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August 2024



A Letter From the Pastor

We are living in one of the craziest times in US history. There was an assassination attempt on a former president and current presidential candidate. Then, due to the failures of the Secret Service and the lack of explanation for those failures, the Secret Service director resigned in disgrace. Then, the current president and presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party withdrew his bid for reelection. Therefore, the Democratic Party will have a nominee other than the person selected through primaries and caucuses. These events have the potential to lead to even more chaos in the weeks ahead. These are crazy times in US politics. So, what are we as Christians to do? How should we respond?

The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are chosen people and we are set apart as a holy nation, God's special possession. We are also a royal priesthood. What does that mean?

The term priest refers to the role of mediator or intercessor. The role of priest is to stand between God and people. Jesus is the high priest, and we are members of the priesthood. We are all serving as priests in that we are mediating between God and people. It is our responsibility to petition God for mercy and grace for the people. Rather than lament the state of things, rather than condemn the world around us, rather than simply being a bystander, rather than diving with reckless abandon into the chaos and divide, we are given the high responsibility of interceding on behalf of this nation and simultaneously proclaiming the praises of him who called us out of darkness and into marvelous light.

So, in response to all these troubling things in our country, fulfill your priestly role as a member of the royal priesthood by interceding through prayer for our beloved country, and by proclaiming the praises 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
August 4	Philippians 1:12-26	The Advance of the Gospel
August 11		***Guest Preacher Mandy Ledford***
August 18	Ruth 1-2	The Beauty of God's Grace Found in Tragedy
August 25	Ruth 3-4	God Writes the Best Stories

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Matthew & Sheila Butler

Jeff & Lisa Hughes

Kenny & Denise Pugh

Wesley & Lesley Herndon



HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30AM Worship Service

Covered Dish Lunch to Follow



You are invited to join us for our homecoming service! This year's Homecoming will celebrate the legacy of Senator and Mrs. Fincher and the important role they played in our church. The service will also feature special musical guest Mizpah Methodist Women's Trio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1	Preschool Open House
August 4	Youth Swimming at the Pannell's
August 8	The Academy Open House
August 11	Youth Pickleball & Bible Study
August 13	CFMW Meeting @ 11AM
August 18	Youth Relay Games/Bible Study
August 25	Youth to 'NOOGA Splash
August 27	Women's Bible Study Begins
August 29	Sheila Rich's King's Clothesline OPEN
September 2	Labor Day
September 3	First Day of The Academy
September 8	Homecoming
September 9	First Day of Preschool/Kindergarten
September 11	Handbell Practices Begin
October 9	Columbus Day
October 19	Methodist Men's BBQ
October 27	Pastor Appreciation Lunch

The Family Life Committee will provide chicken and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts.

School Supply Drive

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR MURRAY COUNTY PRE-K CENTER

Through August we will be collecting school supplies. See the below list of supplies needed. Donations can be dropped off at either entry foyer on Sunday or during office hours during the week.

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils	Glue sticks (Elmer's brand)
Crayola Markers (broad line)	Crayola crayons 24 count box
One-subject spiral notebook	11/2 inch binder
Child scissors	Dry erase markers
Ziplock bags (gallon & sandwich)	Kleenex boxes
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Hand soap	Hand sanitizer
Lysol spray	Playdough (Play-Doh brand)
Clorox/Lysol wipes	





MINISTRIES


Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

7-SESSION BIBLE STUDY WITH VIDEO ACCESS

PRISCILLA SHIRER

The Armor of God




VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED

Women are invited to a video-based Bible study

Begins Tuesday, August 27

Meets every other Tuesday at 6:30pm until November 19

Book Cost: \$25



All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you – unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Join us for this 7-session Bible Study! Contact the church office or text Christie Rainey at 706-581-8563 to order your book by August 20th.

Youth

2024 Youth SUMMER EVENTS



Sign Up

Sun. Aug. 4 6:00-8:00pm
Swimming @The Pannell's House

Sun. Aug. 11 6:00-8:00pm Bible Study & Indoor Pickle Ball @FMC Gym

Sun. Aug. 18 6:00-8:00pm Bible Study & Relay Games/Activities @FMC Gym

Sun. Aug 25 Leave right after 11am Church: Go to 'NOOGA SPLASH' (Cost: \$20+lunch/ice cream) Return to the Church: 7:00pm

More Info: Text Mandy 706-537-2185

UNITED Youth to 'Nooga Splash



Sunday, August 25 following 11AM service

Cost: \$20 plus money for food & ice cream.

Return time: 7pm

Questions? Text Mandy 706-537-2185



Chatsworth First Methodist Women



Chatsworth First Methodist Women Meeting

Tuesday, August 13 @ 11 AM
in the Fellowship Classroom

****The Knitting Group will meet @ 10 AM in the Fellowship Classroom**

Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 28TH - WACKY WATER GAME NIGHT (6:30-8:00)

JULY 28TH-AUGUST 11TH: SPECIAL SUMMER CURRICULUM "POOL PARTY" DURING CHILDRENS CHURCH (11 AM SERVICE)

AUGUST 11TH - SPLASH PAD CELEBRATION (FREE ADMISSION) 4:00-5:00 PM

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "CFMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY" FOR MORE UPDATES AND EVENTS

CONTACT RACHEL JORDAN WITH ANY QUESTIONS (404) 433-0517 OR CHILDRENS_DIRECTOR@CHATFUMC.ORG



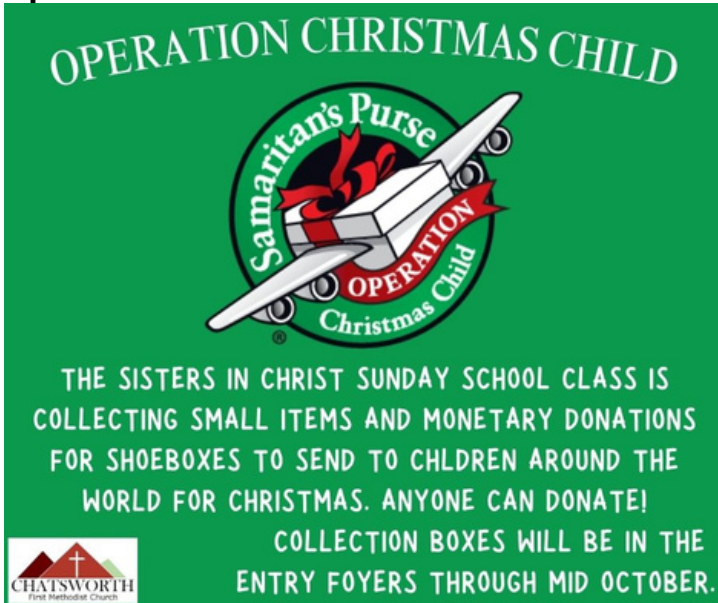


MINISTRIES

King's Clothesline Clothing Closet



Operation Christmas Child



The Sisters in Christ Sunday School Class will again be collecting items to include in shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Collection boxes will be at both entrances to the sanctuary for you to drop off donations through mid October. Suggested items include: puzzles, Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, small toys, games, coloring books, crayons, children's underwear, boys flip flops, tooth brushes, and washcloths. Remember that these should be able to fit in a shoebox. Thank you so much for your help as we do this project. Monetary donations may also be made to the church with a note on the check for shoebox project.

Chatsworth First Methodist Men



Preschool Prayer Partners



Prayer Over Upcoming School Year





PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie (Lynn Lowman's niece) is expecting in September. The baby has a heart problem called Hypo plastic left heart syndrome, a condition where the left ventricle does not develop properly. Multiple surgeries are expected after birth.

Carolyn Brayfield (Judy Young's mama) recovery from recent fall.

Jim Flanigan (Cynthia Flanigan)- Jim is in the hospital in critical condition.

Janice Harris- is going through radiation treatments.

Geneva King (Lisa Hughes)- Jeff Hughes's aunt recovering from blood clot issues.

Lynn Lowman- dealing with abdominal pain

William Miller - has brain cancer. Had 100% of two tumors removed. Undergoing chemo & radiation.

Steven Miracle (Melissa Sneads) underwent cancer removal surgery and is now cancer free.

Cheryl Owens - recovery from surgery on a hand injury

Cindy Peeples (Ruth Woods) was released from the hospital but continued to get worse. She is now in Redmond ICU unit. Pray for wisdom of the doctors and for God's healing touch

Keith Tilque (Ophelia Hall's nephew) is responding to and improving from treatments.

Lindia Walston (Melissa Sneads) is recovering from back surgery. Please pray for a complete healing.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of Tom Martin, as they mourn his passing.



Please remember all of our active military members.



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
James Adams	Memorial Fund	Reginald Craft
James Adams	Memorial Fund	Mildred Ingle
Ausmus, Ralph	Saturday Sacks	Ausmus, Pat, David, & Earl
Black, Bill & Mary Ann	The Academy	Martin, Tom
Brooks, Barry & Susan	Relay for Life	Martin, Tom
Catoe, Ray & Paula	Saturday Sacks	Martin, Tom
Grider, Barbara	Saturday Sacks	Craft, Reginald
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Haynie, Charles & Anne	Memorial Fund	Martin, Tom
Henderson, Jeffrey	Preschool	Martin, Tom
Henderson, Tammie	King's Clothesline	Martin, Tom
Robertson, Linda	Memorial Fund	Martin, Thomas
Sneads, Melissa	Landscaping	Craft, Reginald
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Weyman, Julius & Cindy	Sound System	Martin, Tom
Woods, Ruth	Children's Ministry	Martin, Tom



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

August 4	James Adams
August 11	Linda Smith
August 18	Tammie Henderson
August 25	James Greeson
September 1	Kate & Charlie Pannell
September 8	The Finchers
September 15	Kathy Ballew
September 22	Susan Gray
September 29	Jere Weyman

Stewardship

Operations (As of 7/25/2024)

MTD-\$20,136.25

YTD-\$219,948

Giving Opportunities

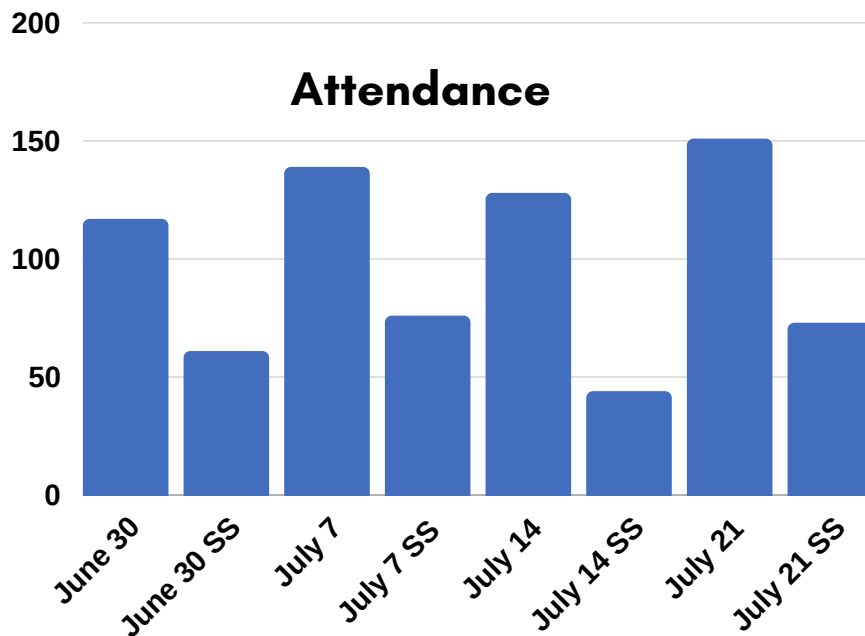
Saturday Sacks

Good Samaritan Fund

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Aug. 4	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Rhonda Kilgore
Aug. 11	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Deborah Yarbrough
Aug. 18	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Aug. 25	Laura Sparks	Brenda Chapman	Haley Payne

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

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