

The Siluria Messenger

April 2023

Going forward together . . .



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A Visit with the Pastor . . .

It was 2014 when the Birmingham-area Weight Watchers (now WW) coordinator called to ask if we'd be interested in hosting a weekly group. I remember the deacons discussing this thoroughly and presenting the idea to the church. One concern was that we not "rent" our facilities, so the contract called for a "utility reimbursement" of \$50 per meeting, which is probably about right. Thus we've hosted this group since 2015 with the exception of the Covid year.

WW management has decided to close Alabaster, Trussville, Mountain Brook, Tuscaloosa and Huntsville, so Hoover will be the only on-site program in our area. We're sad to lose a great group who've shared our building for so long. Several Silurians have been in the program, too.

Likewise we were sad to lose our voting precinct a few years ago. Our church was one of several polling sites in Shelby County before the County

Commission decided to consolidate in First Methodist's Restore building. I requested an audience with the commission and drove to Columbiana to explain why we thought this was a great community service and wished the council to reconsider. Our commissioner agreed, but the majority said they'd have to support the recommendation as a cost-saving measure (though we never received money).

Our building use policy states that our property is available for members without charge, but extraordinary requests require church approval. We used to get a lot of requests for children's birthday parties and the like, and would explain we don't have staffing nor custodial scheduling to do this. Plus our building is now very "open" and there's no good way to block off areas where these groups shouldn't be. Our policy has worked out very well since our members always leave things better and cleaner than they found them.

Resurrection Day

Easter is the highlight of the church year and we look forward to a day of triumphal worship. This is a time your friends and neighbors are open to an invitation to study and worship with you.

This year Easter is preceded by the Helicopter Egg Drop, sponsored by the Shelby Baptist Association. We're one of four churches with a scheduled event that day. We can use "all hands on deck" for working and greeting. We're asking our members to park in the Restore/Walgreen's lot across 119 and be shuttled over in the Siluria van. This will free more space for guests. The preschool event will be at 12:30 and the grade school event will be at 12:50 p.m. All activities begin at 11:30. Food trucks and games will be on site so it should be a good day.

Devotedly,
 Michael J. Brooks

Birthdays	
1	Judy Barbee
3	Dianna Moore
4	Kim Brothers
7	Bruce Graham
7	Cathy Garrett
8	Emily McClain
15	Nancy Bunn
16	David Burrow
19	Pam McClain
19	Gloria Brown
19	Ashlee Reach
20	Betty Gardner
21	Sandra Lewis
21	Donna Todd
24	Elaine Storey
24	Jim Meachum
24	Mark Swigart
24	Donny Snow
27	Cole Loveless
29	Gene Rowley

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

is our special offering for the month of April



Volunteers needed
Helicopter Easter Egg Drop
April 8 11:30

Please join us on Easter Sunday
 Bible study begins at 9:15
 and worship service at 10:30

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Dates to Remember	
2	Palm Sunday
2	Deacons Meeting
7	Good Friday
8	Easter Egg Drop
9	Easter Sunday
26	Admin Prof Day
28-30	Women's Retreat
Students of the Month	
Cole Loveless	
Homebound of the Month	
Jane Moseley	
<p>“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”</p> <p>Luke 24:5b-6a</p>	