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FEBRUARY 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

An unguarded treasure is likely to be taken. As a child, I learned this lesson the hard way. When I was in 5th grade my bicycle was one of my prized possessions. I rode it most days. I always left it parked in the backyard, which was pretty open and visible from most streets. I did not lock it up or secure it in any way. One morning I woke up to find that my bicycle, something I treasured, was gone. I did not properly guard or secure it, and I lost it. Someone had taken it and there was nothing I could do. From then on, I used a chain to lock up my next bicycle. I learned not to be careless with things that I value.

Scripture instructs us to: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." (Proverbs 4:23) We are instructed to guard our hearts as if they are treasures. Your heart is your treasure, and it is also the treasure you present to God. Therefore, it is essential to intentionally guard your heart each and every day. It is too dangerous to let your guard down. Yet I fear we often do.

I suspect the average American Christian does a nominal job at best filling his heart with the righteous things of the Lord and of guarding his heart from corrupting things that damage his faith and soul. We can sometimes have a false sense of security, as if no danger exists. We can become too trusting of our environment and the forces around us. Above guarding our hearts we can prioritize fitting in, not missing out on what others are doing, and indulging in pleasures. We let our guard down because we do not want confrontation or because we want to enjoy the same kind of entertainment as others. When you let your guard down, your heart is just as vulnerable as my bicycle was.

The way to guard your heart is to not only avoid things that would corrupt it, but also by submitting to God's protection by prayer and scripture reading. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7) May you always guard your heart as a valuable, yet vulnerable, treasure to give to the Lord.

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

Upcoming Sermons



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Feb. 2	1 Cor. 11:23-26, Rom. 6:1-14	Core Christianity: Sacraments
Feb. 9	John 17	Core Christianity: Prayer
Feb. 16		*Guest Preacher Mandy Ledford*
Feb. 23	1 John 1	Core Christianity: Apostles Creed

Valentine's Luncheon & Cake Auction Fundraiser for Relay for Life Team

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FOLLOWING THE 11AM SERVICE

PORK TENDERLOIN, TWICE BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, BROWNIES, TEA, AND LEMONADE

WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL DESSERT AUCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM. WE NEED DONATIONS OF HOMEMADE CAKES, PIES, AND COOKIES FOR THE AUCTION.

Thank You, from Pastor Charles!

WOW, BARBRA AND I ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO OUR CHATSWORTH FMC FAMILY FOR THIS SUPPORT. LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW GOD GAVE US 2024 AS OUR FIRST YEAR OF SMOOTH-SAILING WITH THE STUDENTS FEEDING PROGRAM. GOD USED CHATSWORTH FMC TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THIS MINISTRY WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR THE FIRST TIME THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, IN 2025 JUST LAST WEEK WE HAD ALREADY STARTED ENCOUNTERING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES. SO AS I SHARED THESE NEEDS WITH BARBRA, SHE TOLD ME TO "TRUST THE LORD" AND SHE REMINDED ME HOW THE LORD PROVIDED FOR THIS SAME MINISTRY IN 2024. AND WE PRAYED ABOUT IT TOGETHER, PROBABLY OUR PRAYERS WERE NOT EVEN LONG ENOUGH OR ELOQUENT ENOUGH TO MERIT THIS DONATION, GOD HAD ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IT BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED WORRYING ABOUT IT. WHAT A MIGHTY AND GRACIOUS GOD WE SERVE. PLEASE, CONVEY OUR GRATITUDE TO PASTOR GRAHAM AND THE ENTIRE CHATSWORTH FMC FAMILY FROM THE DEPTH OF OUR HEARTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1	Global Methodist Ignite Event
February 9	Methodist Men Meeting
February 9	Valentine's Lunch
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	President's Day
February 18	Youth Winter Outing
February 23	Scout Sunday
March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 9	First Sunday in Lent
March 9	Daylight Savings
March 12	Wednesday Night Programming
March 16	Youth Sunday Funday
March 26	Wednesday Night Programming
April 9	Wednesday Night Programming
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 13	Youth Cookoff
April 17	Holy Thursday

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH GEORGIA

IGNITE

SPREADING SCRIPTURAL
HOLINESS ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA

The North Georgia Conference of the Global Methodist Church is offering a conference-wide event to IGNITE local churches to live according to the vision of the Global Methodist Church. David Watson is leading in exploring scriptural holiness and how we can learn to spread it in our communities. Lunch is included with your registration.

Register and get more info at ngagmc.org/ignite
Saturday, February 1st 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Church on the Hill, Sugar Hill, GA



MINISTRIES

Midweek Kids
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Jan. 29th
Minute to Win It Night
Short lesson on Philippians 3: 12-16

Feb. 12
Valentines Games/Crafts
Short lesson on 1 John 4:14

Feb. 26
Cars Movie Clip/Devotional/Game
Gospel According to Cars John 15:12-17

March 12
Glow Night
Short lesson on Matthew 5:16

March 26
Scavenger Hunt
Short lesson on 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER

Pastor Graham will be leading a Bible Study every other Wednesday night at 6:30pm beginning on January 29.

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NEW WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Trustworthy

Study 1 & 2 Kings to learn how to truly trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God.

BEGINS JANUARY 29
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 P.M.

HOSTED @ CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
INTERESTED? CONTACT MOLLY LOUGHRIDGE

SCOUT SUNDAY
FEB. 23

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Chatsworth First Methodist Women Meeting

Tuesday, February 11 @ 11 AM in the classroom across from the office

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

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Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 9 @ 8:00 AM

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MINISTRIES



Winter Break Snow Tubing & Ice Skating
& Amusement Park Rides @Lake Lanier
Snow Island in Buford, GA

Tuesday, February 18

Cost: \$65 per person
If we have 15+ Cost: \$40

Bring money for one fast
food meal.

9:00am - 6:00pm

Contact Ms. Mandy with questions



We are undertaking the Ultimate Smoky Mountain Christmas trip this year! This is the week BEFORE Thanksgiving and we will be staying FOUR NIGHTS in Creekstone Inn located on River Road in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We will celebrate the Christmas season with the best in Southern Gospel Music, Christian Comedy, Christmas theater shows, delectable food, and all of Dollywood and Pigeon Forge dressed up in lights. With a special 'Ultimate Smokey Mountain Christmas' package, we would get **4 nights lodging** (breakfast included), **8 gospel music concerts**, **1 Christian Comedian show**, **Dolly Parton Stampede Dinner Theater Christmas Show**, **Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud Christmas Show** plus **all day at Dollywood** w/\$15 (per person) food voucher. **The total cost breakdown is \$1,278 per couple (+ \$170 per couple for driver) = \$1,448 per couple***. There is a \$50.00 per person deposit due to reserve your room and tickets. The Ultimate Smoky Mountain Christmas package was started about 4 years ago by a church pastor looking for a trip for his church members and he is now offering it to other churches and groups. Rooms sell out fast.

We want to book now. Your \$50.00 per person deposit is due to Deborah Yarbrough by February 9. This will be first come first served as space on bus is limited to 16. If the lower priced rooms sell out before we can reserve, the cost will go up slightly. As soon as we get 16, if prior to February 9, we will reserve the rooms. The remainder of the trip cost must be paid by September 28.

*Based on 10 people plus driver. If more go, the cost would be slightly less.

Price for **Ultimate Smokey Mountain Christmas** goes up or down depending on number in room (Single-\$831.00, Triple-\$579.00, Quad-\$549.00 all per person +\$85.00 per person for driver). See ultimatesmokychristmas.com for more details.





THE ACADEMY AT CHATSWORTH
FIRST METHODIST

2025-
2026

OPEN

REGISTRATION

WE OFFER 1ST - 4TH GRADES.
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY.
HOMESCHOOL HYBRID.



Confirmation Class

Pastor Graham plans on leading a confirmation class in the spring. If you have a child you would like to be a part of the class, please let Pastor Graham know via email: Pastor@ChatsworthFirstMethodist.org or call the church office at 706-695-3211





PRAYER REQUESTS

David Loughridge - undergoing cancer Treatments.

Frank Ward- has a throbbing pain in his leg that's cause has not yet been determined.

Dick Niggley (Joyce Niggley) - recovering from pneumonia. Please pray for his healing.

Adam Ingle (Christie Rainey's brother/Randall Ingles' son) hospitalized recently for migraines.

Debbie Edwards - found out she needs shoulder replacement surgery. It is not yet scheduled but is expected to take place mid-January. She requests prayer for these specific things: My age and I get no infections and stay healthy as the surgery approaches. I shall be in a sling for 2-4 weeks, PT for 4 months and hopefully completely behind me by September! I have a long journey ahead of me and I need to know I am not walking this alone. Pray my lungs will stay clear and strong and I will receive shoulder without any complications.

Ernest Dowdy (Ophelia Hall's son) awaiting the results of his cancer scan. Please pray that there is no cancer.

Gary Green (Dian Green)- is home recovering from peripheral bypass surgery on his lower left leg to correct the blood flow. He also has started a new treatment to hopefully heal a wound on his toe.

Dale Lowman- will have cataract surgery on his left eye on February 7 at Advent Gordon Hospital. He will have the right eye done after the left eye heals.

Jennifer Herndon (Valerie Pannell)- had a mild heart attack. Jennifer is Cub Scout master of the troop that meets at our church.

Maevi Dilbeck (Sara Lyles)- broke her collarbone and may need surgery. She is one of our preschoolers.

Melissa Sneads - Will begin physical therapy on her arm/shoulder this week.

Oliver Jordan (Shawn Davis) - Shawn's 10-year-old great nephew who had been in the hospital with MIRC-mycoplasma pneumonia has made a complete recovery and was recently Baptized!

James Adam's great-granddaughter was born very premature. She will have to remain in the hospital for a while. They are monitoring a possible concerning issue. Please pray that she will be fully healthy.

Roy Walls (Terry's Dad) - is hospitalized at Hamilton Medical Center due to a blockage in his right lung. Please pray for God's guidance for the medical team in determining the cause and treatment options.

James Greeson - He is having surgery for gum cancer on February 6th.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Reba Jones - please pray for the family.

Tom Peebles - please pray for the family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

February 2	France & Debbie Adams
February 9	James Adams
February 16	Linda Smith
February 23	Chad & Valerie Pannell
March 2	Dick & Joyce Niggley
March 9	Gary & Diane Green
March 16	Steve & Lisa Loughridge

Stewardship

Operations (As of 1/19/2025)

MTD - 18,004.60

YTD - 18,004.60

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

The Academy Homeschool Hybrid

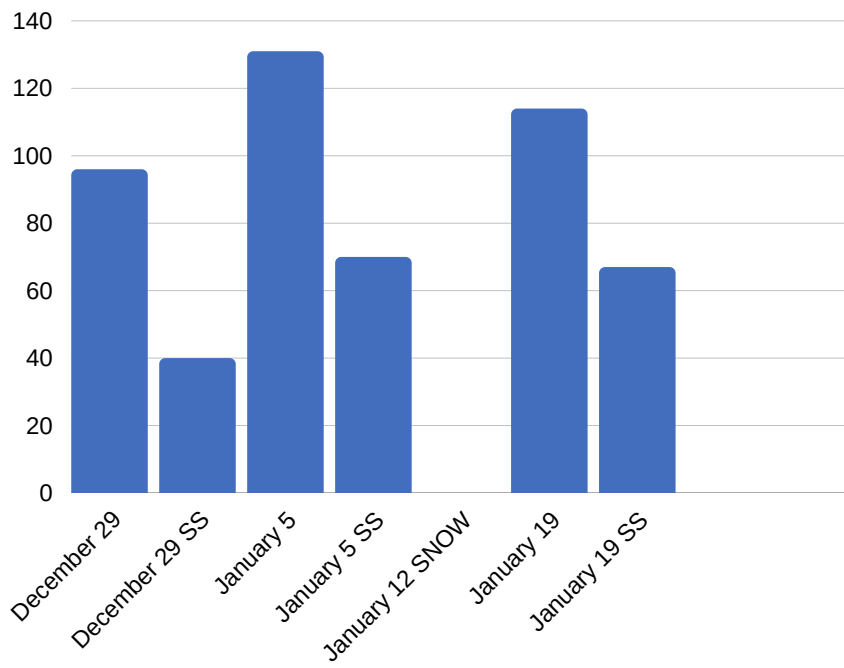
Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>10AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Feb. 2	Shawn Davis	Brenda Chapman	Cassidy Powell
Feb. 9	HELP NEEDED	Kathy Ballew	Rhonda Kilgore
Feb. 16	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Feb. 23	Laura Sparks	Christie Rainey	Anna Holcomb

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Loughridge	February 1
Samantha Carroll	February 1
Cindy Weyman	February 5
Billy Childers	February 10
Daylen Dorries	February 10
Paula Catoe	February 11
Mandy Ledford	February 11
Kenny Pugh	February 11
Roger Rainey	February 12
Wesley Herndon	February 24
David Bean	February 25
Quinley Herndon	February 26
Chad Pannell	February 29

Attendance





MEMORIALS