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It's official. I am now installed as your pastor. I couldn't feel more blessed or grateful.

A HUGE thank you to everybody who came out for the installation service, to everybody who brought food and made the fellowship hall look beautiful, to everybody who wished me well and congratulated me, and to everybody who has extended such a warm welcome. Thank you.

I am still struck by the idea that this church, Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is not ours. It is not mine. It is not Brian's. It is not yours. This church belongs to God. I think I speak for many who love to be in control, when I say, that this is a terrifying thought. This is God's church. And God will do what God will do. He will direct us to know what battles to fight. He will open doors. And he will close others.

In theory, it is easy to nod and agree with the reality that this is God's church. But, in practice, it is a terrifying truth. The reason it is so terrifying is because it means the Holy Spirit has all the room and space in the world to move (and I mean, in the world!). And when the Holy Spirit moves, you better be ready to move, too. That's the life of church. We wait and wait and wait. We follow God in rhythmic obedience. Weekly. Daily. Hourly. We go about our lives obeying God. We read our Bibles, we pray, we go to church, we participate in community outreach. This is the weekly drill. The weekly cadence of our lives.

But, then, every so often, the Spirit moves. In a really tangible and awe-inspiring way. The Spirit moves, and we follow. Which can be terrifying. But it can also be so freeing, so inspiring, so moving, that all we can do is stand back and say, "Amen."

If you don't believe me, then try singing from behind the pulpit on a Sunday morning in the middle of your sermon. When the Spirit says sing, you better sing. Because the Spirit is on the move. If you don't believe me, try hiring two pastors in their mid-20s for the next step of this congregation. When the Spirit moves, you follow.

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Pastor Micaiah

PS: For those who have asked, my mother, Nona Thomas, did a lovely reading out of the book, "The Wonderful Things You Will Be" by Emily Winfield Martin.



**TO ALL OF AMERICA'S VETERAN'S &
MEMBERS OF THE US ARMED FORCES:
THIS VETERAN'S DAY
WE SALUTE YOU
AND
THANK YOU
FOR
YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA!**

Loaves and Fishes Offering

The goal for this year's Loves and Fishes Offering is to start a new ministry that is built around a Hot Lunch program for children. It will involve lunch for a select group of children, in addition to medical, nutritional, physiological, educational and spiritual care. The hot lunch is the focal point of the ministry, but it also affords the opportunity to look at the total welfare of the child, even tutoring after lunch for those that need this help. Cumberland Presbyterian missionary Anay Ortega will coordinate the program with the help of the leadership of the church. They plan to invite needy children to come eat a hot meal each day at the church. Thank you for your participation in the "God is Great, God is Good" Loaves & Fishes effort this year! Boxes will be collected November 22nd during the morning service.

Weekly Youth Bible Study Upcoming Schedule:

6PM-7:30PM. Dinner provided.

November 15th: Regular Youth

November 22nd: NO YOUTH due to the Community Thanksgiving Service

November 29th: Regular Youth

December 6th: Regular Youth

December 13th: Regular Youth

December 20th: Ugly Sweater Christmas Party. All Youth and their families (including siblings) are INVITED to put on your ugliest, most outrageous, gaudy Christmas sweater and join us at 6PM for our final session of the year. Please bring a snack and dessert to share!

Worship Elements Sunday School

Continues this week and will run through till November 15th.

Please Join us at 9:45 am.

No Sunday School on November 22nd.

Regular Sunday School will start back on Sunday November 29th

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, The Family of Carol Baggett, Mary Jo Bradford, Stroby Stewart; Erica Scott; Bill Beigay; David Patrick; Julie Merwin; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Michael Borning, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, November 8th, 2015.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsborocpc@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars:

Session Meeting

November 17th at 5 pm

Congregational Meeting

November 15th at 10:30 am

To hear a presentation from the building team about a proposed administrative build-

Advent Basket

Sign-Up Sheet Located on bulletin board outside of church office

Items Due November 22nd



Wreaths and Garland *Order Forms for ordering wreaths and garlands are in the back of the church. Orders will be accepted through till November 22nd. Order forms can be turned into the church office or given to Mary Davis. Wreaths will be tagged and ready for pick-up on Friday December 4th in the morning.*

Deacon Soup Luncheon December 6th

following Worship Service

Sign up sheet located on bulletin board for soups and desserts. Desserts will be used for the silent Auction. All Money raised will go to Christmas Charities.



Sock and Mitten Tree

November 22nd through mid December

Bring Socks, Mittens, and Toboggans for the Choctaw Indian Children in Oklahoma

New Books in the Library

"Dear God, Why?" By Annie Fitzgerald

A children's book of questions for God.

"Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt" By Ted Foote and Alex Thornberry

Community Thanksgiving Service

November 22nd at 6:00 pm

The Greater St. Paul AME

608 N Houston St,

Scottsboro, AL 35768

Speaker: Rev. Micaiah Tanck

All Denominations welcome.



Christian Education Schedule

Nov. 22: No Sunday School

Nov. 29- Feb. 7: The following Sunday School classes will be offered

Outreach Class: Video Discussions

Ideal Class: Chapter by Chapter Bible Study through a few Prophets (Taught by Micaiah Tanck)

Mustard Seed Class: Study called "The Story," which is a book that walks through the entire Bible, going through each book of the Bible and its major themes and stories. (Taught by Lil Noble)

Youth: Bible Study (Taught by Brian Tanck)

*Please consider joining one of the preceding classes. You are welcome to try a couple different classes for the first couple weeks until you find the class you want to be a part of. If you have never been a part of any of these Sunday School classes, give them a shot! We would love to have as many as possible committed to coming to these classes to gain greater Biblical knowledge, as well as grow in fellowship.

Feb. 14- March 27: Lenten Bible Studies, Regular Sunday school classes will continue.

During this time, we will offer a women's Bible study on Monday night at 7 PM, and a men's Bible study on Wednesday morning at 6 AM. The same curriculum will also be taught on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour at 9:45 AM. **This means that you can choose what time slot works best for you.** You can **either** come during the week to the men or women's groups **OR** you can come on Sunday morning. The curriculum for all three classes will be the same, leaving you the opportunity to pick what time works best for you. The Lenten study will be on the topic of prayer practices AND community service projects. The idea is that we are spiritually formed in order to be sent out.

April 3- May 22: Regular Sunday School classes will continue. Small groups/Bible studies can continue (or even be created!)

2015

General Fund

October 18, 2015 offering: \$ 5,902.50

YTD Offering: \$ 270,080.17

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,533.67

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 246,420.18

Attendance for 11/8/15

Sunday School: 55

Worship: 114

Installation service: 112

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Rodney Bell

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Brian Tanck

Greeter: Gentry Benson & Gay Zimmerman

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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