

Elba United Methodist Church

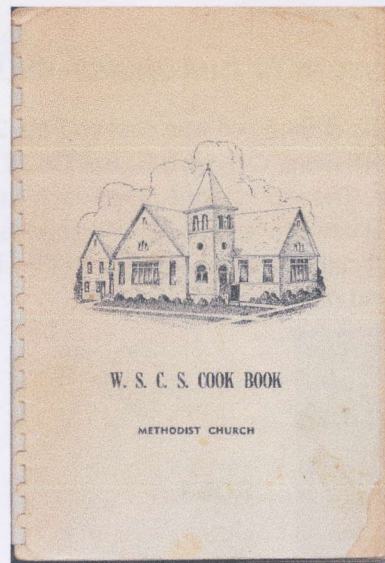
HOMECOMING – February 13, 2011 at 10 a.m.

DINNER ON THE GROUND (Fellowship Hall) at 11 a.m.

Homecoming, as its name suggests, is when all members of the church, and their children or grandchildren who have moved away, come home to attend services, as well as other guests.

“Dinner on the ground”, sometimes simply called fellowship, is a chance for a church to come together as a family, to fellowship, to visit, to swap recipes, to sing, to pray, and to eat.

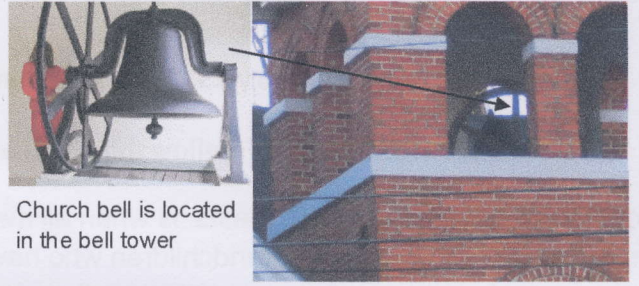
Bring enough food for your family plus one and leave it at Fellowship Hall before you go to church. Two Sunday School classes are furnishing chicken and ham. Another class will bring tea. So you can pick from veggies, salads, and desserts. Be sure you put your name on your dish. Have any questions about the dinner, check with Janice Phillips. She is in charge of food that day.



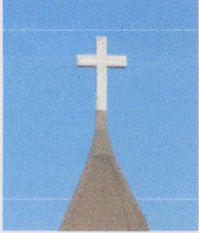
Recognize this old church cookbook from about 60 years ago? Some of the recipes have been copied and will be available at homecoming.

HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH BELL

Our historic church bell was cast on Feb. 21, 1908, in Hillsboro, OH, by C.S. Bell Co. It has 2 bell tones. The regular tone, used each Sunday or for special occasions such as weddings, and the tolling bell clapper, which hangs on the side of the bell and makes a tolling sound.

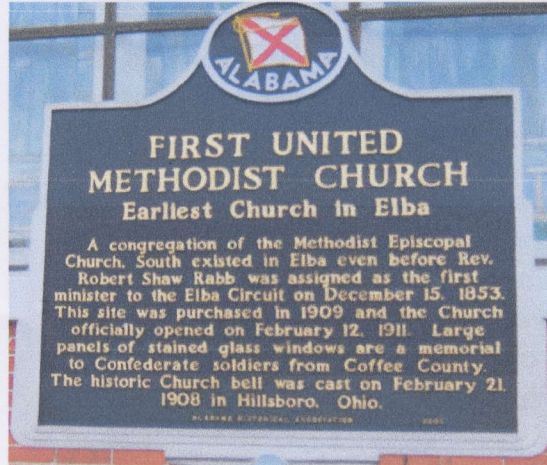


Church bell is located in the bell tower



CROSS

The illuminated cross on top of the steeple was given by Mrs. Althea Carmichael Prescott in 1957 as a memorial to her late husband Mayo Prescott. It continues to stand as a source of spiritual strength and community pride.



ALABAMA HISTORICAL MARKER

This historical marker was erected in 2003 when the church was 150 years old.