

## Photo of the Month



Parrish Grantham poses with her recently completed pumpkin at the Fall Festival

## Summary of General Fund | SEPTEMBER, 2018

	September Budget	September Actual	2018 Budget	YTD Actual
Receipts	\$14,406.79	\$21,092.15	\$172,881.53	\$134,789.41
Expenditures	\$18,600.35	\$14,498.98	\$219,562.43	\$166,062.75
Totals	-\$4,193.56	\$ 6,593.17	-\$ 46,680.90	- \$ 31,273.37

### Operation Christmas Child

'Tis the Season as we prepare for a major part of Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for all you have done to get ready for these next few weeks!

November 4<sup>th</sup> Packing Party, lunch served in Fellowship Hall

November 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Elba UMC drop-off location opens

November 26<sup>th</sup> volunteer at Atlanta Processing Center

If you would like to go to Atlanta to volunteer at the Processing Center, call or text Jenny at (334) 806-5897 or call the church office.



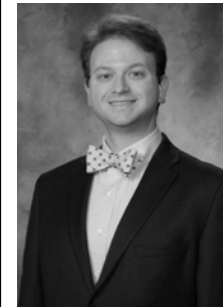
# The Cross and Tower

## Elba United Methodist Church



### Monthly Newsletter

November 2018



### A Message from our Pastor

November is a season of gratitude, a time to tell those around us how thankful we are for them. I cannot express my gratefulness enough to you for the love you showed me during October with Clergy Appreciation Month. I am thankful and honored to be your Pastor by serving alongside you in ministry. I challenge you this month to take time to express your gratefulness to those around you. Sometimes, if we are not careful, we become so use to the rhythm of life that we forget those acts of kindness that our family and friends show to us. Take time to be thankful and show your appreciation to those in your life.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. R. Steven Reneau

### A Message from our Children's Coordinator

I want to say thank you to all who volunteered to make this year's Fall Festival a great success! I appreciate all who ran the games, painted faces, told stories, drove tractors, and cooked food. You are an amazing church, and I am so thankful for the support you show the Children's Ministry!

Karen Davis

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

- \*9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
- \*10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
- \*4:00 p.m. – Super Kids
- \*4:00 p.m. – Young Adults
- \*5:00 p.m. – Youth Fellowship
- \*5:00 p.m. – Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship

#### Wednesdays

- 5:00 p.m. – Hand Bell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. – Supper
- 6:00 p.m. – Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

- 7:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

- 5:30 p.m. – Clothes Closet
- 6:00 p.m. – SonShine Kitchen

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

- 11:30 a.m. – Special Persons

\*Nursery Provided

### Upcoming Sermons

- Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> "For All the Saints" Revelation 21:1-6a
- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> "Heaven Bound" Matthew 6:19-21
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> "Follow: Ask, Seek, Knock" Luke 11:9-13
- Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> "A Strong Foundation" I Corinthians 3:10-15



**Shoebox Ministry**  
Financial Donations

### November Events

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m.**

*Christmas Shoebox Packing Party  
in the Fellowship Hall*

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.**

*Blessing of the Animals at Dog Park  
with Covenant Community Church*

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed for Veterans Day*

**Mon., November 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Tues., November 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 p.m.**

*Clothes Closet*

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.**

*SonShine Kitchen*

**Wed., November 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Thurs., November 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 a.m.**

*Special Persons in Fellowship Hall*

**Fri., November 16<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Sat., November 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**

*Cherub Choir Singing*

**Sun., November 18<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

**Mon., November 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

*Shoe Box Drop-Off*

### November Events

**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving*

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 p.m.**

*Hanging of the Greens  
Youth Chili Fundraiser after Worship*

### December Events

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**

*Cherub Choir Singing*

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**

*Cherub Choir Singing*

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**

*Cherub Choir Singing*

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m.**

*Church Christmas Party*

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed*

**Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

*Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Church will be open for Holy Communion*

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed  
No Wednesday Night Activities*

### November Volunteers

**Greeters**

November 4: Chris Sutley  
November 11: Tim & Lisa Johnson  
November 18: Bill & Jeannette Cowart  
November 25: Becky Morrow

**Flowers**

November 4: Holy Communion  
November 11: Angie Holt  
November 18: Need Volunteer  
November 25: Judie Brunson

**Nursery**

November 4: Anna Spence  
November 11: Lynda Biddle  
November 18: Sue Boggan  
November 25: Julie Holley

**Scripture Readers**

November 4: Jean Helms  
November 11: Carol Jackson  
November 18: Kathy Smith  
November 25: Eddie Vaughan

**Ushers**

Charles Pearce (Head Usher)  
Dylan McCollough  
Rhett McCollough  
Jason Holley  
Max Bozeman

### December Volunteers

**Greeters**

December 2: Mark Vaughan  
December 9: Ella Jean Vaughan  
December 16: Debbie & Merrill Curran  
December 23: Kathy Smith  
December 30: Janie Allen

**Flowers**

December 2: Holy Communion  
December 9: Need Volunteer  
December 16: Poinsettias  
December 23: Poinsettias  
December 30: Need Volunteer

**Nursery**

December 2: Conni Moseley  
December 9: Becky Morrow  
December 16: Anna Spence  
December 23: Lynda Biddle  
December 30: Sue Boggan

**Scripture Readers**

December 2: Mark Vaughan  
December 9: Gary Allen  
December 16: Nancy Brunson  
December 23: Jim Gilmer  
December 30: Tom Head

**Ushers**

Ronnie Vaughan (Head Usher)  
Tom Head  
Tim Johnson  
Mark Vaughan (alternate)