

HOPE

— of Albertville —
CHANGING THE WAY YOU
FEEL ABOUT CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

THE TRAIN WHISTLE IS BLOWING.....

HOPE NEWS

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PRAISE GOD

The Citizens of Sand Mountain have chosen Hope of Albertville As the 2018 Reader's Choice Winner

All Glory to God!

2018 - JUNE

H.O.P.E.

Help Other People Enter

I once had a friend in ministry I served with on two Epiphany Weekends. She carried a train whistle. One of those weekends sticks out in my memory. Epiphany is a Friday through Sunday ministry where you build a team, have team meetings for over a month, and then head into a maximum security youth prison together. Let me put it plainly, the kids aren't sent there for stealing hub caps. A young man, whom I have to leave nameless, wanted to speak with me. He was there because he shot his mother while on drugs. He was from a financially "well off" family. Parents were both professionals in the community. Another of those kids told me that he murdered someone while robbing them in inner city B'ham. They were from different sides of the track so to speak.

C.S Lewis noted something that we all should hear. I think it applies to where we are as a church. He said Jesus spoke and acted in such a way that one either had to follow Him or else decide that He was crazy. There was no middle ground in His kingdom. You either had to move toward it, risk letting go and being caught up in his project, or else you had, like the rich ruler, to move on, realizing that you wanted to retain citizenship in the kingdoms of this world. The point is not everyone will choose to move forward with this movement of God known as Hope. A believer has to be ok with that. We may not like this about church or Jesus for that matter. Not only do I not see Jesus chase people down, but I don't see him adjusting or toning things down afterwards.

Jesus was more concerned on the front end with his people. He was consistently telling people about his time. In story after story, we see Jesus challenge people to think differently. Yes, even about church. He talked about a party for everyone and then continued to teach that some who were invited would choose other things; other paths. OUCH! Now he's meddling! So, in light of the one that is leading us, let's not sugar coat our role in this church. Let's have the courage to look at ourselves in this journey.

How are you helping this church grow? How are you spiritually growing? How are you serving? Someone came to me recently and said, "Chris, I wanted to talk with you. My heart is heavy because I have kept this whole church thing at a safe distance for years and I don't want that anymore." Let me be clear about my view. Serving the church is serving Christ. Everything that we are doing is important. There are no small tasks here at Hope. Everyone matters. I gave a talk to those young men in that prison. I told them that no fence is high enough to keep out God's love. Later that day,

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

When	What	Where
Sunday 9am	Anxious For Nothing led by John Carr & Neeysa Biddle	Educational Building 2nd Floor - 'Luke Classroom'
Sunday 9am	Books of the Bible led by David Wilson (<i>currently in Hebrews</i>)	Educational Building 2nd Floor - 'Matthew Classroom'
Tuesday 6:30pm	Walk & Talk led by Amy Talton	Walking track behind Albertville Library
2nd Tuesday 6:30pm	Emmaus Cluster Mtg	2018 meetings will be held at Guntersville First UMC. The only exception is July's meeting is at Union Chapel.
Thursday @ 6pm	Emmaus Reunion Group (if you have been on your Emmaus walk we would love to have you join us)	Fellowship Hall
2nd & 4th Thursday 9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry led by Naomi Herbert	Hope Cottage in the conference room



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my friend gave a talk about us having a ticket to heaven and how it didn't matter from what side of the tracks you came from. She finished her talk with that train whistle and she blew it very loudly. She smiled at us all and then said, "There is a train coming down the tracks today and you have a ticket. Stamp it and get on board, or get out of God's way and just know that the morning train may be too late!" She blew again.

We were never a "little train that could" here at Hope because we are THE BODY OF CHRIST and this victory is ours to live into! We are growing. Good. We are supposed to.

As I finish this article in my office, I realize the train tracks aren't far from the church and I hear the whistle blowing now. God has such a sense of humor.

Until the nets are full!

Chris

SERVANT SCHEDULES

To serve on one of these teams contact:

CIA/Bus: Missy Wiggonton

Counters: Dawn Smith

Greeters: Ginger Brooks or Jane Grimes

Date	Day	CIA Team	Bus Drivers & Riders	Counters	Greeters
6/3/2018	Sunday	Team Moody	Tim Riley & Sandra Flippins	Rule & Talton	Riley/Plunkett
6/10/2018	Sunday	Team Gilbreath	Casey McCormick & Susan Clemons	Pankey & Graves	Brooks/Plunkett
6/17/2018	Sunday	Team Spicuzza	John Amos & Jennifer Dickie	Amos & Gilbreath	Rule/Plunkett
6/24/2018	Sunday	Team Riley	Don Clemons & Neeya Biddle	McKee & Alexander	Grimes/Alexander/ Gilliland
7/1/2018	Sunday	Team Graves	Brian F & T Biddle	Rule & Talton	Riley/Plunkett
7/8/2018	Sunday	Team Clemons	R Graves & Susan P-G	Pankey & Graves	Brooks, Plunkett
7/15/2018	Sunday	Team Wiggonton	H Higgins & A Johnson	Amos & Gilbreath	Rule/Plunkett
7/18/2018	Wednesday	Team Wiggonton	H Higgins & A Johnson/C McKee & D West		
7/22/2018	Sunday	Team Moody	Jason Plunkett & Missy Wiggonton	McKee & Alexander	Grimes/Alexander/ Gilliland
7/25/2018	Wednesday	Team Moody	Jason Plunkett & Missy Wiggonton		
7/29/2018	Sunday	Team Gilbreath	S Spicuzza & A Talton	Rule & Talton	Riley/Plunkett
8/1/2018	Wednesday	Team Gilbreath	S Spicuzza & A Talton/J Biddle & S Clemons		

We still **need volunteers** for driving/riding the bus. We also need volunteers for the CIA (Christ in Action) Teams. Work with a team to feed children.

Both of these mission opportunities require a limited amount of time, but offer a great impact on the youth and children. After all, they are the future of HOPE. Please contact Missy Wiggonton: 256-453-1354 / missywiggy@yahoo.com

CIA Teams:

Team Riley: Jackie Riley, Susan Green-Preston, Leah Hilsman

Team Graves: Lea Ann Graves, Carol Alexander, Sarah Mount, Trista DeBacker

Team Clemons: Susan Clemons, Wendy McLeod, Lori Blackburn, Barbara Spurlin

Team Wiggonton: Missy Wiggonton, Nancy Ratcliffe, Christi McCormick, Cindy Henson, Jennifer Dickie

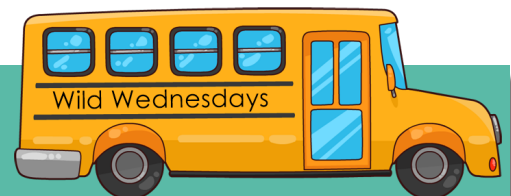
Team Gilbreath: Betty Gilbreath, Connie Hannah, Jennifer Giddens, Jane Richie

Team Spicuzza: Patty Spicuzza, Ginger Brooks, April Johnson, Brook Higgins

Team East: Diane East, Neeya Biddle, Joan Rice, Rose Moody, Linda Carr

CIA Teams: Sun AM Meal to be ready by 8:30am; Wed by 6pm.

Bus Teams: Sun AM report at 8am; Wed by 5pm.





Check out our new fellowship area between the educational building and worship center!! Jennifer Dickie & April Johnson did a fabulous job!

As many of you already know, Hope's very own Rhonda Dawson and family were chosen to be the recipients of a Habitat for Humanity home! The progress on her home has gotten to the point that we can help! Hope is so excited and blessed to join her in the making of a home.

HOPEFUL VOLUNTEERS: We will have multiple dates/services for Hope to assist this wonderful organization build Rhonda a home. However, we want to have a BIG HOPE workday. So, please sign up on a date that you are available and we can schedule this day as soon as possible! See Jennifer Dickie to sign up.

Salad Luncheon Fundraiser



In August we will be having a **Salad Luncheon fundraiser**. It will be held August 3rd from 11-1pm so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information!

See Nancy Ratcliffe to sign up!

EMMAUS OF ALABAMA

Please consider making a donation to our Emmaus Walk fund if you have been on your walk. This is a once in a lifetime experience that we want to share with everyone in our congregation. Help us pay their way!!! Simply make a notation on your tithes the amount you wish to donate to the Emmaus fund.

If you have not been on an Emmaus Walk, some folks you can talk to about going are below:

Jennifer Dickie, Amy Talton, Jason Talton, Brian Franks, Teresa & Dave Wilson, Trista DeBacker, Pam Gilliland, Jason Plunkett, Pastor Chris Herbert, Ashley Herbert, April Johnson, Royce Johnson, Sarah Mount, Diane & John East, Leah Hilsman, Jennifer Giddens, Dave West, Carol Alexander, Braxton Giddens, Sherrie Hiett, Charity Hardeman, Betty Gilbreath, Crystal & Brad Tims, Pascha & Lee Orr, Carmen Threatt, Don & Susan Clemons, Al & Nancy Ratcliffe, Neeysa Biddle, Karla Galloway, Rose Moody, Maurine & Jack Baswell, Missy Wiggonton, Connie Hannah, Jackie Riley, Angel Gray & Jane Grimes.

If you have been on your walk, your Emmaus Community needs you to help keep this ministry going. You know what all is involved in preparing this amazing weekend experience with God so please consider attending cluster meetings and sponsoring at least one new pilgrim this year.

Emmaus Renion Group: We have a new reunion group that meets on Thursday evenings at 6pm (both men and women welcome). If you have been on your walk, this group is for you!

June 2018 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Classes @ 9; Service @ 10	4	5 Walk & Talk 6:30pm (Albertville Library Track)	6	7 Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg 6pm	8	9
10 Classes @9; Service @ 10 Look for Info packets for help Bldg a Home & Nominating Mtg 6pm	11	12 Emmaus Cluster Mtg 6:30 / Discipleship Team Mtg 6pm	13 Youth Water Balloon Fight 6pm	14 Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg 6pm / Prayer Shawl Ministry	15	16 Food Pantry / Rhonda Dawson Baby Shower 2-4pm
17 Classes @ 9; Service @ 10 - Father's Day	18	19 Walk & Talk 6:30pm (Albertville Library Track)	20	21 Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg 6pm	22	23
24 Classes @ 9; Service @ 10	25	26 Walk & Talk 6:30pm (Albertville Library Track)	27	28 Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg 6pm / Prayer Shawl Ministry	29	30



Thank you for praying for the needs of our church and community! Here are the known prayer requests.

- ✦ Charity Hardeman - breast cancer
- ✦ Caryl Annette Pope (AJ Pope's sister in law) - breast cancer
- ✦ For HopeFULS that don't realize they are HopeFULS yet
- ✦ Teresa Wilson - recovery of recent surgeries and preparation for next surgery
- ✦ Hope's Discipleship program & Leaders
- ✦ 2018 Women's Retreat
- ✦ AJ Pope's Mother

Have a prayer requests? Send an email to: HopeofAlbertville@gmail.com