#### **FLOWERS**

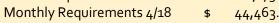


The flowers on the sanctuary altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lafayette Short on the occasion of his birthday on April 13th, by Kathleen and family.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

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2018 Requirements thru March \$ 133,390. YTD Receipts thru March 111,173.



MTD Receipts 4/18 14,196.



## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday Morning Worship** 

8:15am- Chapel-Traditional Service

9:00am-Fellowship Hall-Contemporary Service

11:00am-Sanctuary-Traditional Worship Service

Series Topic: What does the Lord require of you?

**Sermon Title: To Act Justly?** Scripture: Micah 6:8

#### SUNDAY APRIL 8st ATTENDANCE 04.1.18

| 9:00 AM GREETERS   | 8:00  | 14  |
|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Mark & Lauri Irvin | 9:00  | 204 |
| 11:00 AM GREETERS  | 11:00 | 117 |
| Schumacher Class   | Total | 335 |
| 11:00 AM USHERS    |       |     |

Harvel Estes, Al Brannon, Ken Fuller, Rick Tucker



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

April 9: Diane Darsey Graham, Alex Ward III; 10: Sharon Johnston, Louise Smith; 11: Elesia Andrews Mikeil; 12: Lauri Irvin, Maddie Ellington; 13: Doris Hopkins

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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2018

3:30pm Wonderful Wednesday

5:30pm Church Friend and Family Supper

6:45pm MOVIE NIGHT AT THE RITZ "GOD's NOT DEAD"

## THURSDAY APRIL 5, 2018

6:00pm Trustees Meeting

## SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018

8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel 9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

5:00pm Youth Activities

6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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## THE NAVIGATOR Wednesday April 4, 2018

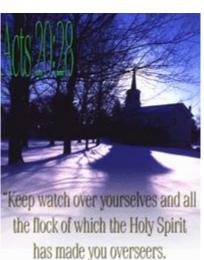
## **Thomas**

John 20:24-29 tells us that Thomas was not with the other disciples when they saw the risen Jesus. Thomas said, unless I see for myself, I will not believe. A week later Thomas was with the group when Jesus appeared among them. Jesus told Thomas to look at Jesus hands and to touch His side. Stop doubting Thomas and believe. Thomas said, "my Lord and my God." Thomas saw and believed. In fact over 500 people saw the risen Jesus. May we in faith say, my Lord and my God. May this be the testimony of our life. Go out and live like resurrected people rather than defeated people. Live with joy and hope.

See you in church Sunday! Pastor Eddie

## **COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

COMMUNITY ACTIVE SHOOTER AND CHURCH SECURITY FORUM BY UPSON



UPSON
COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 6PM
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
(REAR BUILDING)
# OF THOSE
ATTENDING REQUIRED.
CALL CHURCH (706–647–3335).

PLEASE JOIN US.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Be shepherds of the church of God,

which he bought with his own blood."



OUR MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, & LEADERS & MISSIONARIES

PRAYERS of Juliette), Ozzie Huff, Betty Jordan, Charlotte Hancock, Charlene Daniel,

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Judy Bowles, Dr. Huckaby, Dr. Fiesler

<u>AT HOME</u>: Margaret Tench, Hilda Andrews, Bernice Smith John Logan, Brenda Jacobs

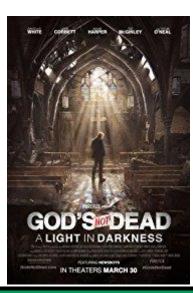
<u>OUT OF TOWN:</u> Martha Mallory, Gertrude Taylor, Jane Salter, Evelyn Sheets, Norma Brown

<u>WEST VILLAGE:</u> Betsy White, Ann Britt, Libby Ingram, Mavis Kelly, Sonny Peacock, Juli Greivell <u>PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE:</u> Peggy Straughan

**HARBOR VIEW:** Mary Owen

RIVERSIDE NURSING CTR. Jim Esco

THOMASTON FIRST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
WILL SHARE THIS
WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITY WITH
THE COMMUNITY ON
APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM
RITZ THEATER
ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN
DISTRIBUTED.



## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**



VBS JUNE 4-8<sup>TH</sup>
ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE
5:30-8:30PM

## **EVENTS**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL MEET TUESDAY April 10, 2018

AT WEST VILLAGE

Community Breakfast-April 21st

8-10:00am

APRIL 29TH

UPSON MIISTERIAL ALLIANCE

COMMINITY WORSHIP SERVICE

**6PM TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH** 

## YOUTH

JASON WEEMS

BELIEVING. LIVING. OPENLY for GOD

April 2nd, 2018

# THIS SUNDAY... Lets do something fun.. BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR A REMIND 101 TEXT.....

LAST DAY TO CANCEL BIGSTUF is April 4th if you have decided you can't go with us in June

### **RUSH WEEKEND May 12th**

Is your walk with Jesus lukewarm? Is the life you are leading filled with chasing after the world or chasing after God? Are you willing to bear the cross in order to follow the Lord. I at times wish I could avoid the cross. I wish it would just all be the smooth path, and the pain of nailing my selfish desires to the cross did not have to happen. It is a daily thing that we must commit ourselves to. Salvation happens in an instant, Sanctification takes a life time of listening to God, and then following along the path. I know we have passed Easter, but the truth still remains, Jesus had to go to the cross to complete God's plan for Him. Jesus had to suffer in the flesh to fulfill the eternal plans of God. There could not have been a lukewarm answer from Jesus that day, He had to decide, am I going to give in and not do God's will, or am I going to bear this cross to fulfill the desires of God above all else. The question remains the same for us today. Are we willing to bear our cross to follow after God? We must not be lukewarm, we must decide. "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! **16**But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! (Revelation 3:15-16)" We must be willing to do anything to follow God, we must be willing to give up and surrender, even at the highest cost to self. With all that said, also remember the silence the day after the cross. There will be a Saturday in your life after you have nailed the desires of the flesh to the cross, you may be wondering if that was the right thing, did I do all this in vain, but take heart! Sunday is coming for you and me too, but only after we have surrendered to the cross. Only after we have been through the darkness of the pain, of dying to self, then and only then can the glorious light shine! We shall be rewarded greatly for our willingness to follow God at all

cost. That is His promise to us, proved by the resurrection of His son!

Grab hold of that resurrection power, grab hold of a life filled with

moments to trust, and to act,

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