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# APRIL 2025



## A Letter From the Pastor

Easter is a proclamation of transformation. Easter proclaims that death has been transformed into life. Crucifixion was transformed into resurrection and salvation offered to all people. The destruction of the Son of God was transformed into the exaltation of the Son of God. Cruelty was transformed into blessing. The world's most terrible act of evil was transformed into the very means of our salvation. What an amazing God of transforming possibilities we serve!

Easter is also a proclamation of transformation in our lives. Easter proclaims there is no evil that cannot be overcome. Sinners can be transformed into forgiven saints. Bad habits and destructive behaviors can be transformed into testimonies of the power of God to deliver from sin. Selfish, bitter people can be transformed into people of amazing, sacrificial love. Those with weak faith or no faith can be transformed into bold, courageous witnesses for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whatever you may be right now and whatever struggles you may have right now (addicted to sin, lukewarm in your faith, unforgiveness and bitterness in your heart) the One who transformed crucifixion Friday into resurrection Sunday can transform you.

As we draw nearer to Easter, what transformation are you hoping for and praying for?

Are you surrendering daily to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in your life to be made new in Christ?

What Easter proclamation is your life proclaiming?

May the transformation happening in you and us as a community proclaim the glory of the transforming power of our God.

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*

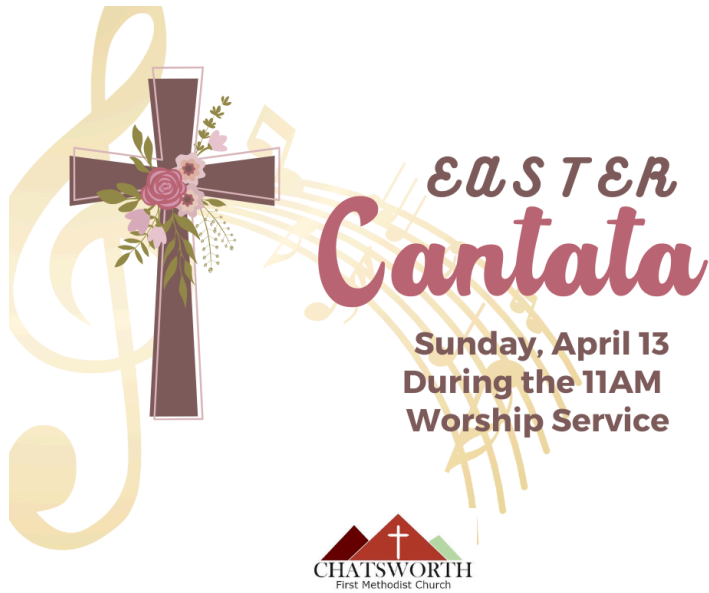
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Apr. 6	Galatians 2:19-21	Altar'd: Surrender Past for Freedom
Apr. 13	Matthew 5:23-24	Altar'd: Surrender Pain or Restoration
Apr. 20	Matthew 28:1-7	Altar'd: From Cross to Empty Grave
Apr. 27	Acts 7	The Life of Paul: Enemy of Christ



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29	Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast
April 8	Methodist Women Trip
April 9	Children's Ministry Program
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt
April 13	Palm Sunday/Easter Cantata
April 13	Youth Cookoff Comp
April 17	Holy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 23	Children's Ministry Program
April 23	Methodist Metn Breakfast Meeting
April 27	Pastor's Wife Appreciation
May 4	Youth Nachos and Fun
May 11	Mother's Day
May 18	Graduation Sunday Meal
May 23	Youth Lunch Super Burrito
May 26	Memorial Day (Office Closed)







# MINISTRIES

We want to say  
*Thank You*  
*Pastor's Wife*  
*Appreciation*  
*Fellowship Meal*

Sunday, April 27  
following the 11AM  
service



*Midweek Kids*  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

*April 9*  
**Easter Games/Crafts**  
Short lesson on Jesus's Resurrection

*April 23*  
**Fruit (of the Spirit) Night**  
Short lesson on Galatians 5:22-25



**GUYS VS GIRLS**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH  
6-8PM

YOUTH COOKOFF



Petting Zoo with Kangaroo  
Cotton Candy  
Games  
Inflatables  
Popcorn

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH  
2:00 - 4:00PM  
CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



*Easter Lilies*

LILY ORDER FORMS  
WILL BE AT EACH  
ENTRANCE  
DEADLINE APRIL 6

PRICE: \$15



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





# MINISTRIES



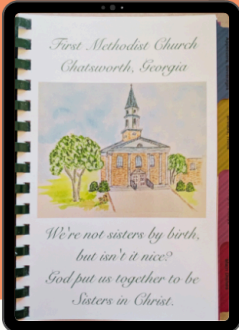
## Mother's Day

All women in our worship services on Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, will receive a box of assorted cookies as a gift.



## Methodist Women

Tuesday, April 8  
10:40 AM  
Contact Paula Catoe  
Barnsley Gardens  
Woodland Grill




## SISTERS IN CHRIST COOKBOOK

On Sale NOW \$25

Purchase through any member of the Sisters In Christ Class.


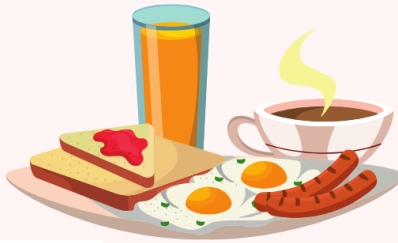
A Taste of Home and Community! The cookbook's beautiful cover, hand-drawn and painted by Betty Jo Breeden and Laura Sparks, features a lovely depiction of our church, capturing the spirit of fellowship that makes our church so special.

*Get Your Copy While They Last*



## Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 27 @ 8:00 AM



## SPECIAL GIFTS

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WERE GIVEN TO THE PRESCHOOL IN HONOR OF MARY MARGARET HOWARD AND HER CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS AS PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR.

DAN & NANCY LONG  
TROY & CHERYL OWENS

## SCOUTING AMERICA



### 2025 CAMP CARDS

AVAILABLE NOW FOR \$10

★★★★★

The card includes 1 time deals as well as repeat discounts including: \$5 Ingles & ACE Hardware  
25% off Taco Roble  
10% off Little Rome, Red-eyed Rooster coffee, & Waffle House  
And many more!





# MINISTRIES



For our April Roadrunner's trip we will leave the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 29 with Chattanooga, Tennessee as our destination. We will stop first for lunch at McAllister's Deli on Battlefield Parkway. This restaurant features hand-crafted sandwiches, fresh salads, ginormous spuds, and famous sweet tea. After lunch we will have a short drive to the Barn Nursery. Spring is in full swing and it is time to 'Go play in the dirt' as one of the Barn Nursery commercials states. Our group has made this an annual trip and it is very popular. We will have a pick-up truck follow us so you can purchase all your planting needs.

Cost for this trip will be gas to refill the bus and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for your own lunch and Barn Nursery purchases.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, April 20 if you plan to go. Remember, everyone is a Roadrunner and all are welcome to participate if there is room on the bus. To keep the trips as economical as possible, we will cancel any 2025 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.

For our May Roadrunner's trip we will leave the church at 8:00AM when the conductor shouts, 'All Aboard' for our scenic train trip. Delano, Tennessee will be our destination for the Tennessee Valley Railroad's Copper Hill Special. This ride will be diesel powered and follow the scenic Hiawassee River from Delano all the way to Copper Hill, Tennessee while going around the famous Hiawassee Loop. Witness this incredible railway marvel near Farner, Tennessee, where the tracks intriguingly cross over themselves as they spiral up the mountain. Notably, there are only six such loops in North America, with this one being the sole example east of the Mississippi River. Copper Hill is located on the Georgia state line (it actually runs right through the middle of town and is painted blue). We will be seated in the traditional coach seats. The train will have about a 90-minute layover so you can eat lunch, shop, and explore the town before the return trip. The train leaves at 9:30 and returns about 5:30. Tickets cost \$80.00 for adults and \$50.00 for children 12 years old or younger and must be ordered in advance (tickets are non-refundable).

Cost for this trip will be the cost of your train tickets, gas to refill the bus, and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for your own lunch and other purchases. Please call or text Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 if you have any questions.

Please get your check to Deborah Yarbrough by Sunday, April 27 to ride the train with us! Remember, everyone is a Roadrunner and all are welcome to participate if there is room on the bus. To keep the trips as economical as possible, we will cancel any 2025 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.





# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Mary Ann Black's Brother** (Glenn Lassiter) – Diagnosed with Kidney & Liver Cancer. He went for a biopsy to determine the course of treatment. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Debby Edwards** – is having shoulder replacement surgery on March 28.

**James Greeson** – Recovering well from surgery on his gums to remove cancer.

**Emma Kate Woods** (Ruth Woods) – Emma Kate is now in Guatemala on a mission trip for the week. Prayers for safe travel and a fruitful trip are appreciated.

**Barbara Grider**– is having hiatal hernia surgery on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her surgery and recovery.

**Ballew Family**– Rev. Nathan (who was recently a guest preacher at our church and we gave toward the church he is planting), Sarah, and Wesley Ballew have welcomed newborn baby Phoebe Yvette Ballew into their family. Phoebe was born in Albany, GA on February 19 at 30 weeks 6 days. She weighs only 2lbs 9oz and will be in the NICU for a while. Please pray for her to be healthy and grow. Pray for the Ballew Family as they lovingly adopt this precious child.

**Mickey Henshaw** (Melissa Sneads) – recovering well from a stroke, and expecting a full recovery.

**Ms. Irene Carter** (Dave Robinson) = Requested Prayers.

**Dickie Barnes & Wife** (Melodie Burger) Dickie is undergoing radiation infusions in Arizona. They have been there since January.

**Scott Rainey** (Roger Rainey)– Roger's brother had heart valve replacement surgery. Please pray specifically for his recovery.

**Gary Green**– continues to receive treatment on a wound on his toe. Please pray for him.

**Bonnie Williams** (Amy Williams' sister/Melissa Sneads' niece) as she undergoes hip replacement surgery. Please pray for her recovery.

## Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

**Roy Walls** (Terry Walls' dad) Please pray for the family.

**David Loughridge** – Please pray for the family.

**Nat Hansford** (Francis Fincher Hansford's Husband) Please pray for the family.

**Helen Clackum** (Julie Arp's Nana) Please pray for the family.

**Kenny Jones** (Haley Payne's Grandfather) Please pray for peace and comfort for all the family.

**Sandra SantAngelo** (Bill SantAngelo's wife) Please pray for comfort for the family.

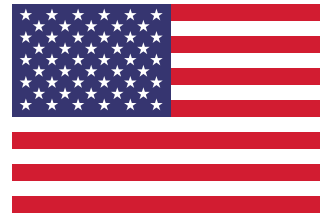
*Dear Church Family,*

Thank you so much for the lovely celebration of my tenure at Preschool. I certainly felt appreciated and loved, and will remember it always. The Preschool wouldn't be in operation today without the prayers and support of the church for many years. It has been such a privilege to have a job that brings me so much joy.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts, and the wonderful hugs and warm wishes. The reception was so nice, and I do appreciate all the hard work that went into it. Pretty decorations, yummy food, and dear friends, made for a very special day for myself and Daniel.

I am blessed beyond measure to be a part of the Chatsworth First Methodist family. I can't imagine my life without you all.

Much Love,  
Mary Margaret



**Please remember all of our  
active military members.**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Flowers for the Sanctuary

March 30	Jackie Edwards
April 6	Paula Catoe
April 13	Ruth Woods
April 20	Easter Lilies
April 27	OPEN
May 4	Barbara Grider
May 11	James Greeson

**Stewardship**  
**Operations (As of 3/23/2025)**  
**MTD - 35,096.50**  
**YTD - 78,165.65**

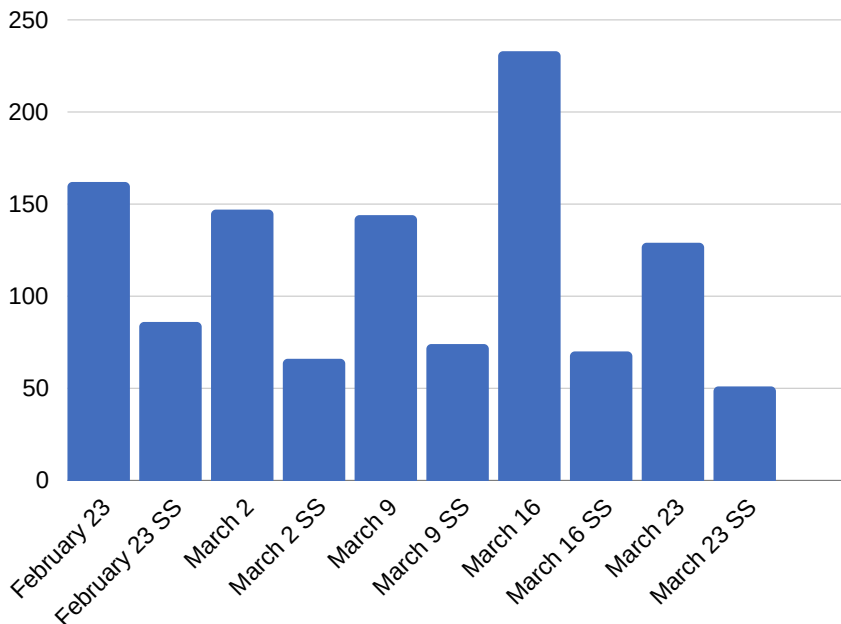
## Giving Opportunities

**Saturday Sacks**  
**Murray County Next Step**  
**GMC Church Plant in Buckhead**

## **Nursery Schedule**

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Apr. 6	Shawn Davis	Brenda Chapman	Cassidy Powell
Apr. 13	Nursery Worker for Cantata	Nursery Worker for Cantata	Nursery Worker for Cantata
Apr. 20	Nursery Worker for Easter Sunday	Nursery Worker for Easter Sunday	Nursery Worker for Easter Sunday
Apr. 27	Laura Sparks	Sara Lyles	Rhonda Kilgore

## **Attendance**



## **BIRTHDAYS**

April 9	Dick Niggley
April 10	Julius Weyman
April 12	Deborah Ausmus
April 12	Barry Brooks
April 12	Will Powell
April 13	Tom Starnes
April 14	Dian Green
April 15	Alan Kendrick
April 15	Lesley Herndon
April 16	Malia Schmidt
April 18	Mitchell Long
April 20	Debbie Vance
April 24	Cathy Cochran
April 26	Dale Lowman
April 28	Vivian Duvall
April 29	Brenda Jones
April 30	Sam Powell



# MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	Kings Clothesline	Roy Walls
Ted & Deborah Yarborough	Saturday Sacks	Reba Jones
Ted & Deborah Yarborough	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Ted & Deborah Yarborough	Saturday Sacks	Roy Walls
Melissa Sneads	Kings Clothesline	Roy Walls
Melissa Sneads	Fincher Family Life Center	Nat Hansford
Beverly Springfield	Operations	Tom Peeples
Milford Bennett	Music Ministry	Roy Walls
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Roy Walls
Steve and Lisa Loughridge	Saturday Sacks	Roy Walls
Rachel Ridley	Preschool	Roy Walls
Frank Ward	The Academy	Roy Walls
Ray & Paula Catoe	Music Ministry	Roy Walls
Ray & Paula Catoe	Music Ministry	Marilyn Bennett
Ray & Paula Catoe	Preschool	David Loughridge
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Roy Walls
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Roy Walls
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	David Loughridge
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Helen Clackum
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Nat Hansford
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Roy Wells
Melissa Sneads	Youth Fund	Helen Clackum
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Nat Hansford
Bill & Jolynn Green	Chancel Choir	Roy Wells
Bill & Jolynn Green	Chancel Choir	Mrs. Clackum
Vivian Duvall	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	The Academy	Mrs. Clackum
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	David Loughridge
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Sandra Santangelo
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Helen Clackum