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JANUARY 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

"Satan's greatest weapon is man's ignorance of God's Word." These words from AW Tozer put into perspective the importance of reading and knowing God's Word. I believe it is far too commonplace for American Christians to neglect God's Word. We neglect God's Word at our own peril, and doing so over time leads to shallow faith and weak Christians. The Bible is called a sword for a reason (Ephesians 6:17). Without it we are vulnerable to being defeated repeatedly by Satan's attacks. The Bible is our weapon to defeat Satan's lies and live faithfully for God. The Word of God is also a treasure with much help to offer for navigating life's difficulties.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 If God seems silent in your life, how regularly do you seek to hear from God in His Word?

Many times, well-intended people begin a new year with the goal of reading the whole Bible. This is an important and worthwhile goal. If you have never read through the whole Bible, I encourage you not to give up on that goal. However, I want to encourage you to join me in taking a different approach this year. Let's set a goal as a church to read through all of the New Testament. The whole of God's inspired Word is essential to our faith. I am passionate about valuing the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. However, if our efforts to read through the whole Bible fall short somewhere in Leviticus or Numbers, then it seems worthwhile to choose a different starting point.

If you begin on January 1 (or close to it) and read 1 chapter each day beginning with Matthew 1, you will have plenty of days to completely read the New Testament by the end of the year. How amazing would it be to read the whole New Testament by the end of the year? How amazing would it be if our whole church did it? How much stronger would our faith be? How much closer to God would we feel? There is great possibilities and amazing potential in a church rich in God's Word.

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



Date	Scripture	Sermon
Jan. 5	Matthew 8:1-17	Jesus The Healer
Jan. 12	Matthew 8:18-22	Following Jesus is Not Easy
Jan. 19	Matthew 9:14-17	New Wine
Jan. 26	Philippians 3:1-14	The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Jesus Christ



CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST WOMEN SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Ages 5 and under FREE
 Ages 6-11 \$5.00
 Ages 12 and up \$7.00
 Donations also welcomed.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 2025
 FOLLOWING 11 AM SERVICE
 JOIN US!**



Bible Reading Challenge

Read the New Testament in 2025

HOW AMAZING WOULD IT BE IF OUR WHOLE CHURCH READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2025? WHAT EFFECT WOULD IT HAVE ON THE NEXT YEAR IF YOU SPENT IT POURING THE WHOLE NEW TESTAMENT INTO YOUR HEART AND MIND? YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE COMMITMENT TO READ THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT THIS YEAR.

THE NEW TESTAMENT HAS 260 CHAPTERS IN TOTAL. AT A PACE OF READING 1 CHAPTER EACH DAY YOU WILL EASILY FINISH BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WHILE STILL HAVING GRACE BUILT IN IF YOU MISS A DAY HERE AND THERE.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24 - Jan 1	Offices Will Be Closed
January 1	New Year's Day
January 12	Methodist Men Meeting
January 12	Spaghetti Luncheon
January 12	Youth Sunday Funday
January 14	Methodist Women Meeting
January 19	Charge Conference
January 20	MLK Day - Office Closed
January 18-20	Youth Conference
January 20	MLK, Jr. Day, Office Closed
January 26	Special Offering- GMC Church Plant
January 29	Wednesday Night Programs Begin
February 1	Global Methodist Ignite Event
February 9	Valentine's Lunch
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	President's Day
February 18	Youth Winter Outing
March 5	Ash Wednesday

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





MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

MEETS EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY @ 6PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 29



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER

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



JAN. 12TH
YOUTH SUNDAY FUNDAY
6:00 - 8:00 PM
MOVIE NIGHT

Flapjacks And Flannel

Wear Your
Flannel



Join us for this 9-session Bible study with
Jen Wilkin to navigate the sermon on the
mount as it was originally heard. Come and
learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did.

**First Methodist Church of Chatsworth. Starting
Jan. 14 at 6:30 every other week through May
6th. CUC classroom. Text 706-581-8563 or call
706-695-3211 to reserve your book. Cost \$25
or free.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Special Offering for a Global
Methodist Church plant in
Buckhead.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH



NEW WOMEN'S 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



MINISTRIES



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

Charge Conference Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2pm

This is a meeting of the Administrative Council as well as any church members that would like to attend. This meeting will include a time of worship and celebration of ministry success as well as approval of leadership and budget for 2024.

ROADRUNNERS TRIP JANUARY 28



10:00 AM -
3:30 PM
\$20



Text or call Deborah Yarbrough
at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, January
26 if you plan to go.

For our January Roadrunner's trip we will leave the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 28 with Summerville, Georgia as our destination. We will stop first at the Crushed Tomato for lunch. This restaurant is known for wood fired pizza as well as calzones, subs, salads, and ice cream. After lunch we will continue to Greg Wyatt's Vintage Corvettes and Museum. His collection showcases specialized Corvettes of all model years. Besides the featured Corvettes, you can see a restored 50's diner exhibit, vintage gas pumps, and even an airplane suspended from the ceiling. By the way, all Corvettes are for sale, so bring your checkbook!

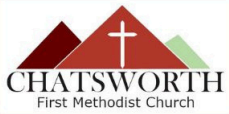
Cost for this trip will be \$20.00 museum admission, gas to refill the bus and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for your own lunch. Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, January 26 if you plan to go. Remember, everyone is a Roadrunner and all are welcome to participate if there is room on the bus. To keep the trips as economical as possible, we will cancel any 2025 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.



MINISTRIES

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 12 @ 8:00 AM



Chatsworth First Methodist Women Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 @ 11 AM
in the classroom across from the office

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

**THE METHODIST MEN
DONATED A TOTAL OF
\$3,500.00 IN 2024**

**TO THE FOLLOWING
ORGANIZATIONS**

Secret Santa/DFCS
Doug Griffin Fund
FCA
Murphy-Harpst
Saturday Sacks
Relay for Life
GA Sheriffs Boys Home
Next Step
Pastor Charles



King's Clothesline COAT DRIVE

Men's Coats
Especially Needed

Drop off in clothing room next
to Library or box in Entrance.





PRAYER REQUESTS

David Loughridge - undergoing cancer Treatments.

Tom Peebles- continued prayers for battle with cancer and other health challenges.

Rachel Ridley - had hernia surgery. Everything went well and she is recovering.

Melissa Sneads- injured shoulder is better. Continue to pray for recovery.

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.

Ted Yarbrough (Deborah Yarbrough) - had cataract surgery . All went well.

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

Dorothy (Caren Fortner)- Caren's neighbor recently had a stroke. Please pray for her recovery and for little to no long-term damage.

Jay (Melissa Sneads cousin's grandson) Thank you for the prayers. Please continue to pray for his therapy and recovery.

Reba Jones (Betty Norris)- now in a hospice facility in Union City, which is close to her daughter.

Chris Townsend - has been battling a bad case of the flu. Prayers for healing and recovery.

Jamie Lance & family (Shawn Davis)- Shawn's brother-in-law's father, Ron, passed away after a long battle with many health issues including kidney failure.

Tom Peebles - is having more difficulty breathing and is sleeping more.

Suzanne Hollingsworth - Had knee surgery. Everything went well.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Peggy Bailey - please pray for the family.

Jamie Lance & family - please pray for the family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

January 7	Calvin & Melodie Burger
January 14	Ray & Paula Catoe
January 21	Open
January 28	Open
February 4	France & Debbie Adams
February 18	Linda Smith

Stewardship Operations (As of 12/22/2024)

MTD - 35,222.60

YTD - 352,342.42

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks
Murray County Next Step
The Academy Homeschool Hybrid

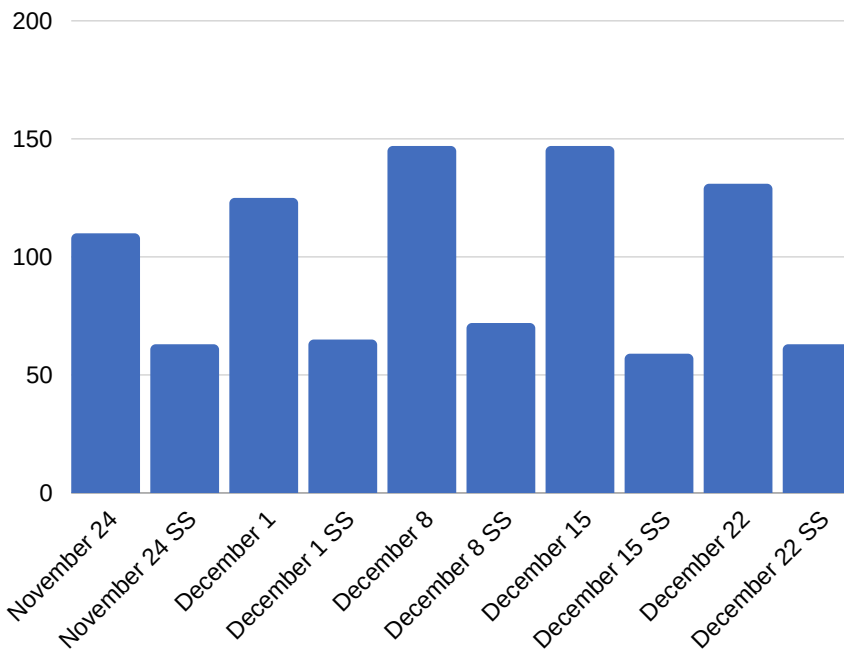
Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>10AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Jan. 5	TBD	Lisa Loughridge	TBD
Jan. 12	TBD	Julie Arp	TBD
Jan. 19	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Jan. 26	TBD	TBD	TBD

BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Yarber	January 3
Sam Long	January 4
Mary Margaret Howard	January 5
Rachel Ridley	January 6
Tammie Henderson	January 8
Ralph Ausmus	January 13
Charlotte Pannell	January 13
Bob Harris	January 15
Betty Jo Breeden	January 17
Kendra Kilgore	January 17
Liam Lyles	January 19
Chris Townsend	January 21
Charlie Pannell	January 24
Tim Jones	January 26
Shelby Harvey	January 28

Attendance





MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	The Academy	Peggy Bailey
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Ronnie and Tammie Henderson	Saturday Sacks	Peggy Bailey
Jeff & Lisa Hughes	The Academy	Peggy Bailey
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Cindy Peeples
Frank Ward	The Academy	Peggy Bailey
Ruth Woods	Preschool	Cindy Peeples
Bill and Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Peggy Bailey
Melissa Sneads	The Academy	Peggy Bailey
Jerry & Velva Howell	Honor/Memorial	Peggy Bailey
Cheryl Ary	Operations	Peggy Bailey
Ann Booth & Family	Preschool	Peggy Bailey
Carol Cowherd	Children's Ministry	Peggy Bailey
Barbara Grider	Saturday Sacks	Peggy Bailey
Mary Margaret & Daniel Howard	Honor/Memorial	Peggy Bailey
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Peggy Bailey
Beth M. Massengale	Operations	Peggy Bailey
Ronnie Massey	Children's Ministry	Peggy Bailey
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Sandra Ellis
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Izzy Lisborg
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Cindy Peeples
McDaniel Foundation	Saturday Sacks	Peggy Bailey
Hal & Jennifer Mosteller	Children's Ministry	Peggy Bailey
MC Democratic Ex Comm	Honor/Memorial	Peggy Bailey
Tom Peeples	Honor/Memorial	Cong. at CFMC
Tom Peeples	Honor/Memorial	Pastor Graham and Family
Roger and Christie Rainey	Saturday Sacks	Peggy Bailey
Cynthia Raymond	Saturday Sacks	Joy Dill
Mark & Tammy Ridley	Operations	Peggy Bailey
Charles & Ann Smith	Honor/Memorial	Peggy Bailey
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Audio/Visual	Marilyn Bennett