

# connections

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Dr. James B. Sanders III, Senior Pastor | July 15, 2021

## GREETINGS

Sandra and I are excited to be a part of the Dothan community, and I am honored to be able to serve as one of your pastors. I was ordained as an elder in the Alabama West Florida Conference in 2010 after graduating from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 2008. I have served Shalimar UMC in Shalimar FL, First UMC in Panama City and Robertsedale UMC in Robertsedale, Alabama as well as planting two new churches: The Journey in Crestview, FL and Mosaic in Palm Bay, FL. Prior to serving in ministry, I was a High School English and Drama teacher in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, FL.

Sandra and I met in 1989 in the Theater Department of Indian River State College. We were married in 1991. Our daughter, Courtney, was born in 1994 and our son Quentin in 1996. Sandra and I enjoy attending the theater and concerts, trying out new restaurants, watching movies, and spending time outdoors. We have two cats – Thelma and Louise.

Sandra is currently employed as the Catering Lead at Panera Bread here in Dothan. She is also a visual and performing artist, specializing in mosaic art, acting, and singing. She loves to cook and to garden.

Both of our children live in Nashville. Courtney has been married to Eric for two years now and she works at the Oasis Center, a youth crisis intervention organization. Quentin works for the Tennessee Housing Development Agency in the accounting department.

I enjoy playing golf, reading, and spending time with my family and friends. My primary calling in ministry is preaching, teaching and missions. My life verses are John 13:34-35:

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

We are so grateful to be a part of the First UMC Dothan family and look forward to serving with you in making disciples for the transformation of the world!

Grace and Peace,  
Sean





Moving forward, our church will discontinue using the weekly COVID-19 risk status assigned to each Alabama county by the ADPH. As of June 29, our facilities are open again for large, in-person group gatherings. Each of us, will be responsible for making our own decision regarding the risk involved in gathering with other people.

To read the full announcement from Senior Pastor, Jim Sanders, visit <https://www.fumcdothan.org/coronavirus/>

## CHILDREN

Let's Get S.A.L.T.Y!

(Boys) Nerf Guns & Nachos

Tuesday, July 20

10:00-12:00 noon

Register by Email:

leeanne@fumcdothan.org

## SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

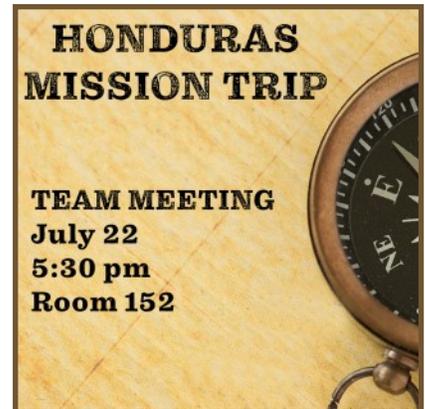


This Sunday, July 18  
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Any small group leader, Sunday School leader, or anyone interested in leading a small group... you're invited to join us July 18th in the fellowship hall for Small Group Facilitator Training! Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdothan.org.

\*Since food is provided, please RSVP to ryan@fumcdothan.org.

## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP



**Orphanage Emmanuel Donations**  
Our church will be sending a shipping container of donations to Orphanage Emmanuel later this year. If you are interested in learning more about this outreach, join us in Room 152 on Thursday, July 22 at 6:15pm (after the team meeting) For more information, contact Ryan Deaton.

## TWEENS

Let's Get S.A.L.T.Y!

Galaxy Bowling

Patricia Lanes: Cost \$20

Friday, July 23

9:00-11:00 pm

Register by Email:

sonia@fumcdothan.org

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### Our Sympathy to:

~ Jim Lee and his family due to the death of his sister, Ginger Hansen, who died July 6.

### In the Hospital:

~ Eddie Hulgán (Flowers)  
~ Donna Hilson (Flowers)  
~ Art Solomon (UAB)

### Congratulations to:

~ DR and Katee Forrester who are announcing the birth of a daughter, Mary Reeves Forrester, born June 14. Grandparents are David and Katharine Forrester. Great grandparents are Bobby and Patricia Sirmon.

*This week we are especially praying for the ways our church family is reaching out through our youth as they partner with The Harbor in mission this week.*

## YOUTH

High School Beach Retreat  
Next Weekend (July 23- 25)

Join us for some fun at the beach to end the summer and prepare to focus on what's important as we start the new school year!

This event is for 9th graders – 12th graders (including those who just graduated).

For details and to register online, visit [fumcdothan.org/youth](http://fumcdothan.org/youth)

## MEMORIALS

### Theresa Brackin

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

### Wilma Denney

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

### Dr. George Gilbert

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

### Nova Harvey

Forrest & Carol Ann Jones

### Carlos Lee

Forrest & Carol Ann Jones

### Bob Stockman

Forrest & Carol Ann Jones

Donna & Tyrone Parrish

# LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE!

Sunday, July 25  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Church Parking Lot

**EMERGENCY NEED!**

# Kayaking the Coosa River

WETUMPKA  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Who's IN?!

# Family Beach Retreat

**AUGUST 13-15 (FRI - SUN)**

We invite you to join us for this wonderful weekend of fun as we build relationships with our church family through interactive activities as well as spiritual opportunities including devotionals.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**SERVICE PROJECT**

**GAME NIGHT**

More info at [fumcdathan.org/events](http://fumcdathan.org/events)  
Join us! Contact Ryan Deaton.

# WEEKDAY MINISTRY

FUMC Weekday Children's Ministry has opened the doors allowing parents to drop off and pick up inside the building! Parents have been patiently awaiting this day, and as you can see from the smiling faces, they are happy to be back to normal.



Respite Care Ministry played Wheel of Fortune, Camping Edition, on Tuesday.

