



# Under the Dome...

## Proclaiming the Kingdom of God throughout Jasper and Walker County

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### A Check Up

This week I go to the dentist for my semi-annual checkup. I don't anticipate any problems but you never know what he might find. Hopefully if there are any issues they will be discovered early and not require major work.

Many people shared with me last Fall they were going to take a step of faith and increase their giving or tithe in 2019. Most of them reminded me I said they should try tithing and if it wasn't working they could quit and try something else. This isn't a semi-annual checkup but a six week checkup to see how it is going. I hope and pray you are finding financial favor in some way if you increased your giving or if you stepped up to tithing, maybe for the first time.

We as a church are off to a good start in overall giving this year. Often it is the case January giving is slow because every church makes a push in December for year end giving then they experience a drop off. We have remained at a healthy level. Let's be diligent in our faithfulness to give tithes and offerings week in and week out. Steady and consistent healthy giving is obviously the best approach.

A quick reminder of all the ways you can give to our church. 1. The offering as a part of worship each Sunday. 2. Online through our website [www.jasperfirstumc.com](http://www.jasperfirstumc.com). 3. Our Jasper First UMC app has a giving portal. 4. Automatic bank draft sent directly to church. 5. Stock transfer. 6. United States Postal Service.

Thanks always for your generosity.

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### Being Spiritual

I recently heard an interview with a popular figure who said, "I'm not religious, but I am very spiritual." It is akin to saying "I don't exercise or eat right, but I am very athletic." Have we separated "the spirit;" our soul; from the supernatural? If one does not believe in God; some God; then how can one be spiritual? More importantly, since we are mortal, how did we acquire a spirit and what happens to it when we die?

I think this notion is another example of our cultural emphasis on personal feelings. It follows the belief that strength is within you or can look inside yourself for some wisdom or answer. Any strength or wisdom that is not apparent either does not exist or does not originate with you.

Perhaps the spiritual are merely meditating with themselves to discern their true desires in life. After all, what else could they be doing? If there is no God, then there is no depth of truth beyond our own understanding. There is nothing to be revealed within themselves that they don't already know.

In the book of First John chapter 4, we hear that the Spirit confesses Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Any other "spirit" is not of God by of the antichrist. This selfish notion that we can find spiritual depth, wisdom, peace, whatever we are seeking, without God is completely false. The same chapter goes on to say "whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."

Being truly spiritual begins with being religious.

John Stallsmith

## Methodist Happenings

Jasper 1<sup>st</sup> UMC  
Spring Musical  
for kids!!!



For: Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Date: Presented mid-May

Rehearsals beginning January 16:  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday after school  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Wednesday evenings

Lots of solos and speaking parts!  
Please come join the fun!

## Parents Night Out



- Friday, February 22
- 6-9pm
- 3 year old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- \$15 for the first child
- \$5 for each additional child per family
- Call Tamara 205-544-0328  
to reserve a spot for your child!

### Jasper 1st UMC Kids News

Listed below are upcoming events for our kids. Please look it over. If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas, please let me know!!

- February 22 Parent's Night Out *Game Night*
- March 1-14 Preschool Registration for current students and church members
- March 7-9 Confirmation Retreat, Camp McDowell
- March 15 Preschool Registration opens for everyone
- March 15 Parent's Night Out *Sunday*
- March 17 Confirmation Sunday
- April 1 Registration for CHAMP Camp begins
- Apr 14-May 1 Taking applications for youth workers for CHAMP Camp
- April 14 Easter Egg Hunt
- May 15 Kids present the Musical, "Faith News."
- May 28-Jul 11 CHAMP Camp goes on a *Safari*
- July 21-24 VBS "Roar"

Of course, there is also Sunday School, Children's Church, Wednesday Nights, Epic events, and acolyting. **YOU** would add so much to any of these activities by volunteering your time. I promise that you will be blessed! Contact Tamara (205.544.0328) with any questions or for more details.

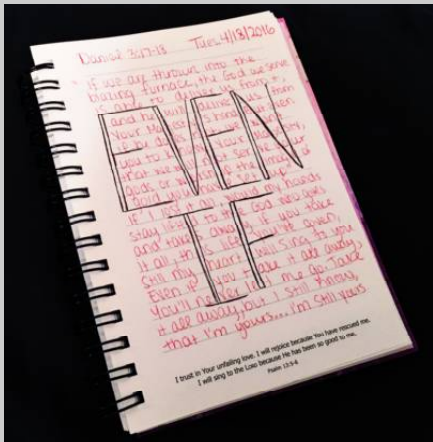
### Congregational Meetings to Discuss General Conference

We are going to have two congregational meetings next Monday, February 18, for people to ask questions and we can have discussion about the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held in St. Louis. The first will be at 12:00 noon and the second at 6:30 p.m. Both will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Hopefully this will accommodate as many people as possible who wish to attend. I will answer questions as best I can or explain any information that may not be clear. Please come, express any concerns you have, ask any questions, and we will finish by praying for the future of our church.

Alan Beasley, Pastor.

## Worship Information for Sunday, February 17, 2019

**Prayer of Invitation**-Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind and blow. Come as the fire and burn. Convict, convert, and consecrate, until we are all fully thine. Amen.



**Sermon:** "The Power of Even If." - Rev. Alan Beasley  
**Scripture:** Daniel 3:13-18

8:30 a.m. **Celebration Service**

**Praise & Worship:** *Prayer; Glorious Day; Your Love Never Fails; Build My Life; No Other Name.*

10:55 a.m. **Traditional Service**

**Selected Hymns:** *Holy, Holy, Holy; A Charge to Keep I Have; O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.*

**Greeters:** Rheeda Clark and Stephanie Trice

**Crucifer:** Ethan Grace

**Acolytes:** Julianna Fender and Evan Jent

**Liturgist:** Shane Weber **Children's Church:** Tamara Matthews

**Ushers:** John Trice (head), Stephen Brown, Jimmy Cannon, Jim Clark and Dave Stewart

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Harry & Ouita Schupbach, and our sister, Sandra Schupbach, by Sally Bishop and Harriet Bishop.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Greg Bishop by Jerry, Harriet, Adam and Lily Paige.



**February Circle Meetings**  
**Monday, February 18**

*Mary-Martha Circle*  
 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship hall

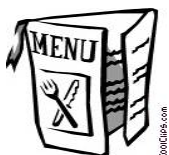
*Sisterhood Circle*  
 6:00 p.m. at Cheri Russell's home.  
 1450 Sarah Lane, Jasper, AL

### Worship Attendance-Week of Feb. 10, 2019

Celebration Service	204
Traditional Service	118
Online Viewers	81
Facebook Live	150
Youth Service	20
Hope Kitchen	56
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>629</b>

### Tithes, Offerings and Other Income Feb. 3, 2019

Budget	\$ 14,540.00
Designated	\$ <u>1,240.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,780.00</b>



**Wednesday, February 13**  
 Ravioli lasagna casserole  
 Salad & Dessert

**Wednesday, February 20**  
 Steak with gravy, green beans  
 Salad, roll and dessert



*Dear Church Family,*  
 Our sincere thanks for the many 50th Anniversary cards and notes we received. You are truly wonderful friends and we are proud to be a part of this church. God bless you all.  
 Tex & Regina Ergle



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**Church Calendar of Activities**

**Sunday, February 17**

\*8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service

\*10:00 a.m. Sunday School

\*10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**Monday, February 18**

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. NO Preschool-President's Day

10:00 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Circle, Cheri Russell's home

**Tuesday, February 19**

8:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool

11:00 a.m. Hope Kitchen

**Wednesday, February 20**

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

5:15 p.m. Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall

5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth & Children Activities

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 21**

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool

11:00 a.m. Hope Kitchen

**Friday, February 22**

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Preschool

6:00-9:00 p.m. Parent's Night Out-Game Night!

**MEMORIALS**

Jeanne Jakes Cowen  
(mother of Gary Cowen)

by

Gay Russell & Jane Walker

Jessica Pike

(daughter of George & Cindy Posey)

by

Philip & Phyllis Woods

**Because the little things matter**



Our children's department is in need of a kind, loving, person of faith to join our nursery staff every Sunday and possibly Wednesdays. If you know of someone or are interested in applying, please see Tamara today!