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At the end of worship this week, we, your pastors, had the privilege of blessing the congregation. We spoke a blessing over children and youth, young adults, parents, grandparents, and those caring for the sick and aging. We blessed teachers and men and women and the session and deacons. It was our privilege to speak blessings over your lives, trusting that God will act to fulfill them. This is not blind optimism. It is trust that God is living and active in the world. God has power when we do not. God has options when we run out. God has energy and patience when we are exhausted. And God has plans for our lives. God has a future he is inviting us into.

God is not just waiting for us to get to heaven. God is working to bring heaven to us.

Amidst the tragedies of this week, those from Paris that have dominated headlines and others that dominate our hearts, the need for blessings in this world really hits home. There are so many forces that are intent on spreading curses and closing off God's future. There is so much that makes heaven seem forever away. My sincere hope this week is that our congregation can be a source of blessings in a world that seems so intent on speaking curses.

Which I don't think is unreasonable. Because we have already seen the way so many of you work to create heaven in our midst.

Quietly fixing things in the church, volunteering, dropping things off

Preparing Advent baskets

Enthusiastically greeting children to Sunday School, week after week

Providing dinner for the youth and their parents

Visiting homebound members

Practicing to deliver beautiful music which leads us in worship

Helping children practice for a Christmas Program

This is the tip of the iceberg. We are working hard to build a little corner of heaven on earth. Which reminds me of this verse from the gospel of Matthew.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

So in the midst of a world intent on speaking curses, don't be discouraged. We speak blessings, we work to bless, and God stands behind us. God is working to fulfill the blessings we speak.

Loaves and Fishes Offering due Sunday

Boxes will be Collected Sunday November 22nd during morning worship service.
There will be a time to bring them forward during the offering.

Advent Basket

Items Due by November 22nd



No Sunday School November 22nd

Regular Sunday School will resume November 29th.

Weekly Youth Bible Study Upcoming Schedule:

6PM-7:30PM. Dinner provided.

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!

Check It Out.....

Books you might know are in our Church Library

The Upper Sand Mountain Parrish Cookbook

The Technique of Still Life Painting by Taubes

Plum Jelly and Stained Glass & Other Prayers by Carr & Sorley

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Strobby 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 Boring, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Reese McPhail, Rev. Bill Allen, Charlene Allen, Room in the Inn Program for the upcoming season, Victims of the Paris Attacks and the surrounding political up heard and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, November 15th, 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: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars:



Wreaths and Garland

Orders due by 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.*

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

November 29th at 9AM

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



"Lunch with the Ladies"

December 14th, 2015 At Stevarino's

"Joy in the Morning" through Music and Worship

Join Us for a Special Christmas Service

11 AM on Sunday December 13th

The Service will include the Children's Christmas Program, readings from our youth, and special music led by our Choir.



2nd Annual Mistletoe Market this Weekend. Make plans

SCOTTSBORO WOMAN'S LEAGUE
▪ **MISTLETOE** Market

Sponsors
FNB
RAYMOND JAMES

November 20th - 22nd
GOOSEPOND CIVIC CENTER
SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA

FRIDAY 20TH
4pm - 7pm

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SATURDAY 21ST
10am - 6pm

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SUNDAY 22ND
11am - 5pm



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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)

Emmaus Class: (Taught by Rachel Cook)

Children's Class: (Taught by Sharon and John Frey & Stella Benson)

*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: \$ 6199.00

YTD Offering: \$ 276,679.17

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,533.67

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 246,420.18

Attendance for 11/15/15

Sunday School: 43

Worship: 121

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Rodney Bell

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Hoyt Harbin

Greeter: Gavin and Amber Harrington

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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