each month, our volunteers provide a smiling face and a nutritious meals to these folks who are primarily homebound, unable to cook for themselves or have someone cook for them.

MOW relies mostly on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and civic organizations to provide the hot meals. A donation of \$18.80 will provide a week's meals, and \$75.00 will provide for a month. Please consider giving your time as a volunteer substitute or a monetary gift. **For more information you can reach the MOW coordinator, Jeanie Glyn at 256-382-0920, or contact one of our member volunteers.**

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

**Join The Great
Recovery!**

Dave Ramsey is leading '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."

Join us for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Aldersgate UMC beginning September 14th at 6:30. Call the church office to register or you can register through Dave Ramsey's website: <http://www.daveramsey.com>. A Preview Class will be held Sept 7th at 6:30.

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

Clarity & Commitments. Outreach activities are beginning and preparation for an outreach worship service are underway at the recently acquired Aldersgate on the Parkway (our new outreach center in the former Skate Odyssey on South Parkway). Beginning September 11, the worship schedule at Aldersgate- Bailey Cove, will be 8:30 & 11:00 am Traditions, and the new times of 9:45 & 11:05 am for Bread for the Journey. Then, Sunday, September 18, the first preview worship service will be held at Aldersgate on the Parkway, with the public wide-open launch on Sunday, September 25. Chris Jones will be the primary teaching pastor at the Parkway, and Todd Henderson at the original campus, with Pat Mahan and Todd Owen assisting. Letters have been sent out giving an opportunity to the Aldersgate church family, by mail and online, to express your commitment to the mission of the church through Aldersgate on the Parkway by your prayers or by being a 'pioneer' to help launch the worship outreach through service and through giving. Be praying how you will help fulfill the great commandment and great commission through this outreach ministry, along with all the ministries of Aldersgate, toward making passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Get to it!

Ladies, school has started back and it is time for us to “get to it” also! The Circles of the United Methodist Women (UMW) want you to “get to it” with the growth of your network of support, relationship building with other women, and your growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

There are currently three circles that offer a wide variety of times for gathering together as we are instructed in Acts 2:46 “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.” Please find the Circle that fits your schedule and make it a point to include this as part of your growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ:

Deborah Circle

Meets the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM at the home of a hostess

The next Circle meeting will be hosted by Sarah Butler on September 15th.

Friendship Circle

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM at the Disciple Center

The next Circle meeting will be on September 20th.

Susannah Circle

Meets the third Thursday of the month, 9:30 AM at different locations.

The next Circle meeting will be at the Disciple Center on September 15th.

For more information on any of the Circles or UMW in general, please contact Nancy Harris (256-880-7564) of Betty Horne (256-883-1467).



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!

A Memorial Concert for 9/11/01

A Memorial Concert featuring The FBC Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra and The Huntsville Community Chorus, will be presented on **Sunday, September 11**, at 5:00 pm, at First Baptist Church in Huntsville. Aldersgate members Rich Saik, Dottie Markell, Russell Perry, and Lynn Rudow are all members of the Community Chorus and invite everyone to attend this special program.

Our **Speeders** group (ages 55 & older) has changed its regular monthly breakfast meetings to the **2nd Friday, beginning September 9**. More information will follow in next week’s bulletin regarding a new location for the breakfast.

Facility Repairs Update

Recently, we have had many repairs to our church building, including the east Sanctuary A/C unit, the nursery A/C unit, and the kitchen icemaker, freezer, and oven, for a total cost of \$1,266.54.

In addition, we had damage from a lightning strike on July 21 with repairs totaling approximately \$9100.

Worship Plus 2.1

With the early Bread for the Journey Worship Service moving to 9:45 am on September 11, and Aldersgate on the Parkway launching on September 18 at 11:05 am, and with a new semester of small groups kicking off, Aldersgate members are exploring how we will do worship, small groups, and service in the new schedule and locations. It helps to remember our goal, and that is ***to be and to make passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ***. *To do that we believe we can take huge strides forward by making it our goal weekly to live into Worship + 2.1. What this means is that it is our goal that every Aldersgate member have at least one hour of gathered worship, one hour in a small group, one hour of service, and to grow toward 10% in giving weekly. How you do worship, small group, and service has several different possibilities and options.*

A few examples from the pastor's families may help you determine how you and your family will live into the new location and schedule.

For my family, with a teenager and an older elementary child, at least initially Roxanne and our children will come do one hour of small groups at Aldersgate on Bailey Cove at 9:45 am, and then go to worship as pioneers at Aldersgate on the Parkway at 11:05 am. Our children will also do an hour of small groups on Sunday evenings at 6:00-7:30 pm, with the older elementary at Bailey Cove in the Disciple Center, and our 10th grade teenager in a home group. Eventually, since they will be worshipping at Aldersgate on the Parkway, they may choose to worship one hour Sunday morning, and then only do their small groups Sunday evening and/or at other times through the week. Their service will come in and through their small groups and in ministry opportunities with the Aldersgate church family.

For Pat Mahan and his family, Pat will be preaching primarily at the 11:05 Bread for the Journey and rotating preaching through all our worship services, and Kathy will continue to attend her small group at 9:45 am, worship at Aldersgate on Bailey Cove at 11:05, lead a weekday small group, and support, pray, and also attending time to time at the Parkway location. Pat's 9th Grade daughter Anna will attend youth on Bailey Cove at 9:45 am, her home group on Sunday evenings, and worship at both locations, and Pat's college & career age son Andrew will also worship at both locations and do his small group through CC Life on Tuesday evenings.

Todd Owen shares: My family and I are excited about worshipping and serving with the Pioneer Families going to Aldersgate-Parkway. We will be going straight to the A-P on Sunday mornings, where I will be serving as Campus Pastor and Victoria will be serving on the Worship Team. All four of us will connect in small groups at times other than Sunday morning, with the girls connecting through the youth ministry. These are exciting times for us and for Aldersgate as we love God, love others, and serve and share Jesus together.

Chris Jones will be the primary teaching pastor at Aldersgate on the Parkway as well as rotating through all our services. Chris will initially continue to lead youth Sunday Morning Live at 9:45 am on Bailey Cove, and then drive over to the Parkway location to minister there. Their family's small group will also be in a home groups on Sunday evening.

Each family and person will work out what works best for them to live into worship + 2.1. If you have questions or need more information to help you determine how you will be and help make passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ, please let any of the staff ministers or leaders know.

Grace and Peace,
Todd Henderson



Any words that I might write are inadequate to express how much Aldersgate has given our family in the last months. Without question, the church has been a major foundation upon which we assembled our lives. Doug Rickman

Thank you for being there for our family in our time of loss. We are eternally grateful for the way you have supported us and shared in our grief.

The family of Calvin Hannah. Margaret, Diane, Debbie, Donna & Families

Thank you Aldersgate family for your cards and prayers and support given to our family during this time. The Mike Blocker Family, Mike and Diane

“To God be the glory and honor for hearing the prayers of the people and answering those prayers. The report from my latest C-scan indicated that I will not be taking any chemo treatments at this time. Stevie and I want to thank you for your cards, prayers, and support over the past year. Love, Dillard & Stevie McBride.”

Special Thanks

From Mary Ellen Davidson Worship Chairman

A special thanks to a devoted group of ladies, faithful to there job, who straighten and replace information in the backs of our pews each week. These ladies include Adessa Cannon, Carolyn Wright, Deanna Plotts, Sherry Hokanson, Martha Edwards, Mignon Watson, Pricillia Minton, Ruth Ann Stalnaker, Jean Hardin, and Nan Hi Tibbits. Thank you for keeping our Sanctuary looking great for our worship services each Sunday.

Another thank you goes to a special Lady, Molly Grisham, for her many services to our church and it’s members. Her job as Funeral Director means so much to grieving families here at Aldersgate. Other jobs include her faithful assistance each Thursday afternoon in the office, and helping on the Worship Committee whenever needed. Most members think of Molly as Aldersgate’s official “COOK”. She helps in so many ways cooking delicious meals for many church events, including feeding Habitat and tornado workers to mention a few.. Most recently, Molly has spent time helping to clean and make ready the kitchen at our new site, Aldersgate on the Parkway. Many thanks for those devoted hands.



HAP FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your donations to the HAP Food Pantry. 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

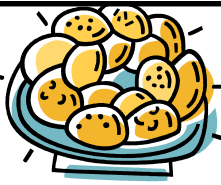
On the Missions Bulletin Board in the main hallway, check out just some of the various mission opportunities that Aldersgate is involved in throughout our community. A new signup sheet for Salvation Army Canteen Truck volunteers has been posted on the board. Aldersgate has supported this mission for 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.

We welcome the following new members who have joined our church family recently:

Sheila Walker, 1120 Danmann Drive, Huntsville, 35803

Marcella King , 11311 Maplecrest Drive, Huntsville 35803

Phillip & Sarah Henson, 13312 Hyde Park SW, Huntsville 35803



COOKIES FOR TEACHERS

It is time to continue the Aldersgate tradi-

tion of showing appreciation to our city's teachers by delivering home baked cookies to the schools. With the goodies is a letter sharing our promise to help with student's needs such as school supplies, clothing, eye glasses and medication.

To make this ministry a success, we need your help by providing home baked cookies (140 dozen) and by helping box and deliver the cookies. Cookies can be brought to the church on Wednesday, September 28th or by 9 AM Thursday morning. On Thursday morning, September 29th at 9 am we need volunteers to box the cookies and deliver them to the schools.

Please mark your calendar to bake and deliver cookies! If you have any questions, please call me at: 256-880-1184.

Thanks, Martha Tucker

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

- A total of 643 General Mills Box Tops for Education at 10 cents each and 377 points for Campbell's Labels for Education were sent to Red Bird mission. These go to buy equipment and supplement expenses at this Methodist School in Beverly, Ky. Two Pace lids and 6 Tyson Project A+ labels were also sent.
- Continue to save your small toiletries from your trips and place them along with the above in the plastic bins in the back hall.
- Also Lions International uses your gently used glasses, sunglasses and lens and donates them to needy people around the world.
- Lastly, the bread collected numbers for the Salvation Army soup van have been way down this year. Please donate a loaf on the 1st Sunday of each month.
Sarah Scheiman 256-881-6350

Children's Ministry

Sunday Night – Kid's Zone

THE place to be starting **September 11 from 6:00- 7:30** In the Disciple Center

NO snack supper – just a snack/refreshment break during the evening

Big games outside, devotions, Extreme Bible Look it up, and More! Bring your friends and join us!!

Kids Worship

Kids Worship has been an exciting and amazing addition to Children's Ministry at Aldersgate. We are continuing our 8:30 and 11:05 worship for kids and adding 11:05 on the Parkway. Our main age group at 8:30 is preschool/very young elementary and very mixed at 11:00. In order for us to continue with a quality experience for children we need ADULTS. DVD driven curriculum is provided and children love it!

If you can help in any service once a month, contact Lydia Locke, Lydia.locke@aldersgate.ws or Rachel Sparkman, Rachel.sparkman@aldersgate.ws.

Journey Land Sunday School for Kids!

Sept. 2 Meet in room 6 and 7 for a time together of learning and maybe some party time!

Sept. 11 9:45 Worship begins again, so Gathering Time will move to rooms 6-7.

Sept. 18 Start a new rotation of learning: **Need adults to lead games or storytelling.** Great material provided. Contact Lydia Locke to volunteer.

Let's Break in the Rink with a Family Night: Friday, September 16th

Fun for the whole family – half the floor for skating and the other half for inflatables!!

Caring Adults Needed- Children's Ministry is ready for the new school year and needs your help. Our Kid's Worship at 8:30 is a vital ministry to younger children and we need someone to lead every Sunday am. Materials and training are provided. A second adult is also needed to help in a consistent, on-going role for this ministry. Children's Sunday School for kindergarten-5th grade needs rotation leaders. This is a 5 week commitment to lead storytelling, games or science. The Sparks curriculum is full of great ideas and you only prepare one time and teach the same lesson 4 more times! Do you have a passion for Sunday morning education for children? We need a children's Sunday School Superintendent to help with gathering time, preparing for new rotations and recruitment.

If you can help us in leading God's children, please contact Lydia Locke, Lydia.locke@aldersgate.ws or Rachel Sparkman, Rachel.sparkman@aldersgate.ws, or 883-9062.



September Birthdays

- 1 Diane Blocker
Danny Hardin
Garrett Salazar
- 2 Jim White
Stevie McBride
Emily Henrikson
Aspen Miller
- 3 Laura Severn
Peggy Stone
- 4 Emma Cole
- 5 William Pogue
Steven Maksimowski
Jamie Westendorf
- 6 Bill Aldrup, Jr.
Bruce Heinrich
- 7 Martha Teal
Brian Reaves
- 8 Jean Dussault
Howard Carlton
- 9 Jamie Berg
Codie Hilton
- 10 Jo Ann Miller
Bob Lee
Jordan Harris
Andrea Searcy
Dick Gammill
Hannah Rirman

- 11 Robert Sawyer
Audrey Cox
- 12 John Stalnaker
Garrett Anderson
Jenna Harris
Aly Morton
- 13 Glenn May
Treva Whitmore
Christine Black
Stephen Hill
- 14 Paul Sapp
Andrew Staton
- 15 Kelsey Laymon
- 17 David Hall
Beth Blumkin
James Shivers
Allie Crook
Danny Sapp
Payton Lopez
Julianne Oberle
- 18 Adessa Cannon
Debra Bocking
Susan McCrary
- 19 Dana Hronek
- 21 DeeDee Johnson

- 22 Willie May
David Makowski
- 23 Allison Nowakowski
- 24 Marion Teal
Chris Lee
Jaime Wasson
Nathan Weinland
- 25 Barbara Winkles
Patrick Saik
- 26 Brenda Rutland
Mike Robinson
Maurita Krieger
Janet Fisher
Lauren Blevins
- 27 Danny Krouse
Haley Rose
Breanna Hollingsworth
Kayla Alexander
- 28 Judy Pogue
Brian Bradley
Brandon Holder
- 29 Morgan Edwards
Ann Johnson
- 30 John Cook

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor - Todd Henderson
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

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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