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JULY 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

In the story of the Rich Young Man, Jesus responds to his questioning with this invitation, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Luke 18:22) The Rich Young Ruler then leaves sad because he is very wealthy and is apparently unwilling to part with his many possessions. Sometimes when we read this story, we, too, walk away sad with the Rich Young Ruler because the request to sell all we have is a scary one that we doubt we could do either.

However, the invitation Jesus offers the man, and to us, is not to less but to MORE. That is part of our problem. Like the Rich Young man we value the wrong things. We value stuff that is perishable, here today and gone tomorrow. So, we hear the call of Jesus to sell all as a harsh demand. Yet, Jesus is not calling us to less but to MORE.

Jesus calls us to value what is eternal. He calls us to free ourselves from things that seek to possess us and to pursue treasure in heaven. He calls us to free ourselves from things that hinder us from truly following Jesus so that we can follow Him unburdened by the things of this world. To accept the invitation to detach from the things of this world to gain treasures in heaven as you follow Jesus is not a life of less but a life of so much MORE. The person who accepts this invitation is far richer than the one who does not.

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
July 6	Matthew 12:38-42	Something Greater is Here
July 13	Matthew 16:1-12	Be on Your Guard
July 20	Philippians 3:15-21	Citizenship
July 27	Matthew 21:23-27	Questioning the Authority of Jesus



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 3 Youth Dinner and a Movie - Calhoun
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 6 Independence Day BBQ
- July 6 Methodist Men's Breakfast
- July 8 Roadrunners Trip
- July 13 - 17 Vacation Bible School
- July 20 Youth, Dodge, Dip and Dine
- July 27 Children's Ministry Splash Pad
- July 28 - 31 Youth Church Camp - Panama
- August 3 Youth Swimming & Lunch
- August 14 Preschool Open House
- August 17 Youth Lunch and Nooga Splash
- August 24 Youth Out to Eat and Night of Prayer
- August 24 Children's Ministry S'mores and More

YOUTH T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Contact Mandy or stop by the courtyard after service.

Additional shirts may be ordered through Sunday, June 29TH



\$20





MINISTRIES

CONGRATULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED
CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED:

BRISTOL CARROLL
BROOKLYN CARROLL
SARAH DEAKINS
LUKE LYLES

CONFIRMED & BAPTIZED:

KENDRA KILGORE
ELLIE LYLES

BAPTIZED:

SONNY THOMAS



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

*Matt & Samantha
Carroll*

Sara Lyles



Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 6 @ 8:00 AM



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.**





MINISTRIES



VBS JULY 13-17TH

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



CONTACT RACHEL JORDAN @ 404.433.0517



United Youth SUMMER FUN

JULY 3rd 4-10PM (\$20)
Dinner & Sandlot Movie @
Gem Theatre in Calhoun, GA

JULY 13-17th
Youth Volunteer @ VBS

JULY 20th 12-2PM
Dodge, Dip, & Dine (Free)

JULY 28-31st CHURCH CAMP
Blue Horizon Lodge & Retreat
Panama City Beach, FL (\$225)



CFMC KIDS SUMMER FUN!

JULY 13-17TH VBS - TRUE NORTH

JULY 27TH SPLASH PAD

AUGUST 24TH SMORES & MORE



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!



THE ACADEMY AT CHATSWORTH
FIRST METHODIST

2025-2026 OPEN REGISTRATION

NEW STUDENTS



July 28-31 Youth Summer Camp

CONTACT MANDY LEDFORD
OR CLICK THE LINK TO REGISTER

COST \$225



To register, go to:
www.chatsworthfirstmethodist.org/youth-ministry

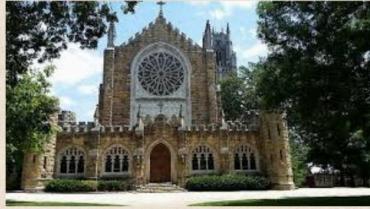


MINISTRIES

ROADRUNNERS TRIP TUE. JULY 8TH 10 AM - 6PM

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at
706-671-7169 by Sunday, July 6 if you plan
to go.

**Top of the Rock
Restaurant
& University of
the South**



on the campus are All Saints, Chapel of The Apostles, St. Luke and are open for tours. We will get a chance to visit the impressive large Memorial Cross at the end of Tennessee Street in Sewanee. The overlook just beyond the cross is one of the best views around. We will stretch our legs walking around campus, in the town, and at the cross before heading back to Chatsworth.

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.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, July 6 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 July Roadrunner's trip, we will leave the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 8 with Suwannee, Tennessee as our destination. We will stop first for lunch at Top of the Rock restaurant near Jasper. We have stopped here before and loved the food and the views. After lunch we will continue up Mont Eagle to the town of Suwannee for a visit to University of the South. This college was founded in 1857 by the Episcopal Church. The Sewanee campus overlooks the Tennessee Valley and consists of 13,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau. It includes many buildings constructed of various materials faced with local stone, most done in the Gothic style. In 2011, it was named by Travel + Leisure as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the United States. The three chapels



PRAYER REQUESTS

Glenn Lassiter (Mary Ann Black's Brother) – Diagnosed with Kidney & Liver Cancer. Please pray for treatments and recovery.

Ms. Irene Carter (Dave Robinson) – Requested Prayers.

Ms. Virginia Summey (Dave Robinson) – Requested Prayers.

Ms. Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) – Requested Prayers.

Dickie Barnes & Wife (Melodie Burger) Dickie is home from Arizona. They will return this Fall for follow up.

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.

Gary Green– home from the hospital (due to UTI) and recovering.

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.

Ross Burger (Melodie Burger) is recovering nicely from his recent surgery. He had a check-up last Friday and looks like healing well. Goes back in 8 weeks. Thanks so much for all of your prayers.

Tammie Henderson (Melissa Sneads) has Legionnaires pneumonia and is on a ventilator. Please pray for her healing. Please pray for healing and that she will be able to be taken off the ventilator and breathe on her own soon.

Betty & Carlton Peeples (Ruth Woods) Betty is home from the hospital and improving slowly. Carlton remains the same. Please continue your prayers for them and their children.

Debbie Adams (France Adams) – Had knee replacement surgery. She is home recovering. Continue to pray.

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

Jeff Davis – 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. Please pray.

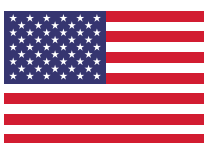
Bones Walston (Melissa Sneads) is at Hamilton Medical Center awaiting a room to open up at Redmond Health & Rehabilitation Center in Rome. Please pray for him to gain weight and strength.

Gage Southerland (Melissa Sneads' great-nephew) will undergo his first Chemo treatment. Please pray that he does well and that the Chemo is successful.

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.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Mr. Gary Stinnett (Dave Robinson) – Please pray for the family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

June 29	Rachel Ridley
July 6	OPEN
July 13	Terry & Jackie Edwards
July 20	Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick
July 27	Billy & Anne Childers
August 4	James Adams

Stewardship Operations (As of 6/22/2025)

MTD - 25,064.10

YTD - 160,322.20

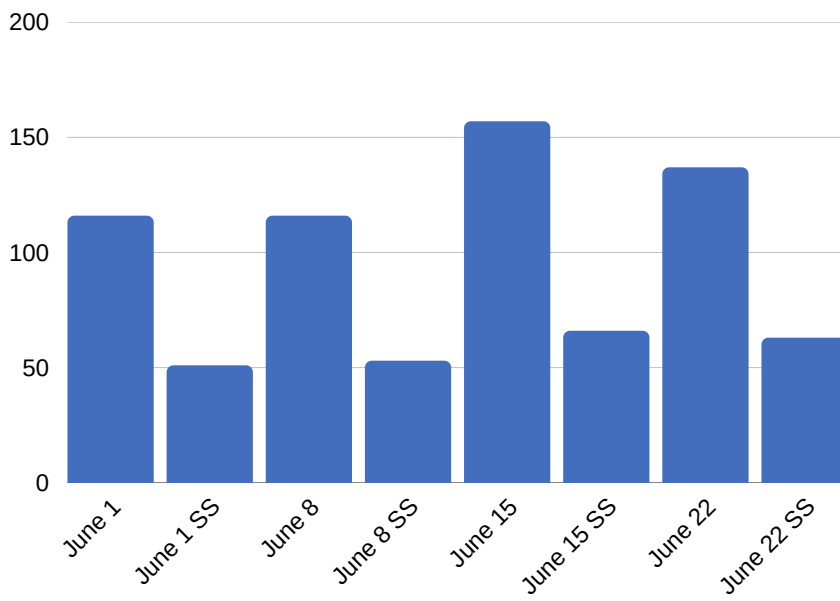
Giving Opportunities

**Nigerian Initiatives
Murray County Next Step
Pastor Charles/Belize Lunches**

Nursery Schedule

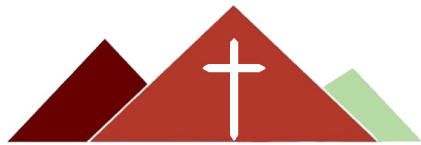
Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
July 6	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Rhonda Kilgore
July 13	Nursery Worker VBS	Nursery Worker VBS	Nursery Worker VBS
July 20	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Deborah Yarbrough
July 27	Laura Sparks	HELP NEEDED	Lesley Herndon

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Sylvia Etheridge
July 6	Kristi Harvey
July 7	Becky Haddock
July 9	Dave Robinson
July 10	Sarah Deakins
July 11	Christie Rainey
July 11	Susan Brooks
July 12	Bob Fortner
July 13	Bill Silvers
July 14	Travis Cochran
July 14	Laura Sparks
July 16	Sara Walls
July 18	Gary Green
July 19	Nancy Long
July 22	Robert Kilgore
July 23	Cody Mohler
July 24	Charlie Pannell
July 29	Billy Steele



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Barbara Grider	Youth	Billy Townsend
Barbara Grider	Youth	Jeanette Weems
Deb Hahn	Preschool	Ben Hahn
Deb Hahn	Preschool	Tom & Cindy Peeples
Deb Hahn	Preschool	Don Breeden
Barbara Grider & Ann Booth	Youth Camp	Gary Brock
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Jeanette Weems
James Adams	The Academy	Billy Townsend
Frank Woods	The Academy	David Loughridge