

# Order of Service

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PRAISE & WORSHIP ..... Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN ..... "Yield Not to Temptation" #62 SOZ

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... The Apostles' Creed #881

\*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ..... Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS ..... Leon Amison  
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (CEB)  
New Testament: Romans 10:8-13 (CEB)

ALTAR CALL & PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Children (ages 4-7) are dismissed to the Children's Church Classroom.  
Please register in the Welcome Center.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ..... Choir

*Sermon: Dr. Dedric A. Cowser*

\*INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

\*INVITATIONAL HYMN ..... "I Surrender All" #354

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS\*\*  
\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*OUR VISION STATEMENT & CLOSING SONG  
*Pastor: My friends, New Beginnings United Methodist Church is...*  
**Congregation: Transforming lives through mission, ministry and worship  
as a prophetic witness for Jesus Christ in the world.**

\*BENEDICTION

**\*\*SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS    Online: [www.newbeginningsbham.org/give](http://www.newbeginningsbham.org/give)  
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount you wish to give to (205) 791-5441**

# Sermon Notes

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**Easter Offering:** We will continue the tradition of collecting a special sacrificial offering above our regular giving to the church on Easter Sunday. Each adult member is asked to give \$40.00, youth \$10.00, and children \$5.00. Offering gleaners/envelopes are available in the Welcome Center for those who would like to participate during the Lenten Season.

*The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
In memory of Rev. Preston & Mrs. Lona Williams  
given by Regina W. Warren*



## 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.

**Church Staff**  
**Dr. Dedric A. Cowser, Senior Pastor**  
**Regina Warren, Secretary**  
**JonTomas Johnson, Minister of Music & Lead Musician**  
**Nathaniel Willis, Organist**  
**Antonio Anderson, Percussionist**

## Ministry Opportunities

**United Methodist Women's Meeting:** Today, following the service in the Sanctuary.

**Worship & Arts Division & Discipleship Division Joint-Meeting:** Monday, March 11th, 6:00 p.m.

**Prime Timers – Senior Adult Fellowship:** Tuesday, March 12th, 10:30 a.m.

**No Pastor's evening Bible Study Class this week.** We will resume Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> with chapter 6 – The Book of Acts.

**Sunday School Review & Prayer Meeting:** Wednesday, March 13th, 6:00 p.m. We will be studying this Sunday's Lesson: **Called to Return** – Luke 15: 11-24 (NIV)

**The Pastor/Staff Relations Team:** will **not** meet on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Children & Youth Easter Practice:** Thursday, March 14th, 6:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men's Meeting:** Saturday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m.

**School Supply Drive:** New Beginnings is collecting school supplies now through March 17th with our United Methodist Women and Missions Team for the Upper Sand Mountain Parish. Please bring the following school supplies: pencils, folders, pens, crayons, and notebooks.

**UMCOR Special Offering:** We will lift a special offering on March 24th for UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more about UMCOR by visiting: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

**Easter Lily Annual Drive:** To offer a living offering on Easter, the congregation is invited to purchase Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost for each lily is \$12.00 and order forms are available in the church office. Because these orders are coming from a floral distributor, the deadline to purchase lilies will be Thursday, March 28th at noon.

**Confirmation Class with Pastor:** Sunday, March 17th, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Missions Team Meeting:** Sunday, March 17th, follow the service in the Sanctuary.

**Children's Ministry Spring Break Trip:** The Children's Ministry Team will be taking our children (ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) on a trip to Urban Air & Trampoline Park in Trussville, AL on Friday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Sasha Hubbard ([sasha.c.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:sasha.c.hubbard@gmail.com)) or Sharon Terriel ([uniq1in2jazz@yahoo.com](mailto:uniq1in2jazz@yahoo.com)) for criteria, permission forms, and to sign-up.

**Old Wright's Chapel Clean-Up:** The Trustees are requesting those who have items stored in the Old Wright's Chapel building please come and mark what needs to be kept on Saturdays, March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am-1 pm.

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
The Reverend Dr. Dedric A. Cowser, Senior Pastor



## New Beginnings United Methodist Church

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### OUR VISION STATEMENT

**“Transforming Lives through mission, ministry and worship  
as a Prophetic Witness for Jesus Christ in the world.”**

**March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent**

**Breakfast Service 8:00 a.m. | Sunday School 9:15 a.m. | Main Service 10:30 a.m.**