

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
10:30 a.m. Main Service

Weekly Schedule

Youth Ministry Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays (Grades 6-12) at 6:00 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Praise Team Rehearsal: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Review & Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

12:30 p.m.	Safe Sanctuary – Make Up Training	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Officer Pictures	Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Trustee Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	----------------------	-----------------

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Choir Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	---------------	-----------------

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
-----------	-----------------------	-----------

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Black Church Summit – Center Grove UMC	Huntsville, AL
-----------------	--	----------------

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 – Daylight Savings Time | First Sunday of Lent

12:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women's Meeting	Sanctuary
------------	----------------------------------	-----------

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Worship & Arts Division Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	---------------------------------	-----------------

6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Division Meeting	Sanctuary
-----------	-------------------------------	-----------

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

10:30 a.m.	Prime Timers – Senior Adult Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
------------	--	-----------------

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Team	Conference Room
-----------	------------------------------------	-----------------

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men's Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	--------------------------------	-----------------

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

12:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting	Sanctuary
------------	----------------------	-----------

12-2 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall
-----------	--------------------	-----------------

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	----------------------	-----------------

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

1:00 p.m.	Koinonia Lunch Group @ Jake's	Hoover, AL
-----------	-------------------------------	------------

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Core Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
-----------	-------------------	-----------------

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

10:30 a.m.	Prime Timers – Senior Adult Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
------------	--	-----------------

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Children (ages 4-5 th grade) Jump Park	Trussville, AL
------------	---	----------------

UMCOR Special Offering – March 24th

We will lift a special offering on March 24th for UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. UMCOR 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

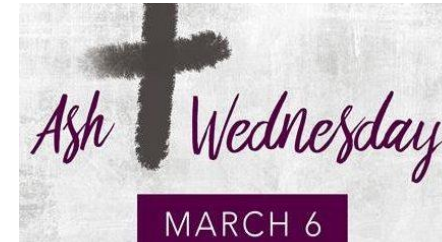


Children's Ministry Spring Break Trip

The Children's Ministry Team will be taking our children (ages 4 to 5th grade) on a Spring Break trip to Urban Air & Trampoline Park in Trussville, AL on **Friday, March 29th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Please see Sasha Hubbard or Sharon Terriel for criteria, permission forms, and to sign-up.

We will host an **Ash Wednesday**

Service on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of the worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.



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. Be cause these orders are coming from a floral distributor, the deadline to purchase lilies will be **Thursday, March 28th at noon.** No orders will be accepted after this date.

School Supply Drive – March 1st - 17th

New Beginnings is collecting school supplies with our United Methodist Women and Mission Team for the Upper Sand Mountain Parish. Please bring the following items: *pencils, paper, folders, pens, crayons, and notebooks.* To learn more about this ministry, visit: www.uppersandmountainparish.com



The Journey Toward Resurrection

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: April 14 – 10:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY MUSICAL: April 19 – 7:00 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT: April 20 – 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: April 21

Breakfast Service – 7:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 8:30 a.m.

Children & Youth Easter Program – 9:30 a.m.

Main Service – 10:30 a.m.

Listen to Sermons Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/media/sermons
To Receive our E-Newsletter & Updates: Text "NBUMC" to 22828
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



New Beginnings United Methodist Church

Birmingham, Alabama • A Place of Possibilities and Transformation



CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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

2133 32nd Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35207
(205) 328-3937

office@newbeginningsbham.org

www.newbeginningsbham.org

The Reverend Dr. Dedric A. Cowser
Senior Pastor

Church Staff

Regina Warren, Church Secretary
JonTomas Johnson, Minister of Music & Lead Musician
Nathaniel Willis, Organist
Antonio Anderson, Percussionist

Service of Holy Communion

Transfiguration Sunday – March 3, 2019

Breakfast Service 8:00 am | Sunday School 9:15 am | Main Service 10:30 am

Order of Service

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN “They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed #881

*GREETING OUR GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Valaida Gentry

Old Testament: Psalm 146 (CEB)
New Testament: John 21:15-17 (CEB)

SONG OF MEDITATION “I Need You to Survive”

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 SONG “I Love You, Lord, Today”

HOLY COMMUNION

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

*THE DOXOLOGY

*CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

My friends, New Beginnings United Methodist Church is...
**Transforming Lives through mission, ministry
and worship as a prophetic witness for Jesus Christ in the world.**

*BENEDICTION

****MORE WAYS TO GIVE! Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount to 205-791-5441**

Sermon Notes

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*, 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.

**NEXT
STEPS**



Happy Wedding Anniversary

Madison & Regina Warren

March 18, 1972



MARCH BIRTHDAYS
May God Bless You to Many More!

02 Jada Kyle	11 Shirley A. Walker	26 Clinton Hubbard, III
07 Linda Bellamy	13 Geraldine Shepherd	26 Katrice Wright
07 Sharon B. Collins	15 Roderick Wells	28 Charles Borom
09 Sarah McCarty	16 Gail Dawson	29 Kimberly Jenkins
09 Mary J. Harris	19 Robert Collins	30 Sadie Ivery
	22 Eboni Wilson	

† † † Our Known Sick & Shut-In Members † † †
...and by his stripes we are healed. –Isaiah 53:5b

Juanita Amison	Jessie M. Florence	Sarah Robinson
Bernard Baldwin	Doris Hardy	Charlsie Smith
Charles Borom	Pearl Hollings	Michael Smith, Sr.
Melvina Bradford	Eddie Hubbard	Derrill Wilson
Julia Brown	Willie Lewis	Christy Wrench
Kam’eron Cargill	Carolyn McPherson	James Wright
James Cotchery		

Please contact the church office to report sick and shut-in members, to indicate those entering the hospital, or when there has been a death in the family. After church office hours, you may contact us at (205) 578-2415.

Note from Pastor Cowser

“Giving It Up”

*Just like a deer craves streams of water,
my whole being craves you, God.*
Psalm 42:1 (CEB)



We have much to be thankful for as a congregation, but we also have room to grow. The people in our church and our community are hungry and thirsty for something deeper in their lives. I know I am. I pray this Lenten Season will be a time for us to make changes in our lives so that we can make more room for God and others. Therefore, our theme for Lent 2019 will be **“Giving It Up.”** The Season of Lent is 40 days, not including Sundays, which begins with Ash Wednesday, a day of repentance and recognizing our mortality in light of a gracious and merciful God, on March 6th and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

Many of us give up things for Lent, but we don’t give it up just because it’s cute or because we want to try a new diet, but we give up things so that we can make more room for God. If you’re like me, every now and then, you have to evaluate your life and see what things you need to let go of in order to hear from God more clearly and experience Him in new and renewed ways.

For the next several weeks, I will be preaching and teaching on some of the things that God wants us to give up - control, power, expectations, burdens, popularity, and enemies. On Easter, we will conclude with **“Giving Up Death”** - John 20:1-18. The main reason I am writing is so that this theme will begin to saturate our hearts and minds. Simply put, let all that we do this season from our worship, meetings, meals, studies, media, and activities for children, youth and adults be centered *on giving up so that we can make more room for God in our lives.* I’m asking that each of you begin to use your sphere of influence to help me minister this theme to the people of God in this season.



We will continue the tradition of collecting a special sacrificial offering above our regular giving to the church on Easter Sunday. Offering gleaners/envelops are available in the Welcome Center.



Who should attend? Prime Timers is for men and women ages 50 and up!
Prime Timers Days: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
What does it cost? You’re Invited!

Activities Includes:



Prizes!

Games | Guest Speakers | Food | Fun with community friends and family!