

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 5
10:00 A BBQ

Friday, January 6
9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, January 8
9:15 A Sunday School
10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care
Kate King, Greg Edwards, Alyssa & Ashtyn Henderson, Mary Mullen

5:30 P Belles & Beaux Party

Tuesday, January 10
9:30 A Yoga
5:30 P First Place for Health

Wednesday, January 11
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 P Preschool Committee Meeting
Chapel Bells
5:15 P Church Family Dinner
6:00 P Children's Program
Youth Bible Study
6:15 P Adult Bible Study with Dr. Ezell
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 12
10:30 A LLL to Charlie's Restaurant in Springfield
6:00 P Trustees Meeting

Friday, January 13
9:00 A Yoga

Thank You

The church staff would like to sincerely thank everyone that brought us treats and gifts during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, January 21
7-9 p.m.

LLL

LLL Lunch

Thursday, January 12
Charlie's Restaurant
Springfield, Louisiana

Bus departs at 10:30 a.m.
Please sign up in the church office.

Potluck

Friday, February 17
Fried chicken will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Birding presentation by Leon DeMent.

Bellingrath Gardens March 23-24

This will be an overnight trip with a visit to Malbis Memorial Church and the City of Fairhope.

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HAPPY New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

LLL Lunch Charlie's in Springfield Thursday, January 12



“The Future We Make”

This article has been severely abbreviated for space. It was written by my friend, Chris Gambill, of the Center for Congregational Health. It was sent to me. I share it with you. Standing at the cusp of a new year, it poses a healthy perspective on the church and on life in general.

Whether you view your glass as half full or half empty says a lot about how you interpret situations and indicate a tendency toward pessimism or optimism. A tendency toward optimism can have a significant, positive impact on your health, resilience, success at work, and in other areas of life. I believe it can also significantly impact your church. Those of us who see the glass as half-empty become pessimistic and have more hopeless attitude about the future. Those who see the glass as half-full, are more optimistic and see better prospects for the future.

Congregation members often hold widely varying interpretations of decline and the prospects for the future. If they are pessimistic, they only see what they have lost. They see the empty seats, how much giving has declined, the aging membership and feel sadness. For them, the congregational “glass” looks half-empty. But there is another way to interpret the same situation. Try to pretend you are just getting started. I ask, “If someone were to give you a great lo-

cation for a church, a building with little or no debt, in a neighborhood that is growing, and a core group of people who genuinely love God and each other, could you grow a church with those resources?” From this point of view, the congregational “glass” is half-full. And, with some faith, hope, and love, that church can thrive, that is, if folks believe it can.

Dr. Mary Foskett reminds us that Jesus was born into a world that felt dark and hopeless: the dominance of a foreign government, the struggle to obtain the basic necessities of life. Yet, into this glass-half-empty world came a baby and suddenly, the world and the future changed forever. If any group of people have reasons for hope, to be optimistic, to believe in what can be, it ought to be God’s people. Scripture and faith teaches us that there is reason to believe God can do a new thing, especially in a congregation.

Are you a glass-half-empty kind of person, or glass-half-full? As you face a new year, keep in mind that the future we have is mainly a future we make. May we choose to believe that God still is at work accomplishing God’s great purposes no matter how big or small we may feel.

Happy and half-full new year!

Leonard

ADULTS

First Place for Health
New Session Begins
Tuesday, January 10
5:30 p.m.

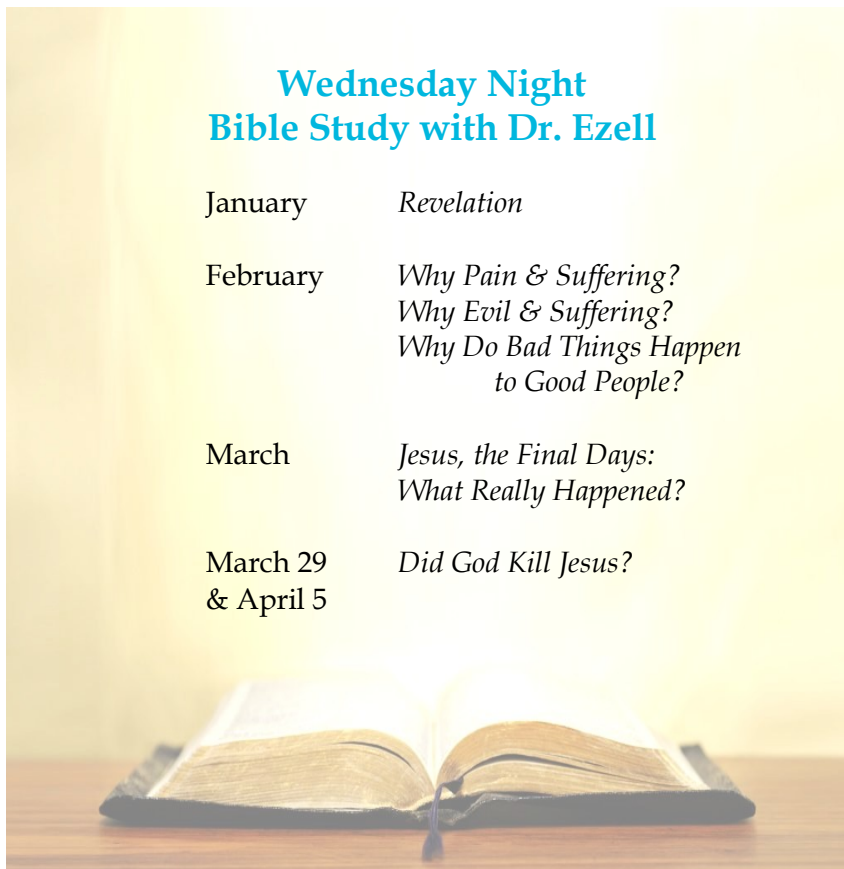
Wednesday Night Dinner
January 11
Chicken Fettuccini,
Coleslaw, French Bread,
Cake

Preschool Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 11
5:00 p.m.

Offering Envelopes
Please pick up your offering envelopes in the piano-side church vestibule. After this Sunday they will be moved to the church office. Envelopes will only be mailed to our homebound members.

Wednesday Night Bible Study with Dr. Ezell

January	<i>Revelation</i>
February	<i>Why Pain & Suffering? Why Evil & Suffering? Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?</i>
March	<i>Jesus, the Final Days: What Really Happened?</i>
March 29 & April 5	<i>Did God Kill Jesus?</i>



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital
Wayne Davis

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from: The Family of **Nadine Smith Allen and Cyndy Rutherford** and family **Greg, Erika, Baileigh and Bren Futch** Ayanna Ginn, The Mabry Family, Mamie Allen, and Pastor S. C. Dixon-Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church

Christmas Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts and/or money to the Greater Mount Olive church families. Bobby delivered the gifts to the church on Monday, December 19. We have received several thank you notes from gift recipients and those can be found on the bulletin board near the stairs on the organ side.

Deacon Ordination and Installation
Sunday, January 29
10:30 a.m.

Come be a part of this unique worship service as we ordain and install new deacons into a new and exciting path of service and ministry in our church.

Family Gathering
Sunday, January 22
11:30 a.m.

Beef Tips Over Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake \$6 per person, \$25 family max. Please sign up in the church office.

Mark Your Calendars!

Deacon Chili Cook-Off and Cake Bake
Saturday, February 4

Bears for Brave Heart

We will once again collect small teddy bears to go in backpacks for displaced children helped by the Brave Heart organization. Dates of collection will be two Sundays, February 5 and 12, during worship.