



East Lake
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In the neighborhood for good!

Where Do We Find God?

As this world continues to rock and roll, I go to scripture for balance and direction. I am reminded of these two passages:

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you. O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted...All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. ¹⁴In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. (Isaiah 54)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.
"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Psalm 46)

When all seems wrong, when all seems hard, I look to God who is my strength. Perhaps we should look to God more often. A friend (Jennifer Sanders) shared a quote from Monica Coleman: "On the days when I'm not sure if I'm parenting in the right ways, or I'm missing my community, or there are too many meetings with too much bureaucracy, or the grief of loss overwhelms me – may I ask myself: Where did I see God at work today?" Where do you see God today? Where do you see good today? What is life-giving? What is beautiful? Remembering this each day will help us to face whatever comes. It will remind us that we are not alone. God is with us, and we have each other.

Knowing this will bring us comfort and strength for the days ahead. We will need it. Remember as you seek that comfort, however, that most of the examples of the presence of God and of Jesus in scripture show us that God appears in the strangest of places and speaks through the most unlikely people – a burning bush, smoke and fire, and a still small voice. God speaks through the weak and the lowly and the marginalized – murderers, and those cast out, women, and Gentiles. Look and listen for God. Pay attention to where you are looking and to whom you are listening. God is with us. God is calling us. But sometimes we look in all the wrong places and listen to all the wrong things. May we be guided by the Word that gives us hope and peace.

Peace,

Sally

A Letter from Leslie

Hey, friends!

I introduced our priority of outreach in last month's *Chimes*. There's still a lot of things brewing: some long-term initiatives and some plans that will slowly unfold in the future. Not just new events, but new strategies and new objectives. But the biggest role in all of these new outreach things is YOU. Reaching out and bringing people into this congregation is not an easy task, and it is definitely not something that me, or Sally, or Barry, or Jane, or anyone else can do on our own. It takes *all of us* spreading the word, starting conversations with new people—or people you already know that may not have a church home, talking openly and warmly about our church, personally inviting people to join us at church events, and so on. Someone who may be scared to come on Sunday mornings may love to come to something like a Boomers dinner or a Christmas party or a Cahaba Lily field trip with you!

We have an event coming up called “Why Church?” Now, this event is a little different than most other events we have here because (I say this with *all* the love in my heart) it isn't really for you! Haha! You already love this church. You already know what we do here. You already know what we're all about. This event is for people who aren't part of the East Lake congregation, for people who may not know much about church at all. A small handful of people, including myself, will be there to answer questions and have some cool conversations. It's a great way for our church to casually bring outsiders in and hopefully start building some good relationships with people who I believe really need East Lake, even if they don't know it yet.

So, even though you won't physically be at this “Why Church?” gathering, you still have a role to play. There are two specific things I really need you to do in place of attending yourself.

One is PRAY. Please be praying for all of the outreach things we have coming up over the upcoming years. *(continued on page 5)*



Do you know what July brings?

It brings the very best peaches and tomatoes from Alabama farmers! And we have them both (plus a lot of other good stuff) at the

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July Birthdays

					1 *Geraldo Carey	2
3	4	5	6	7 *Sara Wright	8	9
10 *Carol Hay	11	12	13	14 *Kathy Jackson	15	16
17	18 *Woni Lawrence *Shelly Ann McDonald	19	20	21	22	23
24 *Melinda Adkins *Connie Stone	25	26	27	28 *Phyllis Davis	29	30

*Happy belated birthday
to those who were left off the
June calendar!*
Peggy Gilman - June 18
Leslie N. Williams - June 23

“Keep on praying for the saints . . .”
Ephesians 6:18

*There are many unspoken prayers in our congregation, in addition to these listed:
Please pray for*

Alma Boggan
Mattie Lou Harrison
Tom Preston
Gary Sandridge
Bill Self

And for

Our world leaders
The people of Ukraine and all affected by the war

Memorials & Honoraria

Gifts have been given to the church in memory of
Betty Ferguson

Nancy and Dwight Anderson
Jack and Alma Boggan
Bob Chapman
Elizabeth Fox
Mattie Lou Harrison
Betty King
Kay Sharp
Kenneth and Martha Wade
Jane Walker

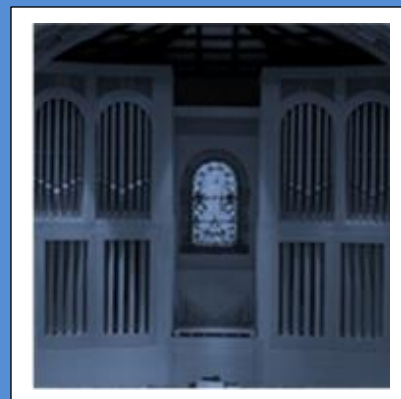
Jane Hayne

Nancy Anderson
Alma and Jack Boggan
Laura Hassell Bryan
Billy Coupland
Mattie Lou Harrison
Sharron Schlosser
Kay Sharp
Jane Walker
Martha Worrell

Evelyn Lindsay
Jimmy and Carole Smith, for Mother’s Day
(see more on page 6)

Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

With the console at St. Andrew's up and playing, we turned to the 1920 Austin organ itself. In the fall of 2020, a crew led by Birmingham engineering genius, Stuart Thompson (also one of the house organists at the Alabama Theatre), got its pipes down two ladders and into a storage area, supervised by yours truly. Things got bogged down during Covid, but in October of 2021, they really began to move. I took all the metal pipes over to my shop at First Baptist and restored them with chemicals, which took weeks. Friend there, Bobby Loudermilk, "chromed" all their tuning slides on top, made them look like new! Then everything went back to St. Andrew's, and John Schwandt arrived for three days.



His mission was to determine how the pipes would be used. The 1920s was a time of often dull, cumbersome pipe sounds; I call it "thudy." We wanted to take what we had, bring it all to life, make the pipes sound as pipes have over the centuries. John began to work his magic. In three days, he got three complete sets of pipes re-voiced, and worked with middle Cs from all the other ranks. Those of us who remained now had our work cut out for us. Some pipes had to be repaired; others needed caps put on them, while others needed theirs cut off. To complete the sound desired, we needed six sets of pipes from my stash. One went back in as it was, two sets needed to be cut off, and three of them had to go to Ohio for John to work on in his shop. He ultimately made two more trips back here, eleven days and four.

All the pipes then had to sit on chests, refurbished or new!

Love,

Barry

CORRECTION!

Last month I erroneously stated that **Andruyana Sanders** graduated from Huffman Middle School. She actually graduated from *Hudson* Middle School. I apologize for the error. – *The Chimes* Editor



In order to continue the variety we have always striven for, for July, we will meet at Salvatore's Pizza and Pasta on Highway 280. We lost our location in Trussville, so this is actually the closest Salvatore's to most of us, via 459. It's casual and relatively inexpensive, and it has a good variety of Italian foods. The date is Friday, July 15. We'll meet there at 6 p.m.

Next month (August 19), we'll do potluck in the Diner again. Tom Duley and Jane P came up with the idea of playing "Name That Tune" from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, so get ready—start listing to some oldies!



It's Bingo month!

When? Tuesday, July 12

What time? 10 a.m.

Where? Office Conference Room

Why? Prizes galore!

Who? YOU, plus you'll get an extra *fabulous* prize if you bring someone new, a friend from outside the church, or a church member who's never been to a Seniors event, or hasn't been in a long time! And your guest will get a special prize, too!

Kids' Corner

It's always a great time to think of things we are grateful for. This month plan a Gratitude Café with your family once a week. On that morning (or whatever time of day you choose) pick a special place to be – outside in the yard, at the kitchen table, and fix everyone their special drink – coffee, tea, orange juice. Say, “There are so many things for which we can be thankful: the air we breathe, the home we live in, the clothes we wear. Let's each take a moment to think of some things we are thankful for and write them down. Let's try to think of 5 things.” (Younger children could draw pictures.) After everyone is finished share the things you have thought about. Then pray, “God we are thankful for all of these blessings. Amen.” This could become a wonderful, regular tradition for your family.

– From *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith

Our next Kid's Corner at the Market will be on June 16 from 10 -12. Our theme is Music: Make a Joyful Noise. We will talk about the Psalms and make instruments and do fun music activities. We are also planning to have a special guest. Hope to see you there!

A Letter from Leslie (continued from page 2)

Please mention this church in your prayers and ask God to faithfully lead people into our doors and into our lives so that we can show them the love, acceptance, and peace they need. Pray this “Why Church?” event brings lots of new faces into this building.

The second thing is to spread the word! Research shows personal invitations are incredibly important when it comes to reaching un-churched people. People are much more likely to attend church if someone has personally shared information with them in a loving and caring way. We will have tons of posters around the church: in the Diner, in the Office, in the Greeting Area, as well as on Facebook. You can pick them up and give them to neighbors, grandchildren, friends, people you see at a store, people you sit next to at the dog park, co-workers, someone at your local coffee shop... The possibilities are endless!

You can spread the word online too. The poster is on Facebook, so you can save the front and back on your camera roll, text them to people, and repost on your own Facebook page. Research also shows that people are more likely to come if they see the poster on the Facebook page of someone they personally know rather than on the church page itself. You can even post it in your Facebook groups too – neighborhood associations, parent groups, local hobby groups, you know what I'm talking about!



I really appreciate all your help when it comes to reaching out and gaining new people. This is a wonderful effort, and we can't do it without you. Stay tuned on more ways you can help! We may even have some training sessions in the future for those of you who are really interested in reaching out to people too, so that we can all be better equipped to love our neighbors and lead them to Christ.

In Christ,

Leslie

Lectionary Readings for July

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, July 3 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

More Memorials and Honoraria

Roy Stegall

Nancy and Dwight Anderson
Alma and Jack Boggan
Walter and Linda Chandler
Bob Chapman
Julie Cox
Richard and Dianne Crawford
Jonathan/Chad Gullede
Michael McKelvy
Jim and Becky Schaff

Charles Walker, for his birthday, May 16
His girls

Gifts have been given to the church in honor of

Sally Allocca, for her birthday, May 24

Bob Chapman

Mike Dorriety

Van Hayne, Jennifer Tisdale, Mark Hayne

Jane Phares

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from your Lay Leader . . .

The other day I was thinking about how the descriptor “loving” truly does describe our congregation. But I also thought about how we might become even more so. When is the last time you called or sent a card to someone who hasn't been in church for awhile? Are you like me? I think about it, but most of the time I let other things distract me from my purpose and it never gets done.

If you have been in worship lately, or come to a Boomers or Senior event, you've probably noticed we are missing a number of people, many of whom got out of the habit while the pandemic raged. Whom are we missing? Let's play a game to see how many of those folks we can get back, just by being our loving selves! Let's do it together!

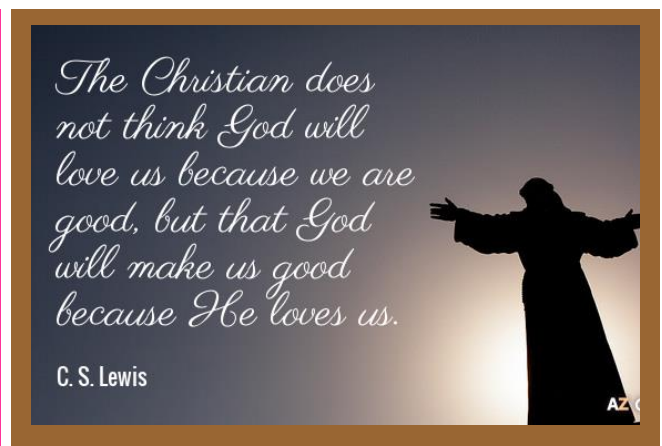
Jane (Phares)



July 2022 Menus

Tuesday, July 5	Chicken salad with sliced tomatoes, crackers, and fruit
Wednesday, July 6	Baked pork chop, macaroni & cheese, cabbage, pinto beans
Thursday, July 7	Deli cold cut sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, fruit
Tuesday, July 12	Chicken Alfredo, salad, fruit, roll
Wednesday, July 13	Macaroni & cheese, butter beans, collard greens, cornbread
Thursday, July 14	Loaded baked potato with chicken & dessert
Tuesday, July 19	Taco salad, kernel corn, tortilla chips, fruit
Wednesday, July 20	Macaroni & cheese, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread
Thursday, July 21	Baked or fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw
Tuesday, July 26	Baked chicken, rice pilaf, roasted vegetables, roll
Wednesday, July 27	Macaroni & cheese, greens beans, sweet yams, cornbread
Thursday, July 28	Barbecue pulled pork, baked beans, fries

Yum, Yum!



July 2022

Saturday, July 2

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Thrift Store – open 9 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, July 3

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Monday, July 4

Independence Day
Church and office closed

Tuesday, July 5

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Thrift Store – open 9 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, July 10

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, July 12

Senior Bingo – 10 a.m. (Office Conference Room)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, July 15

Boomers dinner event – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Kids' Corner – 10 a.m. 12 noon
Thrift Store – open 8 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, July 17

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, July 19

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, July 21

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, July 23

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon
Thrift Store – 9 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, July 24

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, July 26

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, July 28

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.