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March 2024



A Letter From the Pastor

As technological advances continue to offer more to our lives, we have access to more information, more entertainment, and more communication than ever before. It is tempting to assume that more technology equals improved lives. In some measurable ways it does. However, what about our spiritual lives? We can access the Bible, God's Holy Word, from anywhere at any time. There are countless apps that offer assistance with devotions and prayer. We can be connected with endless resources to help us in our faith. Yet, at the same time, the advances in technology have also served to distract us. While we have the Bible and so many Christian resources available to us, we also have endless other things that consume our time, fill our lives, and crowd out spiritual disciplines.

As we journey through this season of Lent, we are seeking to set aside distractions of this world to focus on spending time with the Lord and invite Him to search our hearts to prepare us for Easter. As we journey through the Psalms for Lent, Psalm 1 sets the stage for all of the Psalms. Psalm 1 draws a contrast between someone who aligns with the wicked versus someone who delights in the law of the Lord. Psalm 1 says about those who delight in the law of the Lord, "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

The enemy will try to distract us with technological advances and so much more. It is up to you to intentionally put aside distractions and delight in the Lord. Let us learn and always remember the truth proclaimed in Psalm 84:10, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." A few moments of prayer, a few verses of scripture reading are better for your soul than hours of entertainment.

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



Sunday

- 9 AM In-Person Worship
- 10 AM Sunday School
- 11 AM In-Person Worship
- 11 AM Facebook Live Worship
- 6-8 PM UNITED Youth Group

Wednesday

- 5 PM Handbells Rehearsal
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Sermon</u>
Mar. 3	Psalm 42	"My Soul Thirsts for You"
Mar. 10	Psalm 40	"He Put a New Song in My Mouth"
Mar. 17	Psalm 121	"Where Does My Help Come From?"
Mar. 24	Psalm 118	*Palm Sunday* "His Love Endures Always"
Mar. 31	Psalm 98	*Easter* "He Has Done Great Things"

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

MONDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6PM
IN THE SANCTUARY




We want to say
Thank You

**PASTOR'S WIFE
APPRECIATION**

Sunday, March 17
following the 11AM
service



CHATSWORTH
First Methodist Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 3 Kendrick/Metelkin Wedding Shower
- March 4 Global Methodist Info Meeting
- March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 15 Roadrunners to Baby Land General
- March 17 Pastor's Wife Appreciation Lunch
- March 17 United Youth Skating
- March 23 Easter Egg Hunt, 2-4 PM
- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 24 Preschool Sunday
- March 29 Good Friday Tenebrae 6pm
- March 31 Easter (No Youth)
- March 31 Easter Lilies
- April 9 Methodist Women Meeting
- April 14 Sunday Funday Youth Event
- April 20 Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, March 17, after the 11 am service we will be celebrating Julie Arp for Pastor's Wife Appreciation Day. It will be a Mexican Food theme with the church supplying tacos, nachos & various toppings. Please bring your favorite dessert to top off our meal. If you wish to leave a card for Julie, there will be a basket available.

Easter Event Schedule

You're invited to join us as we celebrate
the resurrection!

Easter Egg Hunt-March 23 (2-4 PM)

Good Friday-March 29 Tenebrae Service 6PM

Easter Services- March 31 @ 9AM & 11AM

Sunday School 10 AM

The 11 AM service is also streamed through Facebook.





MINISTRIES

Good Friday



Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
March 29
6 PM

Tenebrae, Latin for "darkness/shadows," is a somber service that remembers the suffering and death of Jesus.



Chatsworth First Methodist Women



Tuesday, March 12 @ 11 AM
CHATSWORTH FIRST
METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

**Knitting group will meet at 10 in the Fellowship classroom

Easter Lily Order Forms

Easter Lilies

LILY ORDER FORMS
WILL BE IN THE
BULLETIN
MARCH 10TH & 17TH

PRICE: \$15



Methodist Men

**Methodist Men
Pancake Breakfast**

WHEN:
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
7:30-11 AM

WHERE:
DELIVERY TO YOUR CAR @
THE FINCHER FAMILY LIFE CENTER
OR DINE-IN

PRICE:
\$5 PER PLATE

WHAT:
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BUTTER,
AND SYRUP. COFFEE, JUICE, &
WATER



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!!!



Wednesday Bible Study

"SCRIPTURE FOR THE PEOPLE"
A GROUP STUDY FELLOWSHIP SERIES

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm (start Feb 7)
Fellowship Hall at 1st Methodist Church


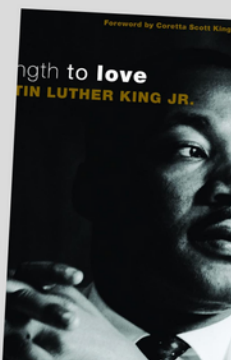
February Focus: Dr. MLK, Jr.'s book
STRENGTH TO LOVE

march-may focus:
GENESIS

content, discourse, meal

an adult study ... child care is not available just yet, so stay tuned about when it would be okay to bring kids along too

Q's? Kevin schmidtbbq@gmail.com
RSVP please... for books!


**Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting**

Sunday, March 17, 2024 @ 8AM





MINISTRIES

Preschool Sunday



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

11AM SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2024



Children's Ministry

EASTER EGG HUNT

Games **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**
2-4 PM

Petting Zoo with Kangaroo **CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
111 W. CHEROKEE STREET
CHATSWORTH, GA *Popcorn*

PRE-REGISTER AT ChatsworthFirstMethodist.org

United Youth

UNITED YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY ROLLER SKATING



Sunday, March 17 3-6 PM \$10



**WE NEED LOTS OF
VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR
EASTER EGG HUNT.
CONTACT RACHEL TO
SIGN UP @ 404-433-0517**

The Academy



The Academy is a homeschool hybrid program with registration ongoing.

For more details or to register go to ChatsworthFirstMethodist.org



**WE NEED SMALL CANDY TO
FILL OUR EASTER EGGS!!
DONATION BOXES ARE AT
EACH ENTRANCE!**



MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry



Women's Conference in October



Women, you are invited to join us for a weekend that promises to be unforgettable filled with uplifting worship, encouraging speakers and more. The Women of Joy Conference is at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge October 11-13. Featuring Kristi McLelland, Demi-Leigh and Tim Tebow, Ruth Chou Simons, Lisa Bevere and even a concert by TobyMac.

We are leaving Friday afternoon and returning Sunday afternoon. The church has a limited number of tickets available. Please see Julie Arp to get more information and to sign up for your spot.

Roadrunners



The Roadrunners will need to be ready to head to the hospital on March 15 as that is the due date for the babies; Cabbage Patch Babies that is! We will be visiting Baby Land General in Cleveland, GA. Beautifully situated in the North Georgia Mountains, this Southern-style home filled with Cabbage Patch Kids will capture the imagination of your entire family. Mother Cabbage is always on display beneath the branches of the Magic Crystal Tree. Pollinated by fanciful Bunnybees, our magical Cabbage Patch is tended by our Licensed Patch Doctors and Nurses.

Baby Land General Hospital is the only place in the world where you can witness the birth of a hand-sculpted Cabbage Patch Kid.

We plan to leave the church at 9:30 am, have lunch at the popular Smith House in Dahlonega around 11:00, then spend an hour or so exploring the shops in downtown Dahlonega before heading to Cleveland, GA to visit Baby Land General. We plan to return to Chatsworth around 5:30 or 6:00pm.

The admission to Baby Land General is free. The cost for the meal is \$20.95 plus tax, gratuity, and card fee. You may text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 to reserve your spot by Monday, March 11. To keep the trips as economical as possible, we will cancel any 2024 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Mama's neighbor (Melissa Sneads) (Feb. 21) is a single mom, with several children, going through hard times. Please pray for peace and direction.

Unknown Gentleman (Melissa Sneads) (Feb. 20) was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Scheduled to undergo 20 radiation treatments.

Reginald Craft (Rev. Arp) (Feb. 14) will soon begin chemo on his liver cancer, which has been determined to be stage 4. Please pray for him and his journey ahead.

Luke Colbert (Ruth Woods' brother-in-law) (Feb. 1) Healing from shoulder replacement surgery.

Bobby Etheridge (Pam H. Etheridge's husband) (Feb. 20) UPDATE: transferred back to the nursing home from Gordon Hospital. Please pray that all remains well.

Pam Etheridge (Melissa Sneads) (Feb. 22) has a stomach virus. Please pray for a Godspeed recovery.

Brooke Green (Jolynn Green) (Feb. 20) She is going to the Mayo Clinic on Sunday, February 25 to see doctors and have tests to determine how a disease called FMD (fibro-muscular dysplasia) is affecting her arteries. She has already had a heart attack. She requests prayer for answers and protection against the effects of this rare disease. There is currently no cure.

Gary Green (Dian Green's husband) (Feb. 22) is in recovery after prostate surgery. Everything went according to plan. Please pray for a Godspeed and complete recovery.

Jim Henninger (Melodie Burger) (Feb. 20) UPDATE is doing much better following his stroke. He has a little deficit but should continue to get better.

Liz Mabry (Deborah Yarbrough) (Jan. 26) fell at a friend's house and incurred a compression fracture. Was on complete bed rest. Please pray for her recovery and Greg as he cares for her.

Tom Martin (Feb. 14) has finished his cancer treatments. Praise God the treatments were successful at reducing the tumor! He will have a PET scan in 3 months to see the extent of the cancer at that point once the radiation is out of his system.

Teresa Morrison and family (Sheree McEntire)(Feb. 22)—I talked with Heather today and Teresa was supposed to have a treatment, but there was a setback and they were unable to do it. The family is very worried since she is not getting treatments yet. Please lift all of them up in prayer, for Teresa to have healing and peace, for her family to have their anxiety to be taken away, and for help to get through this.

Jerry Roper (Steve Hawkins) (Feb. 22) suffered a stroke yesterday afternoon. He is hospitalized and undergoing tests. Please pray for a Godspeed and complete recovery.

Cindy Sanford (Jolynn Green) (Feb. 20) She is undergoing tests for stomach and digestive issues. She will be having an MRI on Monday, February 26. She requests prayers for a diagnosis and a treatment plan.

Lynn Sanford and family (Tammie Henderson/Connie Eaves) (Feb. 1) sickness

Debbie Thornton (Ruth Woods' friend) (Feb. 1) has fifth disease and it has affected her legs and her mobility (my understanding is it affects adults very differently than children). She was transferred to Siskin.

Raymond "Bud" Townsend (Melissa T. Webb's dad) (Feb. 13) will be taking 6 weeks of radiation 5 times a week and 2 chemo pills in the upcoming weeks. The chemo pills will take about 2 weeks for the doctors to get them in. It's a lot for a 92-year-old to endure. We have all the faith in the Lord for healing pray for an easy 6 weeks and that he will not be too sick during this. He appreciates each and every prayer!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

March 3 Dick & Joyce Niggley
 March 10 Gary & Dian Green
 March 17 Steve & Lisa Loughridge
 March 24 Jim & Kristi Harvey
 March 31 Easter Lilies
 April 7 Ray & Paula Catoe
 April 14 Ruth Woods
 April 21 Susan Gray
 April 28

Operations (As of 2/22/2024)

MTD-\$ 18,913

YTD-\$ 40,138

Giving Opportunities

***Boxes and Monetary
Donations for Food Drive**

***Missionary Gifts**

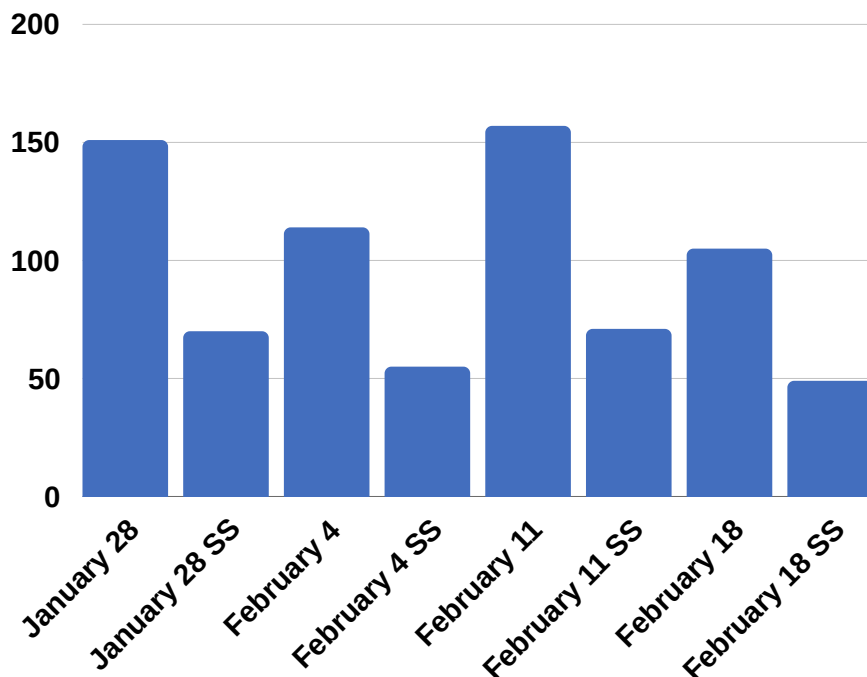
Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Mar. 3	Shawn D.	Lisa L.	Haley P.
Mar. 10	Paula C.	Julie A.	Deborah Y.
Mar. 17	Paula C.	Sandy G.	Mary Ann B.
Mar. 24	Laura S.		
Mar. 31			

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 2 Mike Young
 Mar. 3 Kelli Kendrick
 Mar. 3 Linda Smith
 Mar. 4 Geraldine Thornbury
 Mar. 5 Beth Thornbury
 Mar. 6 Zelle Herndon
 Mar. 7 Matt Carroll
 Mar. 11 Bryan Dorries
 Mar. 14 Jan Bryson
 Mar. 17 Brooklyn Carroll
 Mar. 24 Kathy Ballew
 Mar. 26 Rachel Jordan
 Mar. 26 Ryleigh Payne
 Mar. 27 Shawn Davis
 Mar. 29 Gavin Hanaway
 Mar. 30 Joyce Niggley

Attendance





MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Margaret Arp
Tammie & Ronnie Henderson	Relay for Life	Helen Boudreau
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Naomi Dill
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Naomi Dill
Sisters in Christ SS	Shelia Rich's King's Clothesline	Naomi Dill
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	June Griffin
Bill & Mary Ann Black	Belize	Carolyn Martin
Reba Jones	Saturday Sacks	Carolyn Martin
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Carolyn Martin
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Samaritan's Purse	Carolyn Martin
Turnipseed Engineers	Memorial Fund	Marilyn Martin
Bill & Mary Ann Black	Belize	Larry Phillips
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Larry Phillips
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Samaritan's Purse	Larry Phillips
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Samaritan's Purse	Marcus Plemons
Bill & Mary Ann Black	Belize	Mildred Weyman
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Mildred Weyman
Mary Margaret & Daniel Howard	Methodist Men	Bill Woods
Reba Jones	Saturday Sacks	Bill Woods
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Bill Woods
Sam Pullen Jr.	Memorial Fund	Bill Woods
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Samaritan's Purse	Bill Woods

Join us as we extend Christian sympathy to:

Family of Naomi Dill (Jan. 29) Naomi passed away in the hospital.

Jane & Gerald Mason (Melissa Sneads) (Jan. 29) are mourning the loss of Jane's brother, John Miller, who passed away following major surgery.

Please pray for the family of **Bryce Stanfield** who passed away February 9. Lisa Hughes had previously asked for prayer for him after he collapsed at football workouts at Furman University. He was only 21 years old.

Please pray especially for his parents. He was their only child.

Family of **Timmy Steelman (Feb. 20) (Melodie Burger)** Timmy passed away due to sickness.



Remember our family and friends in the service.