



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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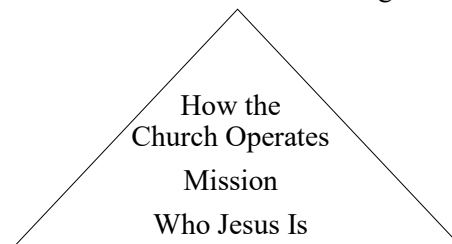
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## September 9, 2018

The Church is only an instrument of mission. then the mission determines the shape and practices of the Church. Mission, then, governs structure and polity. Karl Barth writes, "Its mission is not additional to its being. It is, as it is sent and active in its mission. It builds up itself for the sake of its mission and in relation to it." The Church only exists to participate in God's redemption of the world. Aldersgate only exists to participate in God's redemption of the world.

Further, Jurgen Moltmann ties the mission directly to the work of God. He writes, "It is not the church that has a mission of salvation to fulfill in the world; it is the mission of the Son and the Spirit through the Father that includes the church." While we have a mission statement, its purpose is to keep us in line with who God is calling us to be. Our purpose is tied up with Jesus.

Alan Hirsch and Michael Frost pick up on this important starting point. Rather than starting with mission, Hirsch and Frost start with the study of Jesus, which is called Christology. The Church cannot understand its mission without understanding the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ. "Churches that have got this basic formula wrong never really engage in mission and so lose touch with Jesus." Movable parts of a church, such as structure and programs, are important as ways of organizing and practicing faith. However, the most important thing we can get right is who Jesus is and what he is calling us to do.



This is why our study of Colossians 1:15-23 is so important. Paul gives us clear Christology. It is this language about Jesus that propels us to care for the world Jesus came to save and operate in ways that help us "To Know Jesus and To Make Him Known."

Peace,

## Worship Arts Ministry

### Music & Worship Arts

September is Music and Worship Arts Participation month! Now is the time to become a part of any one of our many choirs, drama team, orchestra or ensembles. Our Music Ministry is made up of people like you and I who are serving as choir/ensemble members, orchestra members, youth and children's choir directors, banner makers, dancers, handbell ringers, soloists, actors, pianists, painters, clerical helpers and the list goes on and on. Whether your talent is great or small, whether your age is young or old we have a place for you in our Aldersgate Music Ministry. We hope that you'll prayerfully consider joining us. "Come, serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2)



All potential saints are welcome as we fellowship together and learn a music program to sing in our community throughout this next year. Call Mamie at 279-9313 to make a reservation.

#### Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, September 26 | 11:00 Rehearsal  
Wednesday, October 10 | 11:00 Rehearsal  
Wednesday, October 24 | 11:00 Rehearsal



### *A Night of Prayer for our MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

For our Schools, Teachers, Administrators,  
Support Staff and Board Members

**Sunday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. | Chapel**

We at Aldersgate believe that prayer is crucial in our Christian life, both individual prayer and corporate prayer. We are seeking to incorporate prayer into every aspect of our community life. We invite everyone to join us for our upcoming Prayer Service in our Chapel at 6:00 on Sunday, September 9 as we spend some time praying for our Schools, Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff. Message by Carla Pugh. Led by Dr. Brian Miller, Rev. Richard Williams, Rev. Paul Turner, Harold Adair, Sheila Elmore and Katie Blair.

### *Grief Group*

If there is interest, we would like to offer a 4-6 week grief group after Labor Day. Please contact Nita Ausbon, 334-277-0163 or [nausbon@yahoo.com](mailto:nausbon@yahoo.com), leave your name, best phone number and communication preference (text, email or phone).

### *Newsletter*

The Good Newsletter continues to be our primary communication tool to share how we are living into our mission. In order for the Good Newsletter to continue to be important, we will soon transition to a weekly digital delivery for all. In addition, we will publish a more in depth Good Newsletter on a monthly basis.

### *Aldersgate United Methodist Men*

Save the date! The 2018 edition of the Men's BBQ will be Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. As always, plenty of opportunities to pitch in with cooking, plating, and selling. Stay tuned for more!

### *River Region Readers*

Next Meeting: September 9 @ 6pm  
"Rules of Civility" by Armor Towles  
Room 119

### *Baby Shower*

All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Jessica Evans on September 16th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

## SEED Planting



From Laura Hughes (Part 2): On July 3, the City of Montgomery hosted a large Independence Day celebration at Blount Cultural Park and the Shakespeare Theater. To our pleasant surprise, over 25 volunteers joined the ministerial staff and me to set up two iced-down bottled water stations and distribute several hundred bottles of cold water to thirsty participants. Families, individuals, food vendors, as well as police and first responders, enjoyed our free, cold bottles of water on a very hot afternoon.

Our volunteers made certain that everyone was offered water, and many people stopped to tell us how grateful they were for being taken care of on such a very hot day. With "Aldersgate" banners hanging from our new shade pavilion, we created a great visual for those who might be curious as to our presence. It is our hope that when the unchurched or uncommitted see Aldersgate's presence and care for the masses, they will be drawn to a church family that wants very much to give back to the community.

## Children's Ministry

Children are an important part of our family here at Aldersgate and are always welcome to worship with their families. Children ages Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade are also invited to attend 3D Kids Worship, an engaging worship experience designed especially for kids to Dig in, Discover, and Develop their faith. Those attending should be signed in by an adult at the Family Welcome Station located outside of the chapel beginning at 10:20 and signed out of 3D Kids at the conclusion of the 10:30 worship services. 3D Kids Worship meets in the chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### White Cane Day | September 29, 2018

Aldersgate's Outward Vision + Inward Vision Support Group will be participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual White Cane Safety Day, a nationally recognized observance.

This is a time ...

- To spotlight the accomplishments and abilities of our blind citizens.
- To bring awareness to the importance of the white cane
- To reflect on the blind's abilities to live a full independent, successful life.

The day will begin with an opening ceremony on the steps of the State Capital followed by a symbolic walk from the Capital to the Montgomery Riverwalk; there, we will find exhibitors and vendors. Our Support Group will be one of the exhibitors. There will be food and fun activities; such as, learning to write your name in braille, games for children (soccer beeper ball played blindfolded). All this and no cost!! Mark your calendar now. For more info contact Betty Cates.

### The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers!

1. Work the Food Pantry once a month (or more) – we are open on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Volunteers work 9:30-12:00. Set up host room, set up intake table, check collection boxes. Two people are always at the Food Pantry together. One will make bags, the other works the intake table helping clients. On the job training. Not sure – come in one day and see what it is all about.
2. Unload Food Bank items – once a month, day varies. Must be able to lift 25+ lb. cases. Takes less than an hour.

Contact Marcia Wheat for more information. [morewheat@aol.com](mailto:morewheat@aol.com), or 334-213-0853.

### Vision Support Group

Outward Sight/Inward Vision (he Vision Impaired Support Group) will meet Thursday, September 13, from 1:00-2:15p.m. in Room 23. Come be a part of this helpful group. For more information contact Betty Cates.

### Coming Up!

#### Day Camp for the Visually Impaired

Come learn about independent living skills, technology training, medical awareness and everyday tips taught by experts! Our Day Camp for the visually impaired will be October 10 and 11 from 10am to 3pm. Cost for the 2-day event is \$10. For more information contact Betty Cates, [bamcates@charter.net](mailto:bamcates@charter.net).

### Knitting and Crochet Ministry

#### Needs Your Help!!

The Knitting and Crochet Ministry makes lap throws for the patients at the Cancer Center, baby blankets for our newborns, and prayer shawls for Congregational Care. We meet every Wednesday, 2:00-3:30 in Room 25. **Donations of yarn or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated!**

## Midweek Gathering

September 12, 2018, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up:**  
Explorers/Maranatha

**Adults & Children:**  
Hamburger Steaks with Onions,  
Mashed Potatoes, English Peas  
and Peach Cobbler

**Kid's Option:** Hot Dogs

**Or:**  
Entrée Salad

(Cost is Adults/\$6.00, Youth/\$5.00,  
College/free, Children/\$3.00,  
Family/\$25.00 maximum)

To register, please sign up on the sheet provided in the attendance pads, call the church office by Monday noon [www.aldersgateumc.org](http://www.aldersgateumc.org) - "Events" or 272-6152



Aldersgate  
Food Pantry

### SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY



Canned Meats and Baked Beans  
(tuna, chicken)

Matthew 22:39  
*Love your neighbor as yourself.*

23% of the Aldersgate Food Pantry  
Clients live in zip code 36116.  
They ARE our neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support  
of the Food Pantry Ministry! Please  
place all donations in the containers  
throughout the church.

Ministers On Call

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**Join us for worship this Sunday!**

**Our gifts to God!**

**September 9, 2018**

8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 Contemporary Worship  
10:30 Traditional Worship Service

Colossians 1:15-23  
“Why Jesus? The Supernatural Glue”

**September 2, 2018**

Morning Worship—185 Sunday School—168

**June 30, 2018**

Budget for 2018	\$1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	531,485
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	505,242
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	509,131
 Total Pledges to Faith Promise	 90,335
Total Received through 7/31/18	23,217

*Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events*  
September 9—September 15, 2018

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly/Communion  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children  
10:30 a.m. 3D Kid's Worship/Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC  
10:30 p.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Visitation for Tudi Deason/Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Tudi Deason/Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29  
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups  
5:30 p.m. Night of Prayer for Montgomery Public Schools/Chapel  
6:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting/Room 22  
11:0 a.m. Monday Women's Bible Study/Room 26  
1:30 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 28  
6:45 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All rooms excluding 22, 25

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29  
6:00 p.m. Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

9:30 a.m. Covenant Bible Study Group/ Room 26  
2:00 p.m. Knitting and Crocheting Group/Room 25  
5:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering Dinner/CAC  
6:00 p.m. Bible Basics with Brian/Room 119  
Coffee House/Room 113  
Letter to Hebrews/Room 26  
The Call/Room 24  
Heartworks Lab/Room 114  
Teeny Tykes and Tunes/Room 111 and 112  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting/Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting/Room 29  
10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer/Room 28  
1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Support Group/Room 23

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25  
5:30 p.m. Reality and Truth Dinner Preparation/CAC Kitchen

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

10:00 a.m. Gospel of John Bible Study/Room 26