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A Letter From the Pastor

As we journey together through the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew chapters 5-7 the high standards Jesus teaches can be scary. I have fallen short of these standards many times and you likely have as well. Who among us has never harbored anger toward someone else in our heart? We might be tempted to get discouraged by these high standards. However, Jesus does not call us to a life of guilt and defeat, but of freedom and victory.

Through Jesus we receive both grace to cover over past sins and a call to pursue a greater righteousness. Thankfully, Jesus is as quick to offer forgiveness as He is to issue commands and call us to obedience. When Peter first saw the risen Jesus after having denied Jesus 3 times, Jesus did not condemn Peter for his sins, but rather offered him the grace to overcome his mistakes. The same was true for the woman at the well in John 4 and for others Jesus encounters. And the same is true for you.

Remember that the moral teachings of Jesus are both commands and promises. What Jesus commands us to do He empowers us to do through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is both commanding us to act in certain ways and describing what life in the Kingdom of God is like with the promise to be with us and transform our hearts.

Titus 2:11-14 says, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

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

Date	Scripture	Sermon
May 5	Matthew 5:21-30	Living in the Kingdom of God: A Matter of the Heart
May 12	Matthew 5:31-32	Living in the Kingdom of God: Marriage and Divorce
May 19	Matthew 5:33-37	Living in the Kingdom of God: Speak Simple Truth
May 26	Matthew 5:38-48	Living in the Kingdom of God: Love is the Way



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 United Youth Fiesta Night/Bible Study
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 14 Chatsworth First Methodist Women
- May 15 Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation
- May 19 Graduate Celebration & Meal
- May 24 Youth Last Day of School-Lunch @ Noon at Super Burrito
- May 27 Memorial Day-Office Closed
- Month of June - Lemonade in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings following 11AM services
- June 9 UNITED Youth Swimming at the Griffin's house 6-8PM
- June 18 Roadrunners to Amish Farmers Market & Farmhouse Restaurant
- June 16 Father's Day
- July 14-July 18 Vacation Bible School

Graduate Celebration



All are invited to attend our fellowship meal for May. It will be held on May 19 after the 11 a.m. service, and we will be honoring our graduates. The menu for the day will be lasagna, salad, bread, and drinks. We request the congregation to please bring a dessert.



MINISTRIES

UNITED Youth



**UNITED YOUTH
FIESTA NIGHT WITH
NACHOS, GAMES, &
BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY NIGHT,
MAY 5TH [AT] 6PM-8PM
DON'T MISS THIS!!**



Methodist Men



**Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting**

Sunday, May 19 @ 8AM



UNITED YOUTH

**UNITED Youth will go swimming at the
Griffin's house on Sunday, June 9
from 6-8 PM
Call or text Mandy with questions**



Chatsworth First Methodist Women



Tuesday, May 7 @ 11 AM
**CHATSWORTH FIRST
METHODIST WOMEN MEETING**

****The Knitting Group will meet at
10A in the room across
from the Office**

Children's Ministry



**Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 14–Thursday, July 18**

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God



**CHATSWORTH FIRST
METHODIST WOMEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
TRIP TO TOCCOA RIVER
RESTAURANT**





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The Academy




The Academy is a homeschool hybrid program with registration ongoing.
For more details or to register go to
ChatsworthFirstMethodist.org




Much has been happening to launch The Academy Homeschool Hybrid program! It is officially incorporated and has its own bank account. Registration is open, and there are still spots available in second and third grade. First grade is at capacity.

The team that has been working on launching The Academy will now morph into a formal board for the purpose of supporting and overseeing The Academy. The board will include church members as well as community members.

Roadrunners



DID SOMEONE SAY SHOPPING?
TUESDAY, MAY 7
8:15AM-3PM
ROADRUNNERS ARE HEADED
TO SENIOR DAY AT HAMRICK'S!



The Roadrunners are headed to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia to Senior Day at Hamrick's on Tuesday, May 7. This is a special day when seniors can save 10% on non-sale items. This is a local favorite of many shoppers in the Roadrunner group. There is a Tractor Supply right next door for the guys to browse through while the ladies shop.

We will be having lunch at The Sanctuary in the East Ridge, Tennessee area. This restaurant has been highly recommended by our church secretary and her family. The Sanctuary and Tea Room is not like any place you have eaten. First there is the food—a meat & three sides, sandwiches, sampler platters, quiche, salads, desserts, and sweet tea of course. The food is terrific and the restaurant is decorated with antiques that you can purchase (even the table you eat on).

After lunch the bus will head over to East Ridge & the Barn Nursery. This is a great place to purchase those spring plants for your yard and garden. A pick-up truck will follow the bus so that you may bring your plant purchases home. While at the Barn Nursery, please check out their award-winning lady's restroom!

The bus will leave the church at 8:15 am on Tuesday, May 7 and return around 3 pm. You will pay for your own purchases, your own lunch plus \$1 for the bus driver's meal and we will share the cost of bus fuel. You may text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 to reserve your spot by Sunday, May 5.



Roadrunners June Trip
Tuesday, June 18
(9AM to 2PM)
Amish Farmers Market & Farm House Restaurant
Contact Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by
Sunday, June 16 if you plan to go.





MINISTRIES

Family Life Committee

LEMONADE AND COOKIES IN THE COURTYARD

Each Sunday in June the Family Life Committee is offering lemonade and cookies in the courtyard after church. Everyone is invited to enjoy food and fellowship.



Father's Day

FATHER'S DAY

ALL MEN IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES
ON FATHER'S DAY WILL RECEIVE A
GIFT OF A BOX OF ASSORTED
COOKIES.



MEMORIALS

Donor	Fund	In Memory of
Ray & Paula Catoe	The Academy	Naomi Dill
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Sandra Ellis
Ray & Paula Catoe	The Academy	Ida Mae Gore
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Ida Mae Gore
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Dusty Hawkins
Tammie & Ronnie Henderson	Saturday Sacks	Dusty Hawkins
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Saturday Sacks	Dusty Hawkins
Ralph Ausmus	Saturday Sacks	Thomas Martin
Calvin & Melodie Burger	Memorial Fund	Thomas Martin
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Thomas Martin
Vivian Duvall	Memorial Fund	Mary Ann Steele
Vivian Duvall	Memorial Fund	Bill Woods



PRAYER REQUESTS

Cedric and Brooke (Kevin Schmidt)(April 11)- Brooke is pregnant with a scary case of Placenta Accreta.

France Adams (Apr. 8)- fell recently and fractured his pelvis in 2 places. There is no treatment, and he just has to wait for it to heal on its own. He has some pain and is limited in mobility. Please pray for his recovery.

Alan Bailey (Peggy Bailey's son) (Apr. 5) recovering from open heart surgery

Jerry Bryson (Jan Bryson)(April 18)- had a recent health scare. No conclusion was reached, but it was possibly a TIA.

Reginald & Joyce Craft- Reginald is at Regency on hospice care. Pray for Joyce as well who remains at home and has health issues.

Filbert Lewis- ongoing health challenges

Tom Martin- is at Quinton Rehab recovering from skin graft surgery from a large 3rd degree burn on his leg.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Teri Palen (Melissa Sneads)(April 24) is doing well following back surgery. She will be undergoing hip replacement surgery as soon as her back is healed.

Tommy Sampson (Sheree McEntire) (April 22) UPDATE: Tommy's body absorbed the clot so he was able to go home. He was left with only 25 percent function in his kidney. He has follow-up appointments to try to determine why he is clotting so frequently.

Tristan Sturgill (Peggy Bailey's granddaughter) (Apr. 5) is having female problems - surgery is upcoming.

Allyn Walls- is away at Army basic training. Please pray for Allyn, Susan, and Lily.

Anne Marie Washington (Peggy Bailey's granddaughter)(Apr. 22) had lung surgery and is recovering in the hospital.

Alan Woods (Ruth Woods) (April 24) Had surgery on his elbow

Join us as we extend Christian sympathy to:

Family of Ida May Gore-Pray for Dale Lowman and family

Family of Andy Waters- Pray for his three children and his family as he passed away on April 20

Jonathan and Cynthia Raymond and family (Sandy Yarber)(April 22)- Sandy's son-in-law's mother died early this morning. She had a stroke and heart attack and was taken to the hospital before she died. Please pray for Jonathan, Cynthia, and her family.

Family of Mildred Ingle- Mildred was Sara Lyles's grandmother and sister-in-law of Randall Ingle. She passed away on Sunday, May 21.



Remember our family and friends in the service.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

May 5	Barbara Grider
May 12	James Greeson
May 19	Ophelia Hall
May 26	Rachel Ridley
June 2	Frank Ward
June 9	Reba Jones
June 16	Shawn Davis & Hollie Martin
June 23	David & Gayle Bean
June 30	

Operations (As of 4/25/2024)

MTD-\$ 20,307

YTD-\$ 91,635

Giving Opportunities

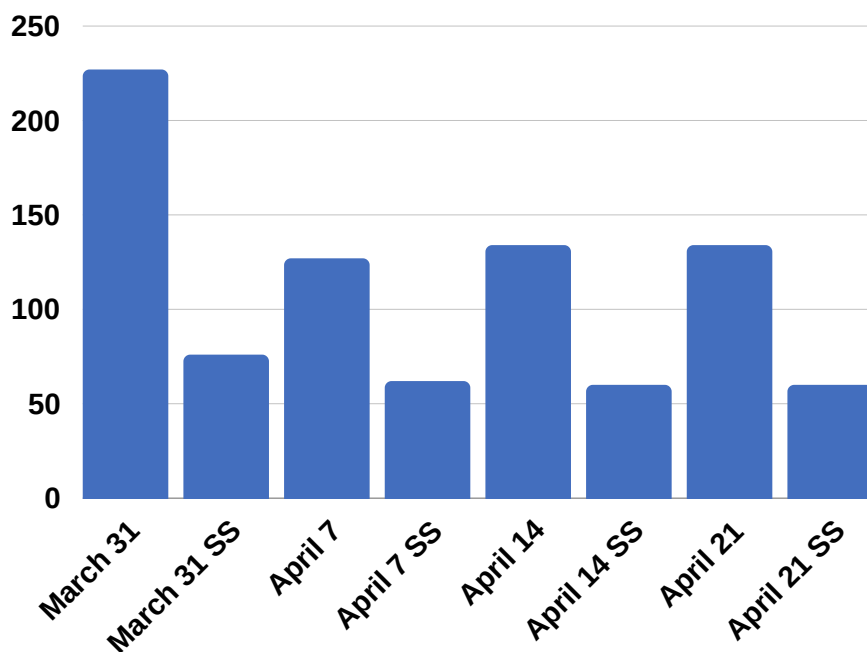
***Boxes and Monetary
Donations for Food Drive**

***Missionary Gifts**

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
May 5	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Rhonda Kilgore
May 12	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker
May 19	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
May 26	Laura Sparks	Brenda Chapman	Judy Young

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Hollie Martin
May 2	Jolynn Green
May 5	Davis Powell
May 8	Brenda Chapman
May 8	Ken Vance
May 14	Mary Holcomb
May 17	Peggy Bailey
May 20	James Greeson
May 21	Ross Burger
May 21	Ragan Elrod
May 25	Ronnie Henderson
May 25	Calvin Burger
May 28	Terry Walls
May 30	Malissa Steele