



## THE CHURCH SPIRE

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*Wisdom is a tricky thing. It tends to be hard-earned. You might learn the dangers of booking a budget-airline when you show up to the gate, proud of the \$70 round-trip ticket you bought. You glance around and notice a long line of people measuring the size of their carry-ons. As you slowly shuffle forward in line, you notice your carryon is the largest. You get to the front of the line, give the flight attendant a nervous smile, and they say with no emotion, "Make sure your bag fits in this box please." You glance at the tiny little box and begin trying to shove your oversized carryon in. One corner in means another bulges out. You are leaning on it with a knee and an elbow when the attendant, with just as little emotion, lets you know you can pay \$40 at the gate to check your bag, each direction. Or you can leave it here.*

*Well your ticket just doubled in price, and your pride took a serious hit. But it is moments just like this where wisdom can take root. There is a lesson here. Sometimes budget prices really are too good to be true, so read the fine print. That is wisdom.*

*As Christians, we have a book dedicated to learning wisdom. It is filled with nuggets of hard-earned wisdom from the lives of ancient believers. Many of which still hit-home today. Here are couple Proverbs, and a word or two about them.*

*Proverbs 20:17—Bread gained by deceit is sweet, but afterward the mouth will be full of gravel.*

*Here's one important thing about wisdom: it acknowledges the complexity of the world. Bread gained by deceit will taste sweet. When you cheat your way into something you want, it can be enjoyable. The rewards are nice, and there is no denying that. But the gain turns from sweet to filling the mouth with gravel. Have you ever chewed gravel? I haven't, but it sounds horrible.*

*Proverbs 15:1—A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*A second thing about wisdom: its not black and white. This proverb has a warning in it: a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. There are a number of times where a soft answer is called for. We can yell at someone because we've had a bad day—and this will only compound the problem. But there are other times where a soft answer is avoiding a situation that requires a harsh word. This proverb isn't saying never be harsh. It's reminding us of the cost.*

*Do you have a favorite Proverb? If you do, let us know! Either way, below is a link to a page about memorizing Proverbs to "write them on our hearts." The article is good, but I appreciated the comments section, where people have written their favorite proverbs, and stories about why.*

*<http://www.lizcurtishiggs.com/your-50-favorite-proverbs-write-them-on-your-heart/>*



**Daylight Savings Time**

**MARCH 13**

Spring  
Forward!

**Set your clocks ahead**

The Experiencing Prayer Sunday School Class, which is an extension of the Youth's Sunday School will meet again this Sunday (March 13th) at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All classes are invited to join, though not required! You are also invited to continue meeting in your normal Sunday School Class, as well.

**NO Sunday School or Youth**

**Sunday March 27th: Easter Sunday**

The Member Care Team hasn't received any names of college students for care packages. If anyone has any names, please send them on to the main office or to the member care team .

**Prayers of the People:**

Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Strobey Stewart; Erica Scott; David Patrick; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, James Bowman, Christy, The Family of Dwight Byrum, Jane Radon, Kelli Newman, The family of Marie Edwards, Gene Marable, Eli Wilson, Denise and Todd Holdridge, James Colus, Roy Hall and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, March 6th.

*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](mailto:scottsborocpc@gmail.com).*



## Mark Your Calendars:

Tenebrae Service

Thursday March 24th

*\* Time Changed from 6:00 to 6:30*

**Good Friday Service**  
**Friday March 25th At Noon**



### **24 Hour Famine:**

The Youth are looking for sponsors for their 24 hour fast. If you want to sponsor a youth, please contact the main office, and we can put you directly in touch with one of our kids. Donations will be due the day of the fast March 25th. You can send your money with the youth, OR leave your donations in the main office. Make checks payable to Scottsboro CP Church with "24 Hour Fast" in the subject line.

### **YOUTH**

Don't forget to ask friends, family, and church members to sponsor you for the 24 hour fast. You will need to get the money from your sponsors before the fast and bring it all with you to the fast on Friday, March 25th!

#### **Lunch with the Ladies**

March 14th  
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#### **Session Meeting**

March 15th  
5PM

#### **Deacon Meeting**

March 13th  
Immediately Following  
Worship Service

Dear Scottsboro CPC,

Early this year, we approved the construction of a new Administrative Building to replace the old Campbell House. It's primary purpose are to provide handicap-accessible restrooms, another ground-floor multipurpose room, a more accessible Deacon Pantry, and to free space in our existing building. The lack of this space has been especially felt during recent funerals, where there was no gathering room for families or sufficient restrooms for guests.

We have been very encouraged by all the positive feedback, but with any decision of this magnitude, we know there are differing opinions. We want to assure you that the decision to build was not undertaken lightly. After many months of conversation, hours of work by our building committee, prayer, and soliciting the thoughts of the congregation, we came to the conclusion that this building will help our church to better fulfill its mission in the world. It will help us serve our own and our community. We are excited for the opportunities it presents, and hope that you will share our excitement.

Our plan is to begin construction as soon as possible, to make sure that we are able to get the remainder of the insurance money from the Campbell House. Any donations to the Building Fund will go directly to the new Administrative Building, and whatever amount we raise over the cost of construction will be used to refurbish our existing space. Please Prayerfully consider how you can help us in this exciting time.

Sincerely,

The Session of Scottsboro CPC

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**Join us at Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
For our Annual Egg Hunt, Games and Snacks!  
March 26th  
9 AM**

**For Ages 12 and under**



Join us this spring as CPYC hits the road to bring the CPYC experience to a town near you.

Register online at [cpmc.org/cpyc](http://cpmc.org/cpyc)



Chandler, IN  
Saturday, April 23  
1PM-8:30PM

Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
338 S. State. St  
Chandler, IN 47610

Huntsville, AL  
Saturday, April 30  
1PM-8:30PM

Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America  
228 Church Street Northwest  
Huntsville, AL 35801

Register for both one-day events online at  
[cpmc.org/cpyc](http://cpmc.org/cpyc)



And don't forget to  
register for CPYC  
June 26-July 1  
at Bethel University



## **Update from Room In The Inn {RITI} March 2016**

The RITI board reports that as of 28 Feb 2016 we served 34 individual guests, 1622 meals, 529 cumulative nights of shelter. To date last year we served 30 guests, 1184 meals, and 395 nights. This season many of our guests have found full time/part time employment and some have been able to have their own vehicles. The little we do, helps many.

We will serve as the Host Church again on Friday, March 18th and again Saturday March 26th.. If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please contact Lil Noble or see the sign up sheets in the back hallway.

As you know, St Jude's church used our facilities while they served as host church last season and the first part of our current season, from 15 Dec through 18 February. On 19 February they opened their own facilities to the Room in the Inn ministry.

On Friday March 18th, St Jude's has invited us to bring our guests to enjoy the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry {prepaid already}. The fish fry is from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. This means a change to our usual procedures. We need a volunteer to pick up {and accompany} our guests at Calvary at the usual time {5:45 PM} and take them to St Jude's Family Life Center (building behind the church) for dinner. The Volunteer will stay and join the guests for fish fry dinner before bringing them to the fellowship hall for the night. It would be marvelous if others who enjoy a fish diner {\$7.00/person} will consider meeting up with them at the hall and stay to fellowship with our guests. Anyone willing to transport our guests and enjoy a delicious fish dinner should contact Lil Noble or sign up on the sheet.

A big and very special "Thank you" to everyone who has helped this season. Many hands make lite work. God bless each and every one.

*Women Empowered for Change*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ADVOCACY

### INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS:

REV. SUSAN PARKER, PH.D.,  
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CAROL GUNDLACH, MSW, POLICY ANALYST,  
ALABAMA ARISE CITIZENS POLICY PROJECT

ANGIE SHUGART, CO-FOUNDER  
ONE WORLD ADVENTURE COMPANY  
& LITTLE RIVER WATERKEEPER

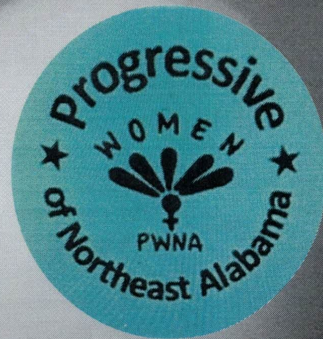
Where: N.A.C.C. Math/Tech Building

Room: 119

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

\* Refreshments served



[www.facebook.com/Progressive-Women-of-Northeast-Alabama](http://www.facebook.com/Progressive-Women-of-Northeast-Alabama)

**FREE  
EVENT!**



**The Building Fund has hit the ground running thanks to all  
the generous donations!!**

*Please prayerfully consider donating to the building fund!*





A reminder for those going on the team to Guatemala this summer:  
**\$800 is due by March 15 in order for us to buy plane tickets!**

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP



Pictures of the Hot Lunch Program in Guatemala City.



Guatemala is a country located in Central America, south of Mexico. Its capital is Guatemala City, and that is where our team will be serving.

Guatemala was once the core of the Mayan civilization. As such, a rich tradition of Mayan culture, language, and crafts still exist. Guatemala endured a long civil war between 1960-1996. That civil war left the country in much disarray.

Several years ago, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church decided to focus on Central America as a mission point. The CP Church has a lot of churches, schools, and ministries already in existence in the United States and in Colombia, South America. Central America is located nicely in between the two, and so our mission's boards decided to focus on Central America. Since this focus began, the CP Church has sent 3 Colombian missionaries to begin work in Guatemala: planting churches, administering a medical clinic, and now starting a Hot Lunch Program.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A team from Scottsboro CP Church will be headed to Guatemala to work in this Hot Lunch Program, and to service the kids' medical needs in any ways we can.

In order for this trip to be possible, we are asking **that you prayerfully consider donating to this trip.** We will need to buy plane tickets, lodging, and supplies for this team to go.

Please pray for the team as things begin to come together. And if you feel so led, please donate to the church with "Guatemala Mission Trip" in the subject line.

2016

General Fund

March 6th offering: \$8,668.00

Total Offering to date: \$ 64,962.40

Budget Requirements

Giving Required per Sunday: \$6,747.40

Required to meet budget to date: \$ 67,473.85

**Attendance for:**

**Sunday 3/6/16**

Sunday School: 59

Worship: 124

**Worship Aids for Sunday**

Head Usher: Eddie Sisco

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Brian Tanck

Greeter: Dus and Rebecca Rogers

Flowers: Fred Thebus

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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