



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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November 22, 2015

## Changing Operating Systems

Operating systems on computers interfaces between the computer hardware (motherboards, microchips, etc.) and the computer software or applications. In this way, they manage how information is brought into the hardware and how it is distributed. How important is the operating system? **Apple says that its OSX "is what makes a Mac a Mac."**

Whether you are upgrading an Apple from Lion to El Capitan or a PC from Windows 8.1 to Windows 10 (what happened to 9?), changing operating systems can be difficult. While you may have a successful installation of a new operating system, for a while at least, you will find parts of your computer that have not been converted. Key software may not have a particular functionality with the new operating system or maybe the printer driver **hasn't been updated to the new operating system. It's a practice in patience** whenever that error code pops onto the screen.

Well, at least there is an error code.

Becoming a Christian is like changing operating systems. The rules, the practices, the way of distributing information that we knew before we become followers of Christ all have to be converted to the new operating system. While we may be able to say with confidence that Christ is the center of who we are, we have to diligently make sure that he guides everything about our lives. If not, the only error codes we will receive are our conscience or the helpful words of fellow followers.

How is it with your operating system? Does Christ reign over all? On **November 22, we will celebrate Reign of Christ Sunday. It's an opportunity to offer all of who we are to the Lordship of Jesus. We will have the opportunity, specifically, to present our Estimate of Giving Cards for 2016. In this way, these cards will be representations of all of our lives given over to Jesus, our new operating system.**

I hope that your operating system will guide you (and your hardware will allow you) to join us on Sunday.

Peace,

## Music Ministry

### The Silence AND THE SOUND

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

**"The Silence and the Sound"**

**10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 13**

*A heart stirring presentation featuring the Joyful Bells,  
Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Choirs and Orchestra*  
**One Combined 10:30 Worship Service with Church-wide  
Covered Dish Dinner at 11:30**



MISSION POSSIBLE:

**The Great Christmas Cookie Caper**

**4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6**

*Christmas Cookie Contest, Mission Projects and Concert*

We hope that everyone will plan to join us for our "Mission Possible: Christmas Cookie Contest – The Great Christmas Cookie Caper" event on Sunday, December 6 at 3:30 in our Christian Activity Center. Aldersgate is known for its vast number of talented cooks and we hope that many of our members will provide cookies for everyone to enjoy during our special music and mission project beginning at 3:30. Our mission will be to bake and decorate homemade Christmas cookies, cards and ornaments for us to give to our homebound and food pantry ministries. Many of our choirs and ensembles will be singing for us at the beginning and closing of our activities. "Best of Show" 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cookies will receive an award certificate (and bragging rights of course!) You can sign up to bring cookies by calling Steve Badskey at 272-6152 or email at [steve@aldersgateumc.org](mailto:steve@aldersgateumc.org).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Thursday, December 24**

**3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

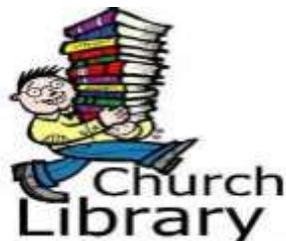
*Communion, Carols and Candlelight*

*Senior Saint Winter Schedule*

Thurs., Jan. 14

2:00

Sing at Elmcroft



### Bible Study Resources

Bible Study resources in the Aldersgate Library are located on the shelves to the left of the door in room 21. Check them out to enrich your personal study.

### Aldersgate Day at ASF

Katie Cobb, an Aldersgate youth, will be playing the role of Martha in performances of "A Christmas Carol" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Also, Dr. Brian Miller will be making an appearance in a performance on December 22 at 2:00 p.m. Folks from Aldersgate may receive a 25% discount on tickets to this particular performance by calling the ASF box office and mentioning the name of our church. ASF box office hours are 12:00—5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 334/271-5353. Don't miss Aldersgate day at ASF!

### Young in Heart



Join the Young in Heart group as we celebrate the Christmas season with special singing guest, Catherine Steineker Ray, and a repeat performance of the 12 days of Christmas by Martha Murphy and Lynn Ray. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and the program at 12:00 with a cost of \$6.00 per person. Reservations are needed by Sunday, November 29. Please sign the provided forms in the classrooms, Young in Heart bulletin board, or call Lynn at 215-1232 or Martha at 286-5024. Join us Tuesday, December 1 in the Aldersgate Christian Activity Center. Catherine has performed in numerous musicals and plays in the Montgomery area and is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

### Aldersgate Food Pantry

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags. In only 3 weeks, you brought in 1,218 items!

**Auburn—635**

**Alabama—541**

Also:

**Ohio State—29**

**Tennessee—13**

## Missions

Christmas will be here before we know it. This year celebrate the birth of our Lord by participating in some (or all) of the following opportunities to give of yourself.

- Fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child and bring it this Sunday. Share the love and message of Jesus with a needy child.
- Participate in MISSION POSSIBLE: The Great Christmas Cookie Caper on December 6 in the CAC. We will be making and decorating cookies, ornaments and cards for our homebound members and food pantry recipients.
- Participate in our annual Christmas cookie project by baking cookies or helping package them on December 14. Goodie bags will go to needy Meals on Wheels recipients and others.
- Donate to the Baker's Water Well Project in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

Watch for details on these and other opportunities to give through special projects at Aldersgate this Christmas.

## Children's Ministry

*Our Mission:*

*To know Jesus and to make Him known in each child's HEART!*

The Weekday Children's Ministry will present their Christmas program in the Christian Activity Center on Friday, December 11 at 10:00. All are invited to come.

**Parents' Night Out: Christmas Edition** will be held on Friday, December 11 from 5:30-9:30. The cost is \$15 per child (infant-5th grade) and includes dinner, crafts, and activities. Reservations must be made online ([www.aldersgateumc.org](http://www.aldersgateumc.org)) or by calling the WCM office at 277-0880. Registration will close on Wednesday, December 7, so make plans now to attend this fun event!

## Youth Announcements

**HUB**—Wednesday nights begin at 5:30 with dinner; if you want to join for an awesome meal, bring \$5. We will gather for hangout at 6 and then have worship, prayer, and scripture. Join us this fall as we dive into the word and learn how we are to live as scriptural people. HUB will always wrap up around 7 (I apologize in advance for running late). We will not have HUB November 25. Our last HUB of the semester is December 2.

**Sunday Nights**—From 3:30-4 there will be youth handbells, from 4-5 there will be youth band and choir practice. At 5:00 we will gather every Sunday at the church for prayer, announcements, and fellowship and then at 5:30 split into our small groups. Sr. High will be going to homes and Jr. High will be staying at the church; small groups will wrap up around 7 with pick up at the small group sights. If Sr. High needs a ride back to the church for pick up, just let us know. Our last small group night, which will be an All Together Night, is November 29.

**Sunday Mornings** are moving right along with the new schedule. Come and join us at 9:15 for fellowship and Jesus. Be in prayer for our confirmation class as they are learning about their faith and the church.

**Your \$100 deposit for Colombia is due now!** This goes for our college folks that are going as well. If you have not made your decision if you are going or not, I encourage you to think on this. Please don't hesitate to talk with me about the trip if you have any concerns or questions. The next payment is due December 13.

**Don't forget to get me your \$30 for "A Christmas Carol"** if you plan on going. We have already purchased the tickets, so the first 20 people that turn in money get to go. I will offer them to the college group after this week, as we need to sell the tickets. The date we are going is December 22, at 2:30.

Let me know what I can do for each of you all and keep me posted as to what is going on.

*Brittney Liebke, Director of Youth Ministries*

## New Bus Fleet!

You may have noticed shiny, new buses at the Aldersgate campus! These new buses, which seat the same number of passengers as our previous buses and have a cargo storage area, are the result of great research and discernment by the Aldersgate Board of Trustees.

Commercial bus lifespan has more to do with years of service than number of miles driven. The previous buses were about to turn 10 years old, which would have significantly hurt trade-in value. Because of this decrease and value as well as the maintenance that would soon be necessary on the previous buses, the Trustees voted to trade in the older buses and purchase new ones.

The Trustees, with the help of the Finance Committee, worked out the purchase without incurring debt. One of the major factors in the purchase is the increasingly strong partnership with the Weekday Children's Ministry, which is financially strong enough to purchase one of the buses.

We are grateful for good resources with which to do the ministry of our Lord!

## Rummage Sale for Missions

Proceeds go to  
2016 short-term

missions team to Ecuador

You may donate items Thursday, December 3, in room 27 or Friday, December 4 from noon until 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Activity Center (CAC). **Mission minded volunteers are needed and welcomed.** You may shop on Saturday, December 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the CAC. Items that can be donated to sell include:

- Kitchenware & Gadgets
- Children's and Adult's Clothing
- Coats
- Furniture and Housewares
- Baby Items
- Toys and Books
- Christmas Decorations
- and so much more!

## Backpack Ministry



Reminder—The **Pathfinders Class** has signed up for the weeks of November 16 through December 18 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.

## Aldersgate Food Pantry



### GIVE THANKS—GIVE FOOD November Food of the Month EVERYTHING

Canned—Vegetables, Fruit, Meats, Soups, Baked Beans; Spaghetti & Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Crackers, Rice, Dried Beans, Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Grits, Oatmeal, Toilet Paper, Small Sized Toiletries.

Please place in collection baskets located in the Atrium, Christian Activity Center and outside the Program Staff Offices.

**Join us for worship this Sunday!**

8:15 Chapel Service with  
Holy Communion—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Michael Cobb

10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller

John 20:19-23

*“Stewardship: Deploy”*

**Our gifts to God!**

**November 15, 2015**

Morning Worship—331      Sunday School—235

**September, 2015**

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	999,750
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,021,783
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	972,930
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,360,204

*Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events*

November 22-28, 2015

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/Room 29
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
- 11:30 a.m. Tree Trimming Luncheon/Back of CAC
- 3:30 p.m. Jr. Bells/Room 29
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir (grades 1-6)/Room 25
- 4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 7-12)/Choir Room

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

- 10:00 a.m. DCOM Meeting/Rooms 22, 26, 27, 28
- 11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 25
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting  
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Group/Room 25
- 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor  
All Rooms including 114, excluding 22, 25
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers’ Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Men’s Rec. Basketball/CAC

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
- 9:00 a.m. History Committee/Room 119
- 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26
- 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting  
Administrative Office Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 119
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

