

Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA)



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The Session

Class of 2007

Jane Clayton
Becky Cox-Rodgers

Class of 2008

Mike Pickett
Judy Rogers

Class of 2009

Gene Grimes
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110th Anniversary 1897-2007

Celebrating Our Past

The Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA) was organized on February 2, 1897, by the North Alabama Presbytery. The church had eleven charter members: Mr. F. W. Rogan, Mrs. F.W. Rogan, Mrs. J. L. McConoughy, Miss Augusta Hendrix, Mr. A. J. Lee, Mrs. W. B. Reynolds, Mrs. Augusta Wilson, Miss Susie Fox, Mrs. Janes and two Misses Janes. The name chosen for the church by the congregation was the Montevallo Presbyterian Church.

The church building was completed in October 1902 on property deeded by Mr. H. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Rogan's father, and his wife Augusta. It was built of brick and consisted of the main auditorium, a vestibule, and a steeple. Elder R. F. McKibbon made and installed the pulpit. Mr. W. B. Reynolds, Mrs. Rogan's brother, provided an organ, kerosene chandeliers, and a stained glass window for the front of the church.

For many years the new church shared a minister with other surrounding churches, usually for short periods of time. There were two exceptions: the Rev. James Dunglinson, who was pastor from 1904 until 1910, and the Rev. Patrick Henry Carmichael, who served the church from 1920 until 1933. The Rev. Dunglinson has the distinction of having been denied a request to resign from this pastorate in the middle of his years here. During the Rev. Carmichael's tenure, the Sunday School annex was built. When the builder abruptly left in the midst of the annex addition, the Rev. Carmichael actually completed it himself with the help of a local carpenter. The Rev. Carmichael also taught classes in Bible at Alabama College (now University of Montevallo), where his brother, Dr. O. C. Carmichael, was president.

Over the years, the Montevallo Presbyterian Church has provided residences for its pastors in three different manses. The first, built in 1916 on Shelby Street across from the church, burned shortly after completion. Then

Continuing the Legacy

*I have been warmed by fires I did not build;
I have drunk from wells I did not dig.*

Through the years, the gifts of generous members have supported the ministry and mission of Montevallo Presbyterian Church. Their legacy has enabled us to continue to serve and grow. What will *our* legacy be?

Through our financial contributions, we can build on what we have received and give a gift to those who come after us. Gifts to the church can be made in cash, stock or bonds, and distributions from a traditional or Roth IRA. The church may also be included in your estate planning. If you would like more information on any of these giving opportunities, please contact the church office.

Let us give generously so the legacy will continue.

This anniversary booklet was lovingly prepared by Dorothy Grimes, Leanne Reed, Judy Rogers and Ann Scott, with help from the whole congregation and the following resources:

1. *Montevallo Presbyterian Church Session Minutes, Vol. VI*
2. *The Pastors Who Have Served the Montevallo Presbyterian Church, by W. J. Kennerly*
3. *History of the Montevallo Presbyterian Church 1897-1948, by Mrs. C.E. Stutson*

Embracing the Future

In November 2007, Montevallo Presbyterian will begin a much anticipated renovation of our church building. The project will address a variety of needs:

- ✦ a ramp to provide handicapped access to our building;
- ✦ an inviting, attractive area for coffee hour and other fellowship events;
- ✦ a compact kitchen for preparing refreshments and arranging flowers;
- ✦ safe and attractive classrooms for adults and children of all ages;
- ✦ safe and well-furnished nursery space for our infants and toddlers;
- ✦ a rear fire escape to provide an additional exit from the building;
- ✦ a new heating/cooling system and improved energy efficiency.

This renovation will enable our church to meet the needs of our visitors, friends, and members, from the youngest to the oldest. We are excited about what God is doing in our midst, and believe that God is calling us to many more years of active ministry and mission in Montevallo and the world.

Mr. F. W. Rogan sold a residence to the church to be used as a manse. In 1939, the third manse was built on Nabors Street with funds left by Miss Selma B. Sommerville of Wilsonville. It was sold in 2004.

Montevallo Presbyterian Church has from its inception served college students. To this end Forbes House on Vine Street was opened in the fall of 1947 primarily for the use of students. It was the gift of Mr. E. E. Forbes, Sr., in memory of his wife Mary Mallory Forbes. On Sunday night, January 5, 1947, the entire congregation was invited to an informal supper in the home. In 2007, the addition of a new entrance and ramp made the Forbes House handicapped accessible. To this day, church fellowship suppers and campus ministry events are held regularly at the Forbes House.

Pastors

Mr. D.D. Little	1900-1902
Rev. Thomas Parker	1903-1904
Rev. James Dunglinson.....	1904-1910
Rev. R.T. Liston	1911- 1918
Rev. P.H. Carmichael.....	1933
Rev. E.A. Mohns.....	1934
Rev. T.M. Davis	1939-1944
Rev T. Frank Wallace	1944-1951
Dr. Henry C. Niles	1951
Rev. H. Davis Yeuell	1954 –1958
Rev. R. David Kaylor.....	1958-1961
Rev. Denton McLellan.....	1962-1965
Rev. Joe Pack Arnold.....	1966-1968
Rev. John R. Sims	1971-1975
Rev. Gary P. Goodman	1975-1981
Rev. Thomas A. Cheatham	1982-1996
Rev. George Peelen.....	1999 -2002
Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed.....	2003-present

Living Faithfully in the Present

Today Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA) is an active and thriving congregation, building on our past and looking toward the future. Our vision is to glorify God, grow as disciples, and care for people and creation.

Glorifying God

Worship is at the heart of our life as a church. We still worship today in the sanctuary built in 1902 with its much loved stained glass window of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We celebrate the Service for the Lord's Day each Sunday at 11:00 AM, with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Our worship is enhanced by our dedicated choir, under the direction of Christopher Johnson. Members participate regularly in worship, providing flowers, serving as ushers, and reading Scripture and prayers.

Growing As Disciples

The life of faith is not static; we believe we should always be growing as we seek to follow Christ. Our church provides a number of opportunities to grow and learn. Sunday School for adults and children is offered each Sunday morning at 9:45 during the academic year. Tuesday morning Bible study offers the opportunity for more in-depth study of Scripture. Our monthly book discussion group explores contemporary books on religion, faith and spirituality. The monthly Women's Ecumenical Prayer breakfast brings together women throughout our community for fellowship, prayer and learning. Monthly fellowship suppers offer us a chance to strengthen our relationships with one another as we sit at table together.

Caring for People and Creation

Our faith calls us to serve beyond the doors of the church. Through our mission outreach and benevolence giving, we seek to serve people with compassion and become better stewards of God's creation. Some of our ongoing mission projects include the following:

Campus ministry has long been an important mission outreach of our congregation. The Forbes House Fellowship, our joint campus ministry program with University Baptist Church, meets weekly at the Forbes House for fellowship and reflection, and students regularly worship at the church.

First Light provides shelter and other services for homeless women and children in downtown Birmingham. Our church cooks and serves dinner at First Light once each quarter and provides financial support through our benevolence giving.

Shelby Emergency Assistance provides support to families in crisis in Shelby County. Our financial support of Shelby Emergency Assistance enables us to reach local residents in need. We also participate in SEA's annual drives such as Project Schoolhouse, which provides school supplies for children in need, and Project Christmas, which provides gifts and food for a local family.

Living River is the future camp and conference center for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, situated on 440 acres on the Cahaba River. As the Presbyterian (USA) church geographically closest to the camp, Montevallo Presbyterian Church is very much part of this project. Our church hosts canoe trips on the river for members, friends, and students. We also support Living River financially through benevolence giving.