

Order of Service

PRAYER TIME (10:20 a.m.)	Prayer Team
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
*PRAISE & WORSHIP	Praise Team
*OPENING PRAYER	
*OPENING HYMN	“My Hope Is Built” #368
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed #881
*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	Choir
SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9 (CEB)</i> <i>New Testament: Matthew 3:13-17 (CEB)</i>	
PRAYER CHORUS ALTAR CALL & PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD’S PRAYER	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	Choir

Sermon - Dr. Dedric A. Cowser

*AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	
*INVITATIONAL SONG.....	“My Life Is in Your Hands”
INSTALLATION OF 2020 CORE TEAM MEMBERS	
GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS** *THE DOXOLOGY	
*OUR VISION STATEMENT & CLOSING SONG <i>New Beginnings United Methodist Church is...</i> Transforming Lives through mission, ministry and worship as a Prophetic Witness for Jesus Christ in the world.	
*BENEDICTION	

*Please stand, as you are able.

**SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount you wish to give to (844) 948-1281

Pray with A.C.T.S.

During our 10:20 a.m. Prayer Time in the sanctuary, the Prayer Team will lead us in learning and utilizing the ACTS model of Christian prayer. The ACTS model is an easy way to remember key elements of prayer. The ACTS model has four parts:

Adoration – “Praise be to God!” -Psalms 68:35

Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty. This is a great way to begin prayer time. Think of the majesty of creation and praise God for its beauty. We should never run out of praise.

Confession – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” -1 John 1:9

Tell Him where you have fallen short. Be specific. Thank Him for forgiveness in Christ, and ask for help and strength to turn away from future temptations.

Thanksgiving – Always “glorify him with thanksgiving” -Psalms 69:30

We have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience and a million other things. Express gratitude for what He’s doing in your life. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for us. Thank the Holy Spirit for indwelling us, and never leaving. Thank Him for being our conscience and a “still small voice.”

Supplication – “Make your requests known to God.” -Philippians 4:6

Tell God what you want, no matter how small it seems to you. Do you really think any of your requests are big to God the Creator? This is a time for interceding on the behalf of others. Remember to pray for our pastor, our church and our community.



Are You Thinking About Joining the Church?

Don't wait! You may talk with Pastor Cowser about your decision at the altar rails during the *Invitation to Follow Jesus and Church Membership* of any worship service, talk with him in the Welcome Center, or make an appointment to meet. The process is simple and we will get you connected right away. Another great option is to register for our *Next Steps Class*. *Next Steps* is a one-day class designed for new members and those interested in church membership. Register today in the Welcome Center for the next class. Also, those interested in the Sacrament of Baptism may contact Pastor Cowser or the church office.

Church Staff

Regina Warren, Church Secretary
JonTomas Johnson, Minister of Music
Nathaniel Willis, Organist
Antonio Anderson, Percussionist
Jalishia Ashworth, Ministry Intern

Ministry Opportunities

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
In Memory of her father, Mr. Willie L. Jackson, Sr., by Valencia Jackson

United Methodist Women Meeting: Today following the worship service.

Worship & Arts Division/Discipleship Division Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School Review & Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Nominations & Leadership Development Team Meeting: Wednesday, January 15th, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Church has grown! Beginning January 19th, we will have two groups: Lower Elementary (ages 4-7) and Upper Elementary (ages 8-11). If you would like to volunteer for either group, please contact Myra Shamburger (myra.shamburger@charter.net).

Vision Board Party (all invited): Sunday, January 19th, 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Children/Youth Parent Camp Meeting: Sunday, January 19th, 12:00 p.m. (Conference Room)

Usher Board Meeting: Sunday, January 19th, 12:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Finance Team Meeting: Monday, January 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Communion Stewards Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st has been canceled.

Leadership Summit: Saturday, January 25th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (**corrected date from bulletin/newsletter**). Pastor will cast our church's theme for 2020: "Vision 2020 - Hebrews 11:1" This vision includes plans to increase worship attendance, enhance children/youth ministries, and steps toward our building expansion. Please register in the Welcome Center.

7TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Sunday, January 26th, 10:30 a.m. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Donald Smith, Senior Pastor of Center Grove UMC in Huntsville and Executive Director of Ethnic Ministries. Members are asked to give \$20.13 above their regular giving in honor of our founding year toward the *Anniversary Special Offering*. Reception to follow the service.

Pastor's Bible Study Classes: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning February 4th and 5th (**start dates have changed**). We will be studying *Disciple Fast Track 2: A Survey of Luke and Acts*. Study books are available for \$10.00 in the church office.

Pastor-Parish Relations Team Meeting rescheduled for Wednesday, February 12th, 6:00 p.m.

We're Hiring! New Beginnings is seeking to hire a part-time (15-20 hours) Minister to Children and Youth. For information on how to apply, visit: newbeginningsbham.org/employment.

Children/Youth Camp Requirements: Camp Sumatanga in Gallant, AL (rising 3rd-5th graders) and Harambee (6th-12th graders) will be held this summer. Parents/guardians will be asked to pay half of their child's expenses; however, fundraising opportunities will be provided prior to camps. **All children/youth must meet the following requirements to attend camps:** (1) Attend Sunday School or Sunday Worship Services between January and June (only 1 absence allowed per month); (2) Participate in one of the following functions monthly: acolytes, Youth Choir, Media Team, or serve with mission projects; (3) Youth (6th-12th graders) must attend monthly youth gathering/luncheon hosted by Pastor Cowser on 3rd Sundays after church.



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**"Faith is the reality of what we hope for,
the proof of what we do not see."**

Hebrews 11:1 (CEB)

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OUR CHURCH VISION

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as a Prophetic Witness for Jesus Christ in the world."**

January 12, 2020 – First Sunday after the Epiphany
Breakfast Service 8:00 a.m. | Sunday School 9:30 a.m. | Main Service 10:30 a.m.