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MARCH 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

Is your life in need of an alteration? Does life seem like a bad fit at times? Where can you go for a spiritual alteration? This season of Lent, I invite you to join me at the altar for a spiritual alteration. Together we will seek to be altered at the altar.

When you think of an altar, what thoughts come to mind? Do you think of it as a place of prayer? A place of sacrifice? A place of surrender and transformation? In the Old Testament, altars were places of worship where people brought offerings to God. Each offering was a tangible act of devotion and an expression of submission to God. For us today, the altar is still a place of devotion and submission to God. The altar is the centerpiece of our worship space. It is a sacred space as a place where we meet God and experience His grace. Though we no longer bring animal sacrifices, we come to the altar to lay down our very lives as a living sacrifice to God. The first 2 verses of Romans 12 link transformation with surrender to God. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

The altar is the place where we bring our hearts to God in worship, confess our sins, and receive His forgiveness. It is where we encounter the power of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The altar calls us to lay down our burdens, to seek His presence, and to respond to His love with our own. It calls us to surrender and offer our lives to God in worship, gratitude, and service. As we kneel at the altar, whether physically or in our hearts, may we remember that it is not just a place of sacrifice, but also a place of transformation and grace.

For Lent this year we will journey through the devotion book titled "Altar'd: The Transforming Power of Surrender". Our sermon series will follow along with the book. May we all be transformed by surrendering our lives at the altar.

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

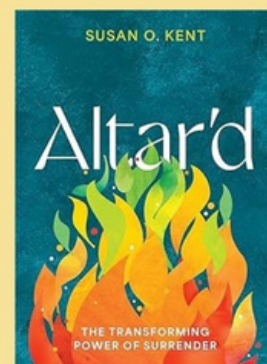
Date	Scripture	Sermon
Mar. 2	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Core Christianity: Apostles Creed
Mar. 9	Eph. 3:14-19	Altar'd: May Christ Dwell in Your Heart Through Faith
Mar. 16	James 4:7-10	Altar'd: Surrender Control for Commitment
Mar. 23	2 Cor. 12:9-10	Altar'd: Surrender Worry for Trust
Mar. 30	1 Thess. 5:16-18	Altar'd: Surrender Thanks for Peace



LENT DEVOTION BOOK

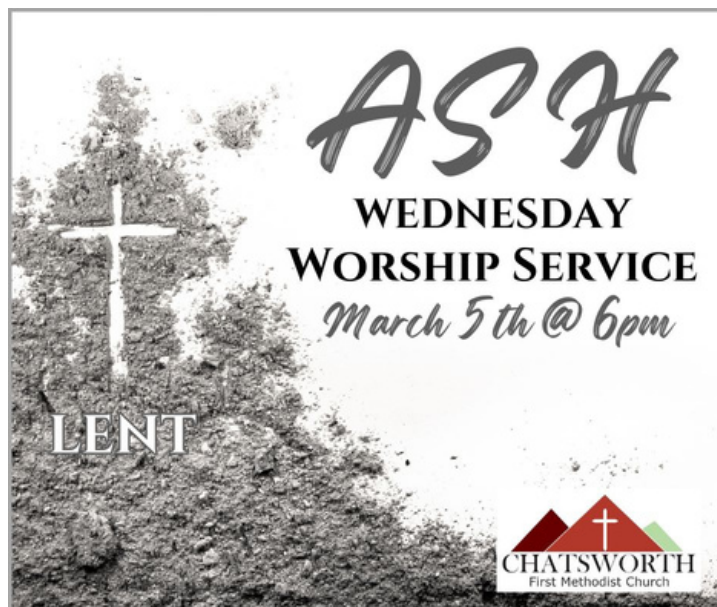
BOOK COST \$15

An altar is a sacred space of surrender and spiritual transformation. This season of Lent, as we prepare for Easter, let's make an altar of our lives and seek to be altered by God. Spend 10 minutes each day surrendering to God with the help and guidance of this devotion book.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 9	1st Sunday in Lent
March 9	Daylight Savings
March 12	Children's Ministry Program
March 16	Preschool Sunday & Reception
March 16	Sunday Funday Youth Bowling
March 26	Children's Ministry Program
March 29	Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast
April 9	Children's Ministry Program
April 12	Egg Hunt
April 13	Palm Sunday/Easter Cantata
April 13	Youth Cookoff Comp
April 17	Holy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 23	Children's Ministry Program
April 27	Pastor's Wife Appreciation





MINISTRIES

When:
Saturday, March 29
7:30-11 AM

Where:
Delivery to your car @
the Fincher Family Life
Center or dine-in

Price:
\$7 per plate

What:
Pancakes, sausage,
butter, and syrup. Coffee,
juice, & water

Tickets available Now!!!!

Methodist Men's PANCAKE BREAKFAST



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

MARCH 16 11AM SERVICE



We will pray for our preschoolers and their families in the 11 AM worship service. Preschoolers will be singing in the service.

UNITED YOUTH

BOWLING

MARCH 16



BOWLING/LUNCH/LASER TAG
\$20

RECEPTION AND CELEBRATION

Mary Margaret's 25 Years as Preschool Director

Please join us for a reception of fellowship and light refreshments on Preschool Sunday as we celebrate Mary Margaret Howard's 25 years of faithful service as Preschool Director. Sunday, March 16 following the 11AM service.

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 16 @ 8:00 AM



CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

FREE 5 DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

FRIDAYS STARTING MARCH 7TH – APRIL 4TH
10 AM – 11 AM
AT CHATS WORTH FIRST METHODIST
CUC CLASSROOM
SESSIONS ARE FOR ANYONE WHO
WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DIABETES
INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS WILL BE PROVIDED BY
BROOKE GREEN NP, CDCES, BC-ADM
TO REGISTER PLEASE TEXT OR LEAVE VOICEMAIL
AT 706-483-2587



MINISTRIES

DISCIPLE II BIBLE STUDY



Sundays @ 2:00 in March
Teacher: Dale Lowman
Contact Dale Lowman
or The Church Office
For Details



EASTER Cantata

Sunday, April 13
During the 11AM
Worship Service



Midweek Kids

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Date	Activity	Short Lesson
Feb. 26	Cars Movie Clip/Devotional/Games	Gospel According to Cars John 15:12-17
March 26	Scavenger Hunt	Short lesson on 2 Corinthians 5:17
April 9	Easter Games/Crafts	Short lesson on Jesus's Resurrection
March 12	Glow Night	Short lesson on Matthew 5:16
April 23	Fruit (of the Spirit) Night	Short lesson on Galatians 5:22-25

Easter Lilies

LILY ORDER FORMS
WILL BE IN THE
BULLETIN
MARCH 9TH & 16TH

PRICE: \$15



EASTER EGG HUNT

Petting Zoo with Kangaroo
Cotton Candy
Popcorn
Games

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
2:00 - 4:00PM
CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST
CHURCH

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

WE NEED SMALL CANDY TO
FILL OUR EASTER EGGS!!
DONATION BOXES ARE AT
EACH ENTRANCE!



MINISTRIES

Roadrunners Trip to Roselawn in Cartersville

March 18
10:00am - 4:30pm



For our March trip, we will leave the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 18. Cartersville, Georgia is our destination. We will stop first for lunch downtown where there are a couple of popular choices to dine. Mellow Mushroom is known for pizza as well as calzones, subs, and salads. Just down the block is the Appalachian Grill, always a favorite of our group. You will be free to select your choice. After lunch, we will have a short time to explore downtown Cartersville before we continue to Roselawn, the Victorian home of Sam Jones.

This spectacular mansion was once the home of nationally renowned evangelist Samuel Porter Jones, for whom Nashville's Union Gospel Tabernacle (Ryman Auditorium) was built. In 1978, following a effort by local citizens to save Rose Lawn, the home was purchased by Bartow County and developed into a museum to house the writings and memorabilia of Sam Jones and Rebecca Latimer Felton, another Bartow Countian distinguished for her role in history as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

Cost for this trip will be \$7.00 museum admission (CASH ONLY), 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, March 9 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.



Daylight Savings
MARCH 9



WORD
+ SPIRIT

2025 **NEW ROOM CONFERENCE**

September 17-19, 2025
Birmingham, AL

More info at newroomconference.com
See Pastor Graham if interested



PRAYER REQUESTS

David Loughridge - undergoing cancer Treatments.

Tim Jones - rotator cuff surgery went well, and he is now recovering.

Mary Ann Black's Brother (Glenn Lassiter) - Diagnosed with Kidney & Liver Cancer. He went for a biopsy to determine the course of treatment. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Sylvia Etheridge - is now home from the hospital. She is feeling much better but still has some shortness of breath. Please continue to pray for her.

Debby Edwards - shoulder replacement surgery has been postponed due to having the flu and a sinus infection.

Ophelia Hall - Praise for God's goodness to her family. Both sons are doing well.

Gary Green (Dian Green)- continued prayers for recovery from surgery.

Dale Lowman - cataract surgery went well.

Melissa Sneads - Has been released from physical therapy and will continue at home.

Roy Walls (Terry Walls) - is now in a rehab facility in Rossville. Please continue praying for his health progress.

James Greeson - His surgery went well to remove cancer from his gums. He is now back home.

Stewart Brown (Melodie Burger)- prostate cancer surgery was successful, but took about twice as much time as expected. Hopefully he is going home. Thanks for the prayers.

Helen Clackum (Julie Arp's Nana)- Please pray for her health to improve.

Millie Davenport, 2 mos. (Charlotte Ridley's granddaughter) recovering well from RSV and Pneumonia. Continued prayers for health.

Shawn Davis - Please add my niece Kate and her softball teammates to the prayer list. One of their teammates took her life on Monday. Kate is a Senior at Ooltewah High School.

Drew Mason (Jane & Gerald's son) he had a wreck and has suffered a severe laceration to scalp & possible concussion.

Family of Scott Koch (Sara Lyles)- Sara's brother-in-law's partner died suddenly from a heart attack. He lives in Wisconsin. Please pray for peace and comfort.

THANK YOU

CHURCH FAMILY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
DURING THIS HARD TIME. THE
CALLS, VISITS, CARDS, AND
FOOD WERE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED.

-BETTIE NORRIS

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LOVE YOU.

- FAMILY OF TOM PEEPLES



Please remember all of our active military members.



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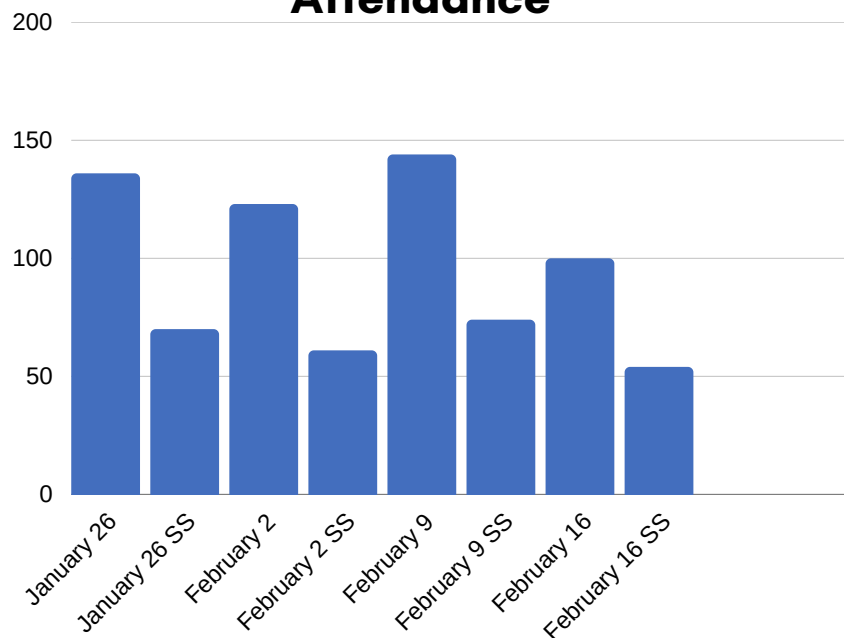
Flowers for the Sanctuary

February 23	Chad & Valerie Pannell
March 2	Dick & Joyce Niggley
March 9	Gary & Diane Green
March 16	Steve & Lisa Loughridge
March 23	Jim & Kristy Harvey
March 30	Easter Lilies
April 6	OPEN

Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>10AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Mar. 2	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Cassidy Powell
Mar. 9	HELP NEEDED	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Mar. 16	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Mar. 23	Laura Sparks	Jaimey Mohler	Leslie Herndon
Mar. 30	HELP NEEDED	Susan Walls	Deborah Yarbrough

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 2/16/2025)

MTD - 19,249.70

YTD - 38,994.05

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

The Academy Homeschool Hybrid

BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Mike Young
March 3	Kelli Kendrick
March 3	Linda Smith
March 3	Laurie Roth
March 4	Geraldine Thornbury
March 5	Beth Thornbury
March 6	Zelley Herndon
March 7	Matt Carroll
March 11	Bryan Dorries
March 14	Jan Bryson
March 17	Brooklyn Carroll
March 18	Sara Lyles
March 24	Kathy Ballew
March 26	Rachel Jordan
March 26	Ryleigh Payne
March 27	Shawn Davis
March 27	Debby Edwards
March 29	Gavin Hanaway
March 30	Joyce Niggley



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	The Academy	Reba Jones
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	The Academy	Tom Peeples
Mickey & Donna Jones	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Doug Ellis	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Ted & Susan Jones	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Linda Smith	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Neil Keener	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Ralph Ausmus	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Brenda Jones	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Melissa Scott
Steve and Lisa Loughridge	Methodist Men	Tom Peeples
Laura C. Hudson (Husband)	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
France, Debbie, & Aaron Adams	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
James H Adams	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Barry & Susan Brooks	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Terry & Jackie Edwards	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Frank Ward	The Academy	Tom Peeples
Ruth Woods	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Dan & Nancy Long	The Academy	Tom Peeples
MC Class of 1961	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Reba Daniel	Honor/Memorial	Reba Jones
Tim Howard	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Chris & Lori Townsend	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Brian & Cindy Chastain	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Lamar & Sue Dunn	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Betty Jo Breeden	Relay for Life	Tom Peeples
Jeff & Lisa Hughes	The Academy	Tom Peeples
Ronnie & Tammie Henderson	Relay for Life	Tom Peeples
Mary Margaret & Daniel Howard	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Tom Peeples
Bill & Jolynn Green	Saturday Sacks	Charles Gibson
Laura Greeson	Honor/Memorial	Tom Peeples

