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*Matthew 5:16
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9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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April 25th

Come As You Are! 

RIVER CITY CHURCH 4th Saturday

COMMUNITY-WIDE OUTREACH EVENT

River City United Methodist Church
(Downtown Montgomery - A block down from the Capitol)

- Food Stamp Enrollment!
- Food Pantry! • Clothes Closet!
- Free Haircuts! • Dental Hygiene Kits!
- Health Screenings (Glucose & Vital Signs)!
- Health Insurance Program Assistance!
- Substance Abuse Counseling!
- Bus Passes! • Gift Cards! • Bibles!
- Prayer Stations! • Career & Resume Services!

For more information call (334) 263-0549

Contact Patrick Aitken to find out about being a volunteer at our next 4th Saturday!
(334) 263-0549

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Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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Message from Pastor

The legendary singer Johnny Cash was known as the Man in Black, but in a lot of senses he could be called the king of comebacks. He spent much of his life coming back from addictions and problems that tore through his family like tornadoes. Cash's comebacks were genuine turnarounds, but then he would slip back into a lifestyle that as a child of God he had deplored. He had career comebacks, too, returning from near oblivion to the top of the charts in the country, rock, and gospel music worlds.

Possibly his biggest comeback came near the end of his life. Johnny was nearly blind by then, suffering with advanced diabetes. He could no longer walk and was under constant nursing care. He had suffered the loss of his pillar of strength, his beloved wife, June Carter Cash. In the car on the way home from her funeral, Johnny turned to his son and said, "I have to get to work. I have to get to the studio."

Four days later, they were in the studio recording, laying down track after track. "Such resolve could only have come from God," said John Carter Cash. "The place where he found the greatest solace was in the studio." In a burst of strength, Johnny recorded sixty more songs in the few months he had left. He presented a surprise public concert, singing, among other songs, the iconic "Ring of Fire." It was a comeback that was a tribute to his wife and his God. Johnny Cash died September 12, 2003, just a little more than three months after his wife June. He stepped out of his personal ring of fire and into the arms of his Father, the last comeback he'd ever need.

Whatever we need to come back from— fear of this ridiculous virus, loss of employment or financial security, some long lasting illness that has taken its toll, our own faults and failures— whatever it is, I want you to hear this: if Jesus is alive from the dead — and He is — and if Jesus has conquered death and hell — and He has — then it is possible for every person to have a comeback story.

It's never too late.

You're never too far gone.

You're not too old.

You're certainly never too far away from your Heavenly Father.

Grace & Peace ~ Pastor Mike

SERVICE VOLUNTEERS- APRIL

Church Opening- Jim Ricketts
 Church Closing- Baker Callahan
 Pie Delivery
 April 5- Jeanette Ford
 April 12- Nancy Copeland
 April 19- Mike & Amanda Cobb
 April 26- Martha & Tony Cicconi

Prayer Requests



Jean Pegram
 Marjorie Whitaker
 Veda Johnson
 Leonard Shults
 Gayle Shults
 Dot Messick

Clarice Metcalf
 Melberlene Webb
 Melanie May
 Doris Persons
 Ruth Gandy
 Antoinette Smith

Charles Dalrymple
 Ann Parrish
 Kathryn Thompson
 Our nation during
 this pandemic

The Dash -

Have you ever been to a cemetery and seen the name of someone and the birth date, and after the dash, the date of death? It might be someone in your family who you have known or someone you have never met. Do you ever wonder about their life in the dash which is that time between birth and death? It is often interesting to see those who died young or those who had a long life. The story in the dash can be one of extreme interest. It might not be a noted name in history, but they made a difference. Let's hope it was more positive than negative.

What matters is how you live your life in the dash. Some of us have a long time in the dash and others do not. Let's hope that we spend our dash making a positive difference in the dash of someone else. It could be direct or indirect. People can have funny stories about their lives while others have had many hardships. Some of the stories are too sad for words.

I think most people want to help others, so I awaken each day wondering what I can do to make life better for people, animals, and our Earth. We never know how far our kindness can go. We never know how we are helping, but hope we are.

The more people we meet, the more we understand about what makes us in America more alike than different. With that understanding comes the burden of helping to ensure that truth and justice remains a part of our great country. We cannot agree on everything but hopefully we can agree that it takes us all to make our lives between the dash one of honor. We might not be remembered, but we will know in our hearts that we have done our best along the way and that our parents would be proud of us. They did great things during the dash in their lives and I wish I would have told them more about how much we appreciated them.

So, remember the dash and make it worthwhile. You will feel better for it. After all, it is never wrong to do what is right and never right to do what is wrong.

Inspirit

A time to: Rekindle, Relax and Renew
 A ministry event designed for adults 50 plus

2020 Theme:
 Pass It On

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Bobby Ellisor
 Pastor
 Brewton UMC

April 16-18, 2020
 Blue Lake Camp

Sponsored by The Alabama West Florida
 Conference Older Adult Task Force

Registration Deadline:
 Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Registration forms are in the office at Dalraida UMC
 or you may call Barbara Wilder
 at 850-678-4411 x 123
 or email bwilder@crosspoint.church
 There is no online registration

More information on the bulletin board outside of
 the Fellowship Hall.

Newsletter

The next monthly mail out for
 the Lightshine will be April 22nd with
 May calendar, please get any events or
 news to office by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday,
 April 21st.



Fellowship & Food!

WNS and Sunday Lunch
 will be announced when all has been
 cleared to resume activities.



How it spreads...

- From person-to-person in close contact with one another (about 6 feet); through cough or sneezing.



Steps to protect yourself

- * Wash your hands often with soap and water or with hand sanitizer if available. It must contain at least 60% alcohol.
- * Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact- social distancing between 6-10ft.

If you are sick or have symptoms— stay home. Cover coughs and sneezes. Wear a face mask or a tri-folded towel covering the nose and mouth.

We have created the DUMC Care Team for those unable to get out and in need of meals, prescriptions, or groceries. Please call the church office or Pastor Mike at 334-430-7868. Persons being assisted must not have COVID-19 symptoms.



The Flower Calendar for 2020 is now available near the Fellowship Hall for you to pick your important dates. Altar flowers are great for remembering special events and people. If you do not have a use for the flowers after church, they will be delivered to shut-ins.
 Altar Guild

DALRAIDA UMC
 upcoming events

** The following events are subject to change due to the spread of COVID-19. Please stay informed. Make sure the church has either your email or phone number in case of emergency.

THIS SUNDAY- Join us LIVE at 11 a.m. for worship online at DalraidaUMC NOW on Facebook.

March 23rd- We will have prayer and Holy Communion at the following times: 1 pm, 1:30 pm, 2 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3 pm. Please contact the church office to indicate your time (no more than 10 per service).

April 5th- Holy Communion

April 10th- Good Friday service at 5:30 p.m.

April 12th- Easter Butterfly Release at 11 a.m.

April 17th- Movie Night at 6:45 pm. "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood"



Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Dalraida UMC. Register online today
 at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
 or call 1-866-229-0469
 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time.