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AUGUST 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

God is more concerned with our holiness than we are. In a culture that often prioritizes happiness, comfort, and personal success, it is tempting to begin to think that God is most interested in making our lives easier. However, scripture repeatedly reveals a deeper priority in God's heart: our holiness. 1 Peter 1:15-16 says, "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" Similarly, Romans 12:1 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

God's desire for our holiness is not about harsh demands or following laws for the sake of following laws. Holiness is about transformation. God calls us to place our faith in Him AND to also become like Him. Real faith produces holiness. Holiness is about moral behavior and about being set apart to reflect God's character in a dark and corrupt world.

We too often pursue what feels good in the moment while God is far more interested in working on making us holy by forming us into the image of Jesus Christ. And our pursuit of what feels good likely hinders our holiness. God loves us too much to leave us unchanged. He sees the image of Christ being formed in us and is more dedicated to that process than we often are.

When our focus is on comfort rather than holiness, we may resist hardship or discipline, but as Hebrews 12:10 tells us, "God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness." God is more committed to shaping our hearts than we are comfortable with. Why? Because He knows the joy, peace, and freedom that come from walking in holiness, which is far greater than anything sin can offer. Are you sacrificing holiness for the sake of comfort? How might God be using your current circumstances to shape your character?

We willingly commit ourselves to the pursuit of many things, but will we commit ourselves to what matters most? Will you commit yourself to the pursuit of holiness?

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
Aug 3	Romans 2:1-16	Righteous Judgement
Aug 10	Romans 2:17-29	Righteous Obedience
Aug 17	1 Peter 1:1-9	Faith of Greater Worth Than Gold
Aug 24	John 15:1-8	*Mandy Leford* The Power of Abiding in the Vine
Aug 31	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus Cast out a Demon



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3	Youth Swimming & Lunch
August 12	Methodist Women
August 14	Preschool & The Academy Open House
August 17	Youth Lunch and Nooga Splash
August 17	Methodist Men's Breakfast
August 24	Youth Out to Eat and Night of Prayer
August 24	Children's Ministry S'mores and More
August 27	Women's Bible Study Begins
September 1	Labor Day
September 2	First Day of School for The Academy
September 7	Youth Lunch & Swimming
September 8	First Day of School for The Preschool
September 9	Methodist Women Meeting
September 10	Wednesday Night Programs Begin
September 21	Homecoming Service @ 10:30AM
October 14	Methodist Women's Fall Outing
October 26	Pastor Appreciation Lunch



It is that time of the year for our annual Homecoming! Please join us for a delicious covered dish meal on September 21 after the morning worship service. The Family Life Committee will be providing chicken, rolls, and drinks. Please bring your favorite sides and desserts to complement the meal.



MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry
S'MORES & MORE

August 24th

2:30-4:00PM
ACTIVITIES
Arts & Crafts | Games
Dance & Music | Story Telling



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

MEETS EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY @ 6PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10



PRESCHOOL PRAYER PARTNERS


Please consider making the commitment to pray for a preschooler and their family throughout the school year. If you would like to be a Preschool Prayer Partner, please contact Sandy Griffin or Pastor Graham.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

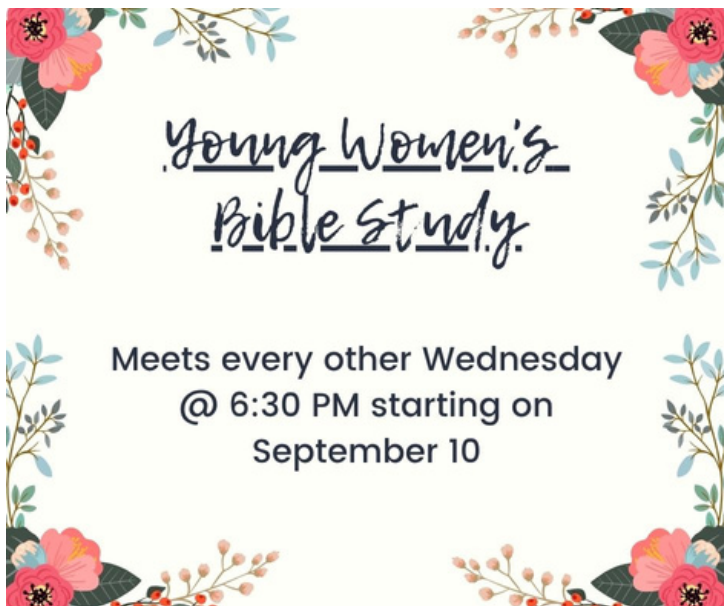


Informational Planning Meeting for anyone interested in Sunday afternoon Adult Bible Study.
Sunday, August 10th @ 2:00 PM



Young Women's Bible Study

Meets every other Wednesday
@ 6:30 PM starting on
September 10




WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight"
by Jennifer Rothschild

In this 7-session video-based study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She will separate what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses.

Meets every other Tuesday @ 6:30 PM Beginning August 27

Book Cost: \$25





MINISTRIES

United Youth
AUGUST FUN

August 3rd
Swimming & Lunch

August 17th
Lunch and Nooga Splash

August 24th
Out to Eat and Night of Prayer

CHATSWORTH
First Methodist Church

Youth Summer

OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

CFMC YOUTH HAS SEVERAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED THIS SUMMER, INCLUDING CAMP. IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS THESE EVENTS FOR OUR YOUTH!

CeCe Winans • Scott Dawson • Tim Timberlake • Shane Pruitt • Preston Perry • Hulvey • STS Worship • More to Come!

LEADING A GENERATION TO Jesus

STS Conference 2026

As we are preparing and looking ahead to Strength to Stand Conference 2026, we will save \$10 per student if we register our group by the end of August!

Youth 6th-12th grade, please let Ms. Mandy know by Sunday, Aug. 10th, if you are interested in attending the 2026 Strength to Stand Conference.



MINISTRIES

ROADRUNNERS TRIP TUE. AUGUST 19TH

9 AM - 6PM

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, August 10 if you plan to go.

Georgia
Aquarium



Since it is usually hot during August, we have decided to hit the water! Well, sort of. We will be going to the indoor and air-conditioned Georgia Aquarium to see the FISH SWIM IN THE WATER! We will get to see African Penguins, Beluga Whales, California Sea Lions, Bottlenose Dolphins, Tiger Sharks, and more in the aquarium's many tanks and habitat displays. The Atlanta Aquarium is top-rated in the southeastern US. We will eat lunch prior to going into the aquarium.

Cost for this trip will be \$56.00 aquarium admission, your portion of a \$25.00 parking fee, gas to refill the bus and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for your own lunch.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, August 10 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.

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 17 @ 8:00 AM



Methodist Women

August 12
@ 11AM

Knitting Group will meet @ 10AM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSAL

We welcome anyone who would like to join us in the choir! It is a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we prepare to sing of the joy and blessing of the birth of Jesus!

This year our Cantata will be titled:
A Child Is Born.....All Is Well

Sunday Evenings 5 PM
Beginning September 7th



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

T-SHIRT DONATION

We are looking for old CFUMC/CFMC t-shirts to be donated and used for a patchwork window covering.

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Calvin Burger (Melodie Burger) – pray for his recovery. He had a 70% blockage, and a stent was placed.

Julie Mulkey (Melissa Sneads) fell and broke her ankle. She is in a lot of pain.

Billy Skidmore (Jane Mason) he's in hospital with bacterial infection & has only 2% kidney function.

Rachel Ridley (Melissa Sneads) fell and injured her fingers, back, and neck.

Mrs. Diane Stinnett – Passing of Gary

Ms. Irene Carter (Dave Robinson) – COPD

Ms. Virginia Summey (Dave Robinson) – Hip Replacement

Ms. Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) – Bone Marrow Cancer

Scott Rainey (Roger Rainey)– Roger's brother is still not doing well. Several health complications. He will begin hospice for extra support and care at home.

Linda Barbee (Melissa Sneads) continue praying for health concerns. Needs rotator cuff surgery.

JB Butler (Melissa Sneads) stomach cancer has returned, and he has decided not to do treatments.

Paul Schuler (Susan Williams) is continuing therapy for Trigeminal neuralgia, aka suicide disease, due to the intense and unrelenting pain.

Tammie Henderson (Melissa Sneads) at home and improving.

Betty Peeples (Ruth Woods) fell and broke her leg (femur) on the leg she had knee replacement.

Karen Hudson Cox (Melissa Sneads) Please pray for recovery from breast cancer surgery and treatment moving forward.

Jeff Davis (Shawn David) – Undergoing testing and bloodwork. Continued health concerns. Please pray for answers and healing.

Michael Chaffe (Shannon and Hugh Eighmie's brother-in-law) diagnosed with stage 4 rectal cancer.

Gage Southerland (Melissa Sneads' great-nephew) continue to pray for immunotherapy treatments.

Destiny Cronan and her newborn, Ellie (Jane Mason) Destiny had to undergo a C-section at 24 weeks due to complications. Destiny is doing better, but her baby, Ellie, only weighs one pound. Ellie is doing well so far, which is a miracle, so please pray that she continues to grow and thrive.

Joyce Craft– ongoing health issues including issues with dizziness.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Bones Walston – Please pray for Steve Hawkins and the Walston family.

Kenneth & Steven Pulliam – Please pray for the family and loss of two family members.

Bobby Ethridge – Please pray for Pam Ethridge and the family.

Betty Brooks – Please pray Barry Brooks' family as they grieve his mother.

Doug Payne – Please pray for Robert Kilgore and family as they grieve his brother.



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship

Operations (As of 7/27/2025)

MTD - 21,265.80

YTD - 189,289.40

Flowers for the Sanctuary

August 3	James Adams
August 10	Rachel Ridley
August 17	Tammie Henderson
August 24	James Greeson
August 31	Charlie & Kate Pannell

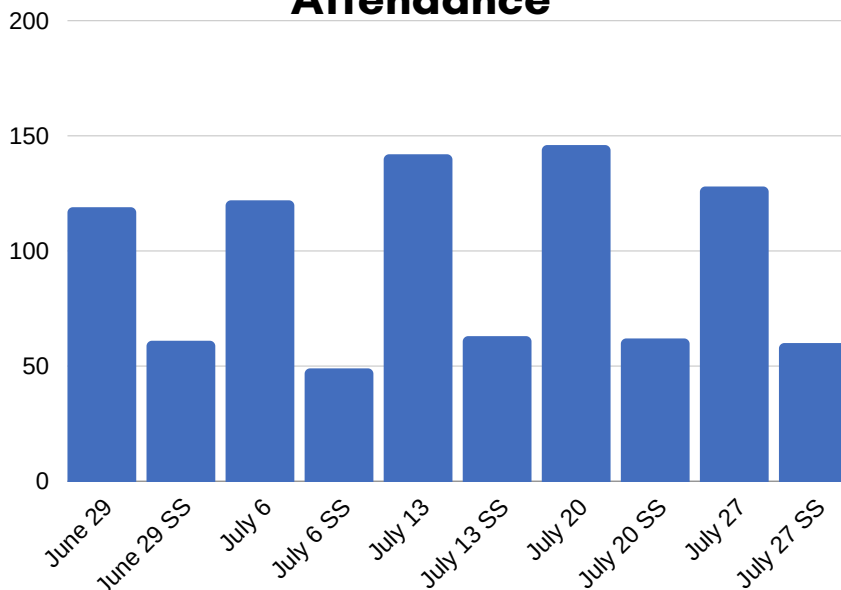
Giving Opportunities

Nigerian Initiatives
Murray County Next Step
Pastor Charles/Belize Lunches

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Aug 3	Help Needed	Brenda Chapman	Sara Lyles
Aug 10	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Anna Holcomb
Aug 17	Laura Sparks	Mary Ann Black	Sandy Griffin
Aug 24	Help Needed	Christie Rainey	Help Needed
Aug 31	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Frank Ward
August 2	Ted Yarbrough
August 3	Matthew Butler
August 4	Amy Burger
August 4	Haley Payne
August 7	Rhett Griffin
August 8	Ellie Lyles
August 12	Debbie Adams
August 13	Amy Petty
August 13	Cynthia Flanigan
August 15	Thomas Petty
August 17	Ray Catoe
August 17	Lou Burchfield
August 19	Rachel Schmidt
August 19	Josiah Arp
August 20	Denise Pugh
August 22	Jere Weyman
August 24	Luke Lyles
August 25	Graham Arp
August 27	Debbie Hahn
August 31	Judy Young



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Bill & Jolynn Green	Relay for Life	Billy Townsend
Bill & Jolynn Green	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Bill & Jolynn Green	Relay for Life	Doug Payne
Ralph Ausmus	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Youth Fund	Jeanette Weems
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Youth Fund	Billy Townsend
Melissa Sneads	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
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Terry & Lou Walls	King's Closet	Cole Campbell
Ralph Ausmus	Saturday Sacks	Pat, David, Earl A
Barbara Grider	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	The Academy	Betty Brooks
Allen & Kelli Kendrick	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Roger & Christy Rainey	Relay for Life	Betty Brooks
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Rodney Ford
Brenda Jones	Relay for Life	Tammie Henderson
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Roy Walls
Wayne McDaniel	Saturday Sacks	Billy Townsend
Wayne McDaniel	The Academy	David Loughridge
Wayne McDaniel	The Academy	Nat Hansford