



February 11-17, 2018

# THE WEEKLY WORD

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## "Speaking Love"

Anyone who has lived for very long (more than 35 years) has seen extraordinary changes in our world....and the changes keep coming. I remember (and it doesn't seem like long ago) that cell phones were reserved only for the well off and really connected people. When you saw that little antenna on the back windshield, you knew that that was an important person. Things have changed. Believe it or not, there was a time when email did not exist...forget about twitter....or Facebook or..... The world has most certainly changed.

For all the changes that are taking place in our world and in our lives, some things never change. The human need for verbal expressions of love put into action will never change. People need to hear caring words of love spoken to them. Did you say warm words when you were dating? Some of you were silver-tongued orators!

It has been my observation, however, that in many families the language of love has been lost or forgotten or snuffed out. It has been replaced by a language that is not only foreign to love, but often lacking in common courtesy and civility. Dysfunctional families tend to communicate with the language of silent indifference. Some speak more and more with the language of criticism and fault-finding, using a well-developed vocabulary of harsh and hurtful words. The tone of such unloving communication, even virulent silence, seems to spread like a disease through the whole family. Children quickly learn the unloving language of indifference, silence, criticism and emotional violence. When they grow up and marry, looking for love, they take the language they learned at home with them. They use it to communicate; and their children learn that language. This language tends to spread from generation to generation until something or someone breaks the cycle.

Here is what we know – people need love expressed to them. Time passes quickly and my prayer is that you will, today, tell those you love how much they mean to you.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bobby

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### Calendar for the Week of February 11-17, 2018

#### Sunday, February 11 - Scout Sunday

8:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School	
11:00am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	The Well	Pratt Hall
12:00pm	Starting Point Luncheon	Pratt Hall
1:00pm	Youth Paintball	
4:00pm	Prayer Ministry Team	
5:00pm	Bible 101	Parlor
5:00pm	Genesis Singers/Children's Choirs	

#### Monday, February 12

10:00am	Bible Study	WES 102
2:00pm	Laura Roy Circle	Parlor
3:45pm	Girls' Bible Study	Panera Bread
5:30pm	Finance Team	
6:00pm	Bible Study	

#### Tuesday, February 13

3:45pm	Boys' Bible Study	Fox's Pizza
5:30pm	Alpha Handbells	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Father/Daughter Dance	Pratt Hall

#### Wednesday, February 14

2:15pm	50 Forward Singers	PHR
5:00pm	Wednesday United	
6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Pratt Hall
7:00pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Suite

#### Thursday, February 15

9:15am	S.A.M. Trip	Tuscaloosa
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### Through Our Prayers

**Church Family-** Brasel Family, Phillip Cherry, Karen Cooper, Joe Davis, Mike Harris, Rev. Leonard & Carlyn Howell, Hughes Triplets, Cleta Johnson, Mac Macready, Jeanette Mellown, Louise Moody, Douglas & Pat Nelson, Bob Olson, Ricky & Will Ousley, Eddie Pope, Tommy Pratt, Mary Price, Ron & Angie Sargent, Bill Tatum. *New: Arby Hines, Joan McCloskey, Nadyne Thompson*

**Extended Family-** Wynn Arkle, Mary Blanton, Hazel Boles, Roderick Brewton, Angela Cantrell, Rob Cook, Larry Crabtree, Dawn Damato, Gloria Grueneberg, Pete Hartsfield, Robby Holley, Jonathan Howell, Larry Hudman, Linda Hurst, Billy Sparks, Carrie Strickland, Tommy Thompson, Mimi Young. *New: Samantha Carver*

**Death-** Kathryn Hardwick (Helen Allen's sister-in-law)

**Deployed-** Will Camp, Elijah Clark, Patrick Martel, Our local Marine Reserves

**A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Joan Taylor** by the Wesley Bible SS Class, Dr. & Mrs. Pat Trotter, & Dr. & Mrs. James Carpenter.

**A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Joan Taylor & Dr. Billy Mellown** by Mr. & Mrs. Trice Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Poteat, & Mrs. Madeira Powell.

**A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Dr. Billy Mellown** by Mr. & Mrs. Rex Musgrove, Tommy Flowers, & Mr. & Mrs. Major Smith.

**A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Tom Kennedy, Jr.** by Mr. Andrew Studeny.

### Menu for February 14th:

Roast, Rosemary Potato Gratin, Roasted Asparagus, Rolls,  
Strawberry Shortcake with Lemon Curd Cream  
Children: Texas Toast Pizza, Veggie Cup, Valentine Cake  
Adults: \$6 and Child: \$4 - Take out containers \$1

Take out meals are \$7



First United Methodist Church

100 East 4th Street

Prattville, Alabama 36067

This Sunday, February 11, 2018

### In The Well:

Fresh Start: Determined & Adaptable  
Luke 9:51-56 & Acts 6:1-7

### Traditional Worship

#### Sermon:

Love is Something You Do  
I Corinthians 13:4-8

This Week's Prayer Focus:

This is my Beloved Son: listen to Him.



#### Through Our Gifts

2018 Operating Budget \$1,432,455.89  
Total Received 2/4/18 \$19,338.77  
Total Received For 2018 as of 2/4/18: \$90,286.63  
Total E-Giving Received For 2/4/18: \$5,960.00

Through our Presence  
Worship - 299  
Sunday School - 249



### SUNDAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY!

All girl & boy scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to worship!

### Announcements

**Reception for Justin Grifford!** February 18th will be Justin's last Sunday. Come during fellowship time to Pratt Hall to show your appreciation for his ministry here at FUMC!

**Lenten Lunches:** Lenten Lunches return on February 20th through March 27th each Tuesday from noon to 1pm. Our first speaker on February 20th is Bishop Algie Morgan from Father, Son & Holy Ghost! Lunches are free, but donations will be accepted. This is a wonderful way to celebrate this Lenten season!

**Monday Night Bible Study** meets at 6pm in the Parlor. Join Leslie as we study Babbie Mason's Embraced by God: Seven Promises for Every Woman. Books (\$10) are available in the church office.

#### For Sale

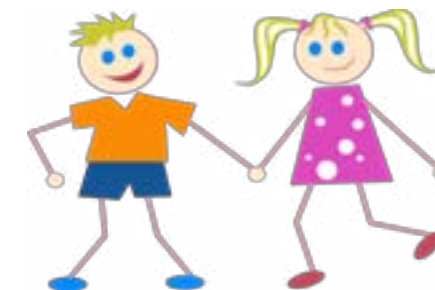
The church has 2 houses for sale in the downtown area. If you are interested & need more information, please call the church office.



#### February Calendar:

- 15th - Make-up trip to Tuscaloosa
- 21st - 50 Forward to Hickory Hills
- 22nd - Games Day 10am in Pratt Hall

**The trip to Tuscaloosa to visit the art museum and the Bear Bryant Museum is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th. If you signed up for the trip in January, please sign up again for this trip. We will leave the church at 9:15am.**



#### FRIEND 2 FRIEND!

February 28  
6:00pm  
in the gym!

## Flag Retirement

CUB SCOUT PACK 25 IS RETIRING UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS AS A SERVICE PROJECT. PLEASE DROP OFF FADED OR TORN FLAGS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



**Attention:** Church services are filmed and broadcast via the Internet, and photographs of church attendees may be displayed in printed publications or in electronic format such as on church websites or social media pages.

#### Important Lighthouse Children's Ministry Dates

March 24 - Spring Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt  
June 11-15 - Vacation Bible School  
July 23-26 - Choir Camp