



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him

Good News

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What are you celebrating?

That's a simple question, but when considered fully, the question can do a lot for us. Go ahead. Think about it. What are you celebrating? As you consider, you'll be amazed at all of the gifts you've been given.

Here are some things that I'm celebrating:

- The hard work of the choir, worship band, and others who have beautifully led us in worship during these days of Easter
- The beautiful weather we've experienced
- All four of our children are in four great public schools in Montgomery
- The work of the Weekday Children's Ministry, which makes Jesus known to children and their parents through education and care
- The Aldersgate Indoor Soccer League that gives us new connections to families
- Friendships we have made with military families who have come and will soon go
- The GIC Daily Devotionals that have helped me prepare for the weekend through stories and prayer

What I find is these are just the tip of the iceberg, and it makes me thankful.

Peace,

Music Ministry

God's Not Dead

6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 8

Carol Choir Spring Musical

Thank you to all of our Aldersgate musicians for the wonderful job they did in reminding us of all that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did to redeem us through His sacrificial death on the cross throughout our Holy Week services. Your faithfulness to continuing to honor our Lord through the giving of your talents, gifts and service is much appreciated. You all add tremendously to our ministry life.

Praise Singers Spring Concert

6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15

Senior Saints Winter Schedule

Fri., May 6	2:00 p.m.	John Knox
Fri., May 20	1:00 p.m.	Cara Vita

Personnel Committee Announcement

In the fall semester, Brittney Liebbe, who currently serves as our Director of Youth Ministries, will become a full-time student at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. We are happy to support Brittney in furthering her theological education and are thankful for her ministry among us. However, this step means that Brittney's last day on staff at Aldersgate will be in mid-August. The Personnel Committee has already been active in implementing a plan to fill the position before school begins. We would appreciate your prayers for Brittney and Greg in the transition as well as for the Personnel Committee's work.

Wednesday Night Discipleship

Our Wednesday night discipleship is mission focused! Supper will be at 5:15pm and mission projects will follow at 6pm. We will conclude Spring discipleship April 27 with a celebration at the pavilion. Please come and join us to know Jesus and make Him known! (April 20: Aldersgate VBS)

Montgomery Bible Reading Marathon

Thursday, May 5- Sunday, May 8

We are excited Aldersgate will be a part of kicking off the 2nd annual Montgomery Bible Reading Marathon at the Alabama State Capitol. It is an event where all ages read the Bible (Genesis through Revelation) aloud for approximately 70 continuous hours. Volunteers read aloud for 15 mins. & 360 volunteers are required to complete this task. This begins on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5 at 8:30 am & continues through Sunday, May 8 at 8:30 am. Sign up is for one or more increments. **Aldersgate UMC is responsible for the block of time on 05/05/2016 (Thu.) from 5:00-9:00** consisting of 16 slots for 15 mins. to be filled from our congregation on a first come basis. During this time, Jill Murphy is the Bible Marathon Director with Barbara McBride, Bryan Murphy, & Rev. Joshua Manning from River City UMC as monitors. Each person will get an e-reminder. This website offers other available time slots: <http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23673D804A1CEE9C24-montgomery> Arrive 15 minutes before scheduled reading time. Signup at bjmurf6@yahoo.com or call Jill @ 271-2532. Also, sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School books & at Welcome Center in Atrium & CAC.

Decision America Prayer Tour 2016

Thurs., April 14, 12:00 pm at Alabama State Capitol
Franklin Graham is visiting Montgomery as part of a 50 state tour to pray & challenge believers to stand in prayer in 2016. He is urging Christians to earnestly cry out to God to rebuild the walls of for their state & our nation restoring hope as we experience turmoil & uncertainty within Alabama & nation. NOW is the time to PRAY. AUMC plans to attend with others from our state united across denominational lines as one expressing in prayer God can change Alabama & our nation. We will gather in the church parking lot at 10:45 to leave at 11:00 April 14th to take our buses downtown. To reserve your spot on the bus or for more information contact Jill Murphy at 271-2532 or Rev. Steve Badskey at 272-6152. <https://decisionamericatour.com/tour/alabama/>

Coffee With the Pastors

The next Coffee With the Pastors is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at 9:15 a.m. in the parlor.

Campbell's Labels for Education

Campbell's Soup has announced they will be discontinuing their label program. Red Bird has been "grandfathered in" for the next school year. They have collected half of the labels needed for another van. Please turn in all you have, so we can take them with us to Red Bird. Our team will be leaving Sunday May 1. There are boxes located in the CAC, Atrium and by the Program Office where you can place your labels Thanks for your contribution.

Bibles Needed

We are collecting Bibles, new and used, for our local and national ministry partners through April 17. Collection boxes are in the CAC, atrium and hallway outside the choir room.

Missions

For this year's Great Day of Service, the Society of St. Andrew sent us nearly 20,000 pounds of sweet potatoes in a large dump truck and dropped them in a big pile in our back parking lot. Volunteers from Alabama State University Wesley Foundation, The Lord's Church UMC, Locust Bluff UMC, Millbrook UMC, St. Luke UMC, Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, and SKIP/Beacon Light Ministries joined with us in sorting and bagging the potatoes. When finished, we had 3,850 5-pound bags!

The culls were donated to a farmer for sweetening up his hogs. That Saturday, Sunday and Monday 2,400 bags were picked up by or delivered to local organizations like The Welcome Center, Friendship Mission, Salvation Army, Compassion 21, Common Ground, MACOA, SKIP, Adullum House, Reality and Truth, Community of Hope, Greenville UMC Food Ministry, and others. The remaining 1,450 bags were picked up on Monday by the Montgomery Area Food Bank. What a blessing it was to have nearly 100 people of all ages serving together.

Children's Ministry

The WCM is in need of dress up clothes, specifically men's shirts, jackets, vests, old military uniform shirts, etc. If you happen to run across any of these items during your spring cleaning and would be willing to donate them to the WCM, we promise that they will be put to great use by the children. Just drop them by the WCM office Monday through Friday between 7:30 am-5:30 pm or you can give them to Katie Blair on Sunday.

Calling all campers! If you have completed third grade through fifth grade, this means you! This year, we will be heading to beautiful Blue Lake Camp June 20-25 for Energize! Our camp deans will be Rev. Emily Kincaid and Rev. Hunter Pugh. Registration is underway and spaces fill up quickly. Please see or email Katie Blair (katie@aldersgateumc.org) for camp cost information.

Youth Announcements

HUB—Wednesday nights are going great as we explore the missions that we are a part of. We begin at 5:30 with dinner; if you want to join us for an awesome meal, bring \$5. Pickup is at 7:00 p.m. For the month of April, we will be joining the rest of the congregation on mission projects here at the church.

Sunday Nights—We will be taking a break from Junior Handbells and choir for awhile. Thank you all for your hard work in the talent Show; it paid off! Small groups this week will be an all together night, so plan on coming Sunday night at 5:15, pickup is at 7:30.

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.

This Sunday we will be commissioning our Colombia, Ecuador, and Red Bird mission teams as a part of our GIC. If you are a part of these teams, you need to be at our combined 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Thank you!

The Global Impact Celebration is this weekend, with lots of opportunities to meet and talk with our missionary partners. I encourage you to be at this event all weekend; however, if you cannot be there all weekend, it is important that you are there on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. for the water walk. We will be joining our children's ministry to bring awareness to the lack of clean drinking water across the world.

Fundraiser—Our Yard Sale will be on April 30. We have a storage unit available if anyone asks. It is at the corner of Bell and Vaughn. Go in and ask for the Aldersgate key. We will need lots of help both that week before and on the day of, so please put this on your calendar.

Let me know what's going on in the lives of your teens!

Brittney

Thank You...

"The family of Frances M. Babington grateful acknowledges your thoughtful expressions of kindness following our loss.

Perhaps you sent a beautiful card, some gorgeous flowers, wonderful food or a memorial gift to the church...or just simply came by to visit.

Whatever your acknowledgement, it was felt by each of us and deeply appreciated.

If you were unable to be here except in spirit, perhaps you remembered Frances to a friend or thought of her or prayed for her family that day.

Whatever was done, large or small, to comfort our loss is acknowledged with grateful hearts. Thank you all for being the hands and heart of Christ!"

Tom Babington & Family

Pantry Praise

Praise Singers Spring Concert
Sunday, May 15

Christian Activity Center

6:00 Covered Dish Supper
Meat and Drinks are Provided
6:30 Concert

**Bring a canned good for our
Church Pantry**

Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The **Holiday**

family has signed up

for the weeks of **April**

18– April 24 to serve in
the Backpack Ministry.



Aldersgate Food Pantry

APRIL FOOD OF THE MONTH



SPAGHETTI (1 LB)
& SAUCE (1 CAN)



Hunger in America Survey reveals 18.6% (895,430) of the people in Alabama are food insecure—have difficulty meeting basic food needs. 25.8% (289,960) of Alabama's children are food insecure. Every donation you make is helping our neighbors stretch their food budget a little further each month.

Aldersgate Café

April 20, 2016 - 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up: Maranatha Class

Adults & Children:

Baked Chicken with Mushroom Sauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage,
Cornbread, Dessert

Kids' Option: Chicken Nuggets

Or:

Entrée Salad

(Cost is Adults/\$6.00,
Youth & College/\$5.00,
Children/\$3.00,

Family/\$25.00 maximum)

To register, please sign up on the sheet provided in the attendance pads or call the church office by Monday noon (272-6152).

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Join us for worship this Sunday!
Our gifts to God!

8:15 in the Chapel Global Impact Celebration Faith Promise & Life Commitment Service 10:30 in the Sanctuary Global Impact Celebration Faith Promise & Life Commitment Service
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April 10, 2016	
Morning Worship—305	Sunday School—208
February, 2016	
Budget for 2016	\$1,232,669
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	205,856
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	207,939
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	190,752
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,364,759

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

April 17-23 2016

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 8:15 a.m. GIC—Faith Promise/Life Commitment Service Chapel 9:15 a.m. GIC—Missionary Forum/Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Faith Promise/Life Commitment Service Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. GIC—Wrap-up Luncheon for Missionaries/CAC 2:00 p.m. Respite Care Training/Room 119 4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir/CAC Stage 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir/Choir Room 6:30 p.m. Red Bird Mission Team Meeting/Room 25 MONDAY, APRIL 18 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study/Room 25 1:30 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting Administrative Office Conference Room 5:15 p.m. Soccer Practice/CAC 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms including 114, excluding 22,25 7:00 p.m. Career Christians Circle/Room 25 TUESDAY, APRIL 19 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22 8:00 a.m. AWF Cabinet—The Right Start/Room 22 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29 10:00 a.m. Christian Outreach Circle/Chappy's—Perry Hill Rd. 3:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting	Administrative Office Conference Room 5:00 p.m. Soccer Practice/CAC 6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts—Cubanapolis/Rooms 22, 25, 26, Pavilion, Ball Field WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study/Room 26 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper/CAC 5:30 p.m. Leadership @ Aldersgate/Room 22 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Discipleship 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY, APRIL 21 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting/Parlor 8:00 a.m. Newsletter, Bulletin Preparation/Room 26 9:00 a.m. Pathfinder Class Luncheon Set-up/Room 22 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting/Room 20 11:30 a.m. Pathfinder Class Luncheon/Room 22 6:30 p.m. Embroidery guild of America/Room 27 FRIDAY, APRIL 22 5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25 SATURDAY, APRIL 23 8:00 a.m. Indoor Soccer/CAC 4:30 p.m. Indoor Soccer/CAC
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