

New Market Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School – 10:00 A.M., Education Building
Fellowship – 10:45 A.M., Fellowship Hall
Worship – 11:00 A.M., Sanctuary
Song Leader: Jerry Tignor
Pianist: Donna Tignor
Youth Celebrant: Susan Faulk

Thank You!

Thank you to **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, for delivering today's sermon!

Thank you to **Velma Crumrine** for serving as Sunday School hostess!

PRAYER REQUESTS

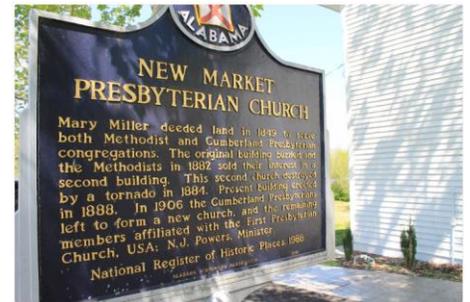
Ted Dixie asks that we keep the McAlpine family in prayer. Illness and hospital stays had befallen Mrs. McAlpine, in particular.

The Tignors can use our prayers. Repairs in the Tignor house, due to a flooding issue, have begun. Jerry got a few scrapes during the repairs, and, unrelated to the repairs, Donna Tignor had eye surgery last week. Both are doing well, but can use our prayers for speedy repair work and healing for their bodies.

Kim Mitchel will be joining us on January 1. Let's pray for Kim and her family, as moving can be an exhaustive experience. Kim's daughter is continuing her recovery from her surgery in September, so prayers are still needed that way.

Devon Reynolds is at seminary and currently taking finals. Let's pray for her success at school.

Please keep Eugene Faulk's father, Horace, in prayer. He fell and sustained injuries that require therapy. However, another issue developed in his back, which required medical attention. Horace is now



Upcoming Events

December 18

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.
Candlelight Service, 6 pm

December 25

Sermon by Ted Dixie, Jr.

January 1

Sermon by Pastor Kim Mitchel
Communion Sunday

Sunday School Hostesses

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Thanks to Joyce Mallory for our Hostess List, and thanks to all who serve in this important ministry of hospitality.

recovering at home and doing well. Also, pray for Eugene, who travels between New Market and Athens to care for his father.

Let's pray for the continuing recovery of Alan Jones' 2-year old granddaughter, Caroline Jones, who was diagnosed with cancer in November 2015. Caroline is recovering at home and doing OK.

Please keep the Woods family in your prayers. Both Jim and June are still getting through serious illnesses. Please keep their daughter, Lynn, in your prayers, as she is handling the care of her parents.

New Market Presbyterian Church can use everyone's prayers during our transition.

Let's pray for Brad Hall as he goes through his career transition.

Please remember Eli Miller and his daughter, Debbie Miller Hall, in your prayers. Eli is still in decline, and Debbie manages his care.

Hesta Farrow is always in our thoughts but can use your prayers.

Please join us in our prayer for new members, new ways of serving our neighbors, and new ways of bringing Christ's joy to one another.

Community Outreach

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS! Velma Crumrine reports that our food offerings have been good, and that the food bank has been proud to receive them. Times are hard and needs are great. We receive items year-round in the box near the entrance to the fellowship hall. Our special food collection day is the third Sunday of every month, in conjunction with Family Luncheon. The food pantry's most needed items are canned soups and canned tomatoes. Other items often requested are boxed macaroni and macaroni and cheese dinners, rice, peanut butter, instant pancake mix (the kind that requires only water), and Bisquik or similar products. There is a box for pantry items in the fellowship hall. Velma Crumrine is faithful in carrying the collections to the Community Food Pantry at the Methodist church.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of good works being done in and for our church. We don't want them to go unnoticed.

Community Announcement

Attention all **Pokémon Go** players! New Market Presbyterian Church is a **PokéStop!** Come by to play the game; stay for the fellowship and service! (Please enjoy the game *outside* of the Sanctuary and Education Building.)

2016 Session Members

Please let a session member know of any special needs or ministry opportunities in our extended church family or in the community.

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Community Announcement – This Thursday!

December 15, 2016 (Thursday), 6 pm: Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville will be hosting a **Christmas Music Chorale!** Approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes of Christmas Cantata and other music to celebrate this Holy season!

Community Announcement – This Sunday!

December 18, 2016 (Sunday), 6 pm: New Market Presbyterian Church will hold a **Festival of Lessons and Carols: Advent Candlelight Service**, with **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, leading the service!

Church Announcement



Thank you to **Ted Dixie, Jr.**, for delivering today's sermon! Ted Dixie is an ordained Elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church and an Inquirer in the North Alabama Presbytery (NAP). Ted had served in a variety of positions in the NAP, including president of the NAP Men, a missionary to South Africa, a Youth Leader, and a consultant to the NAP on matters surrounding Camp Maranatha. He asks for your prayers as he continues his studies at Oakwood University this Spring.

Folks in the photo to your left (L-R): Worship Music Leader Jerry Tignor, Pianist Donna Tignor, and Elder Ted Dixie, Jr.

Church Announcement

Advent is here! Advent Daily Devotionals (courtesy of the **Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary** and **Devon Reynolds**) are available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. Get your copy today!



Church Announcement

The New Market Christmas Parade took place on December 10! New Market Presbyterian Church's entry: "Winter Wonderland"! Thanks to the Faulk family for organizing and decorating our float!



Grand Marshal Robert Reeves

(Photo Credits: New Market Christmas Parade Facebook)



Our float: Micah at the wheel, Velma riding shotgun



New Market Presbyterian Church Float: Winter Wonderland

(Photo Credit: The Faulk Family)

For Next Week

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, December 18, 2016, the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

- **First Reading** Isaiah 7:10-16
 - **Psalm** 80:1-7, 17-19
 - **Second Reading** Romans 1:1-7
 - **Gospel** Matthew 1:18-25
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First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- ² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
- ³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- ⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- ¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.