

2021 REPORT OF THE CABINET

Changes in Charge Lines

Demopolis District:

Cokes Chapel (2100) is added to the Lisman/Pennington Circuit; Bethel (2030) is closed.

Dothan District:

Newton/Mabson charge is dissolved. Mabson (3210) is a station church. Newton (3265) is a dual appointment with Kinsey (3185).

Columbia/Kinsey charge is dissolved. Columbia (3080) is a dual appointment with Rocky Creek (3340).

Slocomb/Hurricane charge is dissolved. Slocomb (3365) and Hurricane (3180) are station churches.

Clayton/Street Memorial charge is dissolved. Clayton (3062) is a station church and is a dual appointment with Louisville (3207).

Marianna-Panama City District:

East Mt. Zion/Springhill charge is dissolved. East Mt. Zion (4115) and Springhill (4315) are station churches.

Mobile District:

Mt. Vernon (5185), McIntosh (5165), Ebenezer (5100) are the Hwy 43 Charge.

Montgomery-Prattville District:

Cameron Chapel charge is dissolved. Cameron Chapel (7072) is a station church and Oakey Streak (7345) closes.

Walnut Creek/Thorsby charge is dissolved. Walnut Creek (7520) and Thorsby (7480) are station churches.

Rhodes Chapel/St. Paul (Greenville) charge is dissolved. Rhodes Chapel (7415) and St. Paul (7450) are station churches.

RESOLUTION FOR THE DEMOPOLIS AND MOBILE DISTRICT LINES

WHEREAS the number of District Superintendents has changed from seven to four; and
WHEREAS the Mobile District Superintendent, when the number of District Superintendents changed from eight to seven, has supervised the pastors of Clarke County (less Bashi UMC) and the southern portion of Choctaw County (St. Paul at Toxey is the northern most church); and
WHEREAS the number of churches supervised will be more evenly distributed between the four District Superintendents;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mobile District line move to include the aforementioned area; and that the church conference numbers be changed to the 5000 series.

Demopolis District Superintendent Alan Gantzhorn
Mobile District Superintendent Debora Bishop

PROPERTY RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Demopolis District – Lack of financial viability

WHEREAS the Bethel United Methodist Church (2030), located in Choctaw County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Bethel United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bethel United Methodist Church be closed effective December 31, 2020, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Bethel United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall hold such property in trust for the benefit of the annual conference.

Demopolis District Superintendent Alan Gantzhorn

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF MELVIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Demopolis District – Lack of financial viability

WHEREAS the Melvin United Methodist Church (2280), located in Choctaw County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Melvin United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Melvin United Methodist Church be closed effective November 18, 2020, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Melvin United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall hold such property in trust for the benefit of the annual conference.

Demopolis District Superintendent Alan Gantzhorn

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Demopolis District - Disaffiliation

WHEREAS the Providence United Methodist Church (2372), located in Washington County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and

WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Providence United Methodist Church disaffiliates as of January 11, 2021.

Demopolis District Superintendent Alan Gantzhorn

Mobile District Superintendent Debora Bishop

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF COTTONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marianna-Panama City District – Lack of financial viability**

WHEREAS the Cottondale United Methodist Church (4095), located in Jackson County, Florida, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Cottondale United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cottondale United Methodist Church be closed effective January 1, 2021, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Cottondale United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall hold such property in trust for the benefit of the annual conference.

Marianna-Panama City District Superintendent Doug Pennington

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF WOODLAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marianna-Panama City District - Disaffiliation**

WHEREAS the Woodlawn United Methodist Church (4365), located in Bay County, Florida, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and

WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Woodlawn United Methodist Church disaffiliates as of December 31, 2020.

Marianna-Panama City District Superintendent Doug Pennington

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mobile District - Disaffiliation**

WHEREAS the Bethel United Methodist Church (5030), located in Washington County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and

WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bethel UMC disaffiliates as of June 25, 2020.

Mobile District Superintendent Debora Bishop

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mobile District - Disaffiliation**

WHEREAS the Calvert United Methodist Church (5035), located in Washington County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and

WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Calvert United Methodist Church disaffiliates as of July 19, 2020.

Mobile District Superintendent Debora Bishop

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF WEST SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mobile District – Lack of financial viability

WHEREAS the West Side United Methodist Church (5285), located in Mobile County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and
WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the West Side United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and
WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that West Side United Methodist Church be closed effective November 16, 2020, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of West Side United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the Mobile District for future use as a ministry, local church, or additional church campus of a church of the Mobile District, who shall hold such property in trust.

Mobile District Superintendent Debora Bishop

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF TENNILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Montgomery-Opelika District - Disaffiliation

WHEREAS the Tennille United Methodist Church (6445), located in Pike County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;
WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and
WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and
WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tennille UMC disaffiliates as of September 1, 2020.

Montgomery-Opelika District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF UNION HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Montgomery-Opelika District - Disaffiliation

WHEREAS the Union Hill United Methodist Church (6485), located in Pike County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;
WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and
WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and
WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Union Hill UMC disaffiliates as of September 1, 2020.

Montgomery-Opelika District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF LIME SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Montgomery-Prattville District - Disaffiliation**

WHEREAS the Lime Springs United Methodist Church (7225), located in Chilton County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and

WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lime Springs UMC disaffiliates as of July 15, 2020.

Montgomery-Prattville District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF OAKY STREAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Montgomery-Prattville District – Lack of financial viability**

WHEREAS the Oaky Streak United Methodist Church (7345), located in Butler County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Oaky Streak Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oaky Streak United Methodist Church be closed effective January 31, 2021, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Oaky Streak United Methodist Church be transferred to the Oaky Streak United Methodist Cemetery Association. (The deed reads “Oaky”, and the cemetery association is deeded as “Oaky Streak”).

Montgomery-Prattville District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF PIERCE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Montgomery-Prattville District – Lack of financial viability**

WHEREAS the Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church (7360), located in Elmore County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Pierce Chapel Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective November 15, 2020, and that all real property of Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church be donated to the grantor family according to the reversionary clause contained in the original property deed.

Montgomery-Prattville District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Montgomery-Prattville District - Disaffiliation**

WHEREAS the Union United Methodist Church (7495), located in Elmore County, Alabama, has sought disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church outlined in paragraph 2553 in the 2016 Book of Discipline;

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended the disaffiliation be accepted; and
WHEREAS the church has met the financial requirements for disaffiliation; and
WHEREAS the consent to disaffiliate has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the Alabama-West Florida Conference Board of Trustees;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Union UMC disaffiliates as of November 1, 2020.

Montgomery-Prattville District Superintendent Jeff Wilson

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF FERRY PASS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pensacola District – Lack of financial viability**

WHEREAS the Ferry Pass United Methodist Church (8105), located in Escambia County, Florida, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years: and

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Ferry Pass Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice; and

WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.4.b of the 2016 Book of Discipline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ferry Pass United Methodist Church be closed effective January 31, 2021, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Ferry Pass United Methodist Church be transferred to Bright Bridge Ministry of Pensacola, Florida.

Pensacola District Superintendent Tim Trent

Submitted by Rev. June E. Jernigan, Secretary of the Cabinet