



January 14-20, 2018

THE WEEKLY WORD

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"You Can Change"

There is something in each of us which tends to make us think that whatever is happening to us right now will last forever, though rationally we may know this is not true.

I've never been to Milan, Italy, but I have read that the great Cathedral of Milan has three doorways. Over the left doorway is carved an inscription that reads, "All that which passes is but for a moment." Above the doorway on the right is written, "All that which troubles is but for a moment." Over the central doorway is written, "That only is important which is eternal." The best and worst of life are but for a moment. The worst thing that has happened to you will not be the last thing that will happen to you. Circumstances change. Whatever is happening to us is just for a while. Life is but for a little while; and after a while we will leave this life and slip into another dimension of reality, the nature of which is beyond our understanding.

God says, "After a while." To those whose lives are racked with pain, both physical and emotional, that thought brings comfort and hope. To those whose lives are spent using people and loving things, that thought is a threat. There is hope and encouragement in the promise that God can (and will) help us change the direction of our lives. No person need stay where he or she is. God can break into our sin-ridden lives and our troubled world to help us on the way to 'after a while.'

Our anxiety and fear combine to cripple our efforts to manage life. It is important for us to deal creatively with our doubting minds that saddle us with anxiety and fear. Our worry about the future does not empty tomorrow of trouble, it empties today of strength. Our worry does not save us from an encounter with the devil, it only makes us unfit to cope with him when he arrives. We must develop a confidence in the power of God to intervene in our lives and our times. We do so many unhappy things to ourselves and to people around us because we do not believe that we matter to God and we do not ask for help.

But if there's anything at all the great God of this universe wants us to know, it is that the present is not permanent. Things will change...you will change. All He asks is that you let Him do His work.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bobby

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Calendar for the Week of January 14-20, 2018

Sunday, January 14

8:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School	
11:00am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	The Well	Pratt Hall
12:00pm	Trustees Meeting	
3:30pm	Nominations/Lay Leadership Meeting	
4:00pm	Prayer Ministry Team	
5:00pm	Bible 101	Parlor

Monday, January 15

Office Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday, January 16

5:30pm	Alpha Handbells	
5:30pm	UMW Executive Board	
6:00pm	Serve Team Meeting	
6:00pm	Trustees	

Wednesday, January 17

10:00am	50 Forward Singers	
5:00pm	Wednesday United	
7:00pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Suite
7:00pm	The Well Worship Team	Pratt Hall

Thursday, January 18

9:15am	SAM Activity	Tuscaloosa
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Through Our Prayers

Church Family- Brasel Family, Marie Cherry, Karen Cooper, Joe Davis, Mike Harris, Rev. Leonard & Carlyn Howell, Hughes Triplets, Cleta Johnson, Mac Macready, Billy & Jeanette Mellown, Louise Moody, Hunter Marie Nanne, Douglas & Pat Nelson, Eddie Pope, Tommy Pratt, Mary Price, Ron & Angie Sargent, Bill Tatum, Joan Taylor. *New: Bob Olson*

Extended Family- Cheryl Anderson, Wynn Arkle, Shannon Beddington & Family, Hazel Boles, Grace Bunke, Angela Cantrell, Rob Cook, Pamela Cooper, Larry Crabtree, Donna Denning, Robert Gamper Family, Gloria Grueneberg, Pete Hartsfield, Jonathan Howell, Larry Hudman, Amy Moore, Beverly Price, Emmy Rogers, Ed Sauls. *New: Linda Hurst*

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

A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Mary Ellen Avant, Robert Chambliss, Scott Chieves, John Coats, Evelyn Guy, Mary Pratt, Ina Tew & Lottie Jo Weedon by Ms. Dene Cleveland.

A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Brett Chambliss by Mrs. & Mrs. Fred Taylor.

A Gift Has Been Given in honor of Luann & Richard Williams & Dene Cleveland by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Sanford.

A Gift Has Been Given in memory of Scott Chieves by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Schmidt.

Menu for January 17th

Ham, Squash Casserole, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Pineapple
Upside Down Cake

Children: Pigs in a Blanket, Tater Tots, Applesauce, Ice Cream
Sandwich

Adults: \$6 and Child: \$4 - Take out containers \$1

Take out meals are \$7



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First United Methodist Church

100 East 4th Street

Prattville, Alabama 36067

This Sunday, January 14, 2018

Traditional Worship

Sermon:

**Becoming Strong at Broken Places -
The Power of Disillusionment**
Psalm 12:1-6

In The Well:

**Fresh Start: Living Today
With a Future Hope**
Jeremiah 29:11-14

This Week's Prayer Focus:

○ Lord, you know my ways



Through Our Gifts

2018 Operating Budget

\$1,432,455.89

Total Received 1/7/18

\$23,817.45

Total Received For 2018

as of 1/7/18:

\$23,817.45

Total E-Giving Received For

1/7/18:

Through our Presence

Worship - 462

Sunday School - 325



Children's Ministry 2018 Winter Retreat!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 12th!!!

Who: 3rd - 5th graders

When: February 2-4, 2018

Where: Blue Lake Assembly

What: Grab your friends & come enjoy a weekend of camp activities, great Bible studies, fun, fellowship & more!

How much: \$125 for campers & \$75 for adults

Sign up at www.bluelakecamp.com if interested or by contacting Stacey

Lewis at 334-221-9508 or 334-365-5977 if you are interested!

ATTENTION BOYS IN GRADES 3-5

Boys Bible Study will begin January 23rd!

We will hold a parent interest meeting on January 21st at 5pm in the gym!

Meet at Fox's Pizza!

A Boy's Guide to Making Really Good Choices

facilitated by Mike Renegar & Steven Burton.

Call Stacey at 334-365-5977 or email slewis@prattvillemethodist.org to reserve

your spot! Books will cost \$6 each.

GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY WILL START JANUARY 22nd AT PANERA BREAD!

We will meet at Panera Bread from 3:45-4:45 each Monday afternoon.

Led by author, Faith Ellisor, & facilitated by Stacey Lewis.

Call Stacey at 334-365-5977 or email slewis@prattvillemethodist.org to

reserve your spot!

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 21st

Children's Choir - 5:00

Snack Supper - 5:50

Children's Classes - 6:15

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS HAVE STARTED BACK!

Classes offered:

Legomania, Created in His Image, Exploring the Bible Through Board Games

Important Lighthouse Children's Ministry Dates

February 13 - Father/Daughter Dance

March 24 - Spring Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt

June 11-15 - Vacation Bible School

July 23-26 - Choir Camp

Announcements

Can you hear me now?

We are in need of more sound operators. Please contact Jeremy Pyles for more details. No experience is necessary.

College/Career Class Has Started!!!

If you are in college or just getting your career going, come join our new class just for you! Shane & Brenda Tuck are leading this group which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in WES211. Be in on the ground floor planning & give it a try!!

Refresh is coming!

Monday Morning Bible Study with Susan Poteat will begin January 22 at 10am in Wesley 102. It will be a study of Adam Hamilton's book on John: The Gospel of Light & Life. Books (\$10) will be available in the church office after January 15th.

Monday Night Bible Study begins February 5 at 6pm in the Parlor. Join Leslie as we study Babbie Mason's Embraced by God: Seven Promises for Every Woman. Books (\$10) will be available in the church office after January 15.



January Calendar:

18th - Trip to Tuscaloosa Art Museum & lunch. Leave church at 9:15am. Cost is \$5.

25th - Games Day in Pratt Hall at 10am

There are a few seats left for the trip to Tuscaloosa on the 18th. We'll leave the church at 9:15 & return after lunch in Tuscaloosa.

Games Day is the 25th at 10am. We will meet in Pratt Hall.

Choir:

Rehearsals for England Choir begin Saturday, January 27th from 9am-12pm.

You still have time to join! Please contact Jeremy Pyles for more information!

GENESIS SINGERS:

- **Tour deposits** are due 1/21



Open House

January 21

2-3pm

in Epworth Hall #109

Do you have a child ready for Kindergarten in the Fall 2018?

Come join our Kindergarten Director & teacher for an informational question & answer meeting about our program & why we think it is one of the best in the area!

Refreshments will be served. Please call Linda Murray for more info at 365-5977.

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.

In the spirit of what Jesus said that we have recorded in Matthew 5:16... "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.", we now have a great way to celebrate what God is doing through our church's Serve ministries. In Pratt Hall, just outside the kitchen serving line, there are two TV's that will be displaying pictures of our church serving others. Please take a moment to reflect, give God thanks, and ask where we are called to serve next.

Early Learning Academy
In-house Registration
February 7th & 8th
Open Registration
February 14th & 15th
9:30am in the gym
Fall 2018 Nursery, Preschool &
Kindergarten & Summer Registration
Contact:
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linda@prattvillemethodist.org for details.