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JULY 2026



A Letter From the Pastor

In 1 Corinthians 3 in the first few verses, Paul criticizes Christians for still needing milk because they are baby Christians who have not matured yet to solid spiritual food. I read this scripture and contemplate whether I have matured in my faith or whether I, too, am still drinking spiritual milk instead of moving on to solid food. In Matthew 13 Jesus tells the parable of the Sower who scattered seed that landed on various types of soils. Some seed fell among the thorns, which represent the cares and worries of this world that can make us unfruitful. I am led to contemplate if my faith has matured and if my life is producing fruit, or if I let the worries of life stunt my growth. Revelation 2 tells about the lukewarmness of the church in Laodicea, and I ask myself if my faith is lukewarm.

Scripture acknowledges that there is a great risk of shallow faith and shallow discipleship. Spiritual neglect, busyness and distraction, love for the ways of this world, unwillingness to confess and repent of sin, and spiritual complacency can all contribute to shallow discipleship. Think about your life for a moment. How deep is your faith and how deep is your discipleship? Do you want to go deeper? Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus who does not settle for shallow discipleship? Does going deeper scare you?

If you do want to pursue deeper discipleship, how do you do so? The good news is that deeper discipleship is not a mystery. God has already shown us the path. Deep discipleship is cultivated through consistent practices, routines, and commitments that draw us closer to Christ and shape us into His likeness.

This is why our upcoming sermon series titled Deeper Discipleship will focus on foundational practices that help believers grow deeper roots in their faith. In this series, we will explore what it means to be committed to daily communion with God through prayer, to be daily Bible readers, to invest in the life of the church family, to serve others with the gifts God has given us, to practice generosity through giving, and to live as people sent on mission into the world.

These practices and commitments help move us from spiritual milk to solid food. They deepen our roots so that the worries of life do not choke out our faith. They keep us from becoming lukewarm and complacent.

As this series approaches, I encourage you to begin praying now. Ask God to reveal areas where your faith needs to deepen and mature. Ask God to give you a hunger for spiritual growth. Ask Him to show you one step you can take to go deeper. Then come ready to be challenged and be equipped. God desires more for us than shallow faith. He desires disciples who are deeply rooted in Christ, growing in maturity, bearing fruit, and helping others follow Him as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
July 5	1 Samuel 23	A Heart in the Making: Learning to Follow the Good Shepherd
July 12	1 Samuel 24	A Heart in the Making: Refusing to Grasp for Power
July 19	Ephesians 4	Deeper Discipleship
July 26	Matthew 6:5-18	Deeper Discipleship: Prayer



The menu will include BBQ, baked beans, and pasta salad. The congregation is asked to bring desserts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4	Independance Day
July 5	Independance Day Lunch
July 7	Lunch Outing to Tocoa Riverside Rest
July 11	Church Work Day
July 12-16	Vacation Bible School
July 19	Methodist Men's Breakfast
July 30	Roadrunners to Southern Museum
August 2	Youth Swimming
August 9	Children's Ministry Nerf N Nachos
August 11	Methodist Women Meeting
August 16	Youth Lunch & Nooga Splash
August 30	Prayer Over Upcoming School Year
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	The Academy School Year Begins
September 14	CFMC Preschool Begins
September 20	Homecoming





MINISTRIES

CFMC YOUTH GROUP SUMMER 2026

ALL 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. FOREVER.

JULY 12-16 SUN.-THURS.
Youth Volunteer @VBS

AUG. 2
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-2:00
Swimming and Lunch at the Griffins (FREE)

AUG. 16
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-7:00PM LUNCH &
'NOOGA SPLASH' AT CHESTER FROST PARK IN HIXSON, TN. (\$30)

PLEASE CONTACT MS. MANDY WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH FUNDS TO ATTEND ANY ACTIVITIES. 706-537-2185

SAVE THE DATE!
VBS JULY 12TH-16TH
6:00-8:15PM
4 YEARS - RISING 6TH GRADE

RAINFORREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

SIGN UP AT myvbs.org/cfmc

CONTACT **Ms. Rachel** with questions

Methodist Men's Meeting

Sunday, July 19 @ 8:00AM



TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH

VBS

WORK DAY

2-4:30 PM

CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

8AM

Donuts, Coffee, and Pizza provided.

FAITH - WORK - TOGETHER

HOSTED BY THE METHODIST MEN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NERF N NACHOS

2:30

NERF WAR with NACHOS!

FUN • FRIENDS • FAITH • NACHOS

DON'T MISS IT!

The Methodist Men are hosting a work day. All are invited to come and help with cleaning and various other tasks around the church.



MINISTRIES

ROADRUNNERS TRIP

THURSDAY, JULY 30
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Appalachian Grill - CARTERSVILLE, GA

SOUTHERN MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR & LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY (KENNESAW)

Join us for a day of great food, trains, and history!

CALL OR TEXT DEBORAH 706-671-7169

★ PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, JULY 26TH. ★

The July trip we will be traveling south to Cartersville for lunch at the Appalachian Grill. This restaurant has been popular with the Roadrunners for several years. After lunch we will reboard the bus and continue to Kennesaw with a visit to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History. This Smithsonian affiliated museum is the home of the famous locomotive General from the Great Locomotive Chase of the American Civil War. There are displays about life during the Civil War including uniforms, other clothing, guns, and a special feature of the Glover Locomotive Company of Marietta. There is a hallway honoring the very first Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, too. Cost for this trip will be \$10.00 museum admission, 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 26 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 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.

Lunch Outing to
RIVERSIDE REST
IN TOCOA

Tuesday,
JULY 7

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 10:30AM

BRING MONEY FOR GAS AND DRIVER'S LUNCH.

Hosted by the Methodist Women

MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN ARE ALL INVITED!

CALL PAULA CATOE AT 770-241-0730 TO SIGN UP.

CHATSWORTH
First Methodist Church

KING'S CLOTHESLINE

Free Clothing for All Ages

Summer Schedule 2-4:00 PM

July 30
August 27

CHATSWORTH
First Methodist Church



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Summer Schedule

July Meeting Date:
July 8

Off all other Wednesdays





PRAYER REQUESTS

Brittany Young & Baby (Mike & Judy Young)- is scheduled to induce labor on Thursday, June 25.

Hannah Jackson & Baby (Mitchell & Lynne Long)- is scheduled to induce labor on the evening of Sunday, June 28.

Barbara Nunley (Bill Green) - Bill's sister is out of ICU following heart surgery to replace a valve. She is going to a regular room and will be deciding on rehab. Thanks for all the prayers and concerns & keep them coming.

James Johnston (Rhett & Sandy Griffin) - Rhett & Sandy's oldest grandson (age 8) has battled with a respiratory issue since birth. He was taken to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for appointments with specialists to try to determine the underlying issue. They were able to rule out anything major but do not have a definitive answer to what is causing the issues.

Dan Long (Nancy Long)- is home from the hospital recovering from a concussion and a fracture in his back. He had a seizure while driving and ran off the road and wrecked into a tree.

Malorie Noles (Phil Noles) - Phil's daughter was in ICU due to anaphylactic shock. She is better and is back home. She is going through tests try to determine what caused the reaction.

Barbara Benford- continued prayer for recovery from multiple broken bones from a fall

Ms. Irene Carter (Dave Robinson) - COPD

Michael Chaffe (Shannon and Hugh Eighmie's brother-in-law) - ongoing cancer battle

Jace Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments

Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick) - continued prayers for ongoing health challenges

Lisa Hughes (Jeff Hughes) - continued prayers for recover, and she appreciated ALL of the prayers!

Donna Liesenfeld (Lynn Lowman's step-sister)- continued prayers for battle with cancer

Lynn Lowman- Continued prayers for back

Lisa Peeples (Lynn Lowman's Sister-in-law) - has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for her.

Pray for Christians who are persecuted, especially Christians in Nigeria where persecution is severe.

Virginia Summey (Dave Robinson) - Hip Replacement, in a nursing home.

Donna Walden- has cirrhosis of the liver

Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer

Susan Williams (Amy's Mother & Melissa Sneads Sister) - recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery

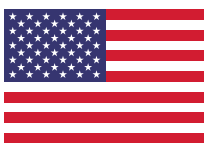
Jimmie Witherow (Melissa Sneads) - needs hip replacement surgery but has to gain some weight first.

Floyd Woods (Dave Robinson) - has ALS

Praise: Congratulations to Tucker and Hallie Hemphill on their marriage ceremony!

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Don Mahan- Haley Smith's grandfather died on June 17 after an infection from a surgery turned septic. Please pray for Haley and her family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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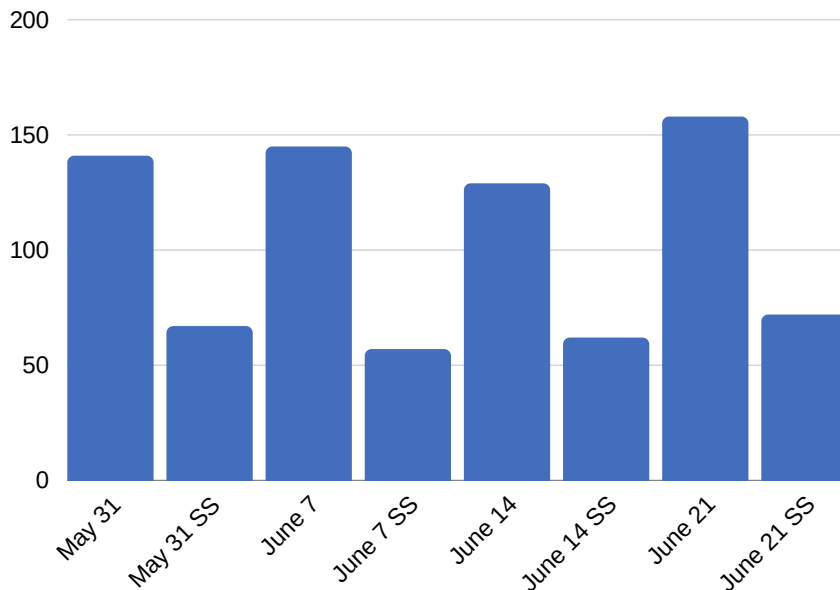
Flowers for the Sanctuary

July 5 OPEN
 July 12 Terry & Jackie Edwards
 July 19 Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick
 July 26 Billy & Anne Childers

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
July 5	Shawn Davis	Brenda Chapman	HELP NEEDED
July 12	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker
July 19	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
July 26	Laura Sparks	Rhonda Kilgore	Anna Holcomb

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 6/25/2026)

MTD - \$29,195.20

YTD - \$156,786.63

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

Belize School Children Lunches

Good Samaritan Fund

BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Sylvia Ethridge
July 3	Gary Otts
July 6	Kristi Harvey
July 7	Becky Haddock
July 9	Dave Robinson
July 10	Sarah Deakins
July 11	Susan Brooks
July 11	Christie Rainey
July 13	Bill Silvers
July 16	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 Fund	Filbert Lewis
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Carlton Peeples
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Jere Weyman
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Novis Davis
Calvin & Melody Burger	The Academy	Keith Franklin
Terry & Jackie Edwards	Belize/Pastor Charles Mulemena	Filbert Lewis
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Hugh & Mary Jane Peterson	Fincher Family Life Center Fund	Carlton Peeples