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MAY 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

What does it take to grow and improve at something? It usually takes a struggle of some kind. We have to be challenged in order to get better. For example, in order to build stronger muscles you have to endure the struggle of straining your muscles to help them grow stronger. This same principle is true for our faith.

1 Peter 1:6-7 says, "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." Faith under fire becomes a furnace of transformation. The fire that seems like it will destroy you is refining you. Trials discipline us, train us, prepare us, and grow us. Our trials today prepare us for glory tomorrow. Our faith is proven real and sincere when it endures through trials.

Trials and sufferings will find you in this life. There will always be moments and seasons that strain your faith muscles. Take comfort in knowing that God is not wasting your struggle. Determine to grow in the process. Hold onto faith in a Savior who endured the suffering of the cross to save you and refine you. If you keep faith in God, He will see you through the struggle, and, in the process, transform you and strengthen your faith.

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
May 4	Acts 9	The Life of Paul: Christ Confronts
May 11	Acts 11:19-30	The Life of Paul: Christ's Leader
May 18	Acts 13	The Life of Paul: Set Apart by Christ
May 25		Guest Preacher Mandy Ledford



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4	Academy Sunday
May 4	Youth Nachos and Fun
May 11	Mother's Day Cookies
May 13	Methodist Women Meeting
May 14	Preschool Graduation
May 18	Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
May 18	Graduation Sunday Meal
May 21	The Academy End of Year Ceremony
May 23	Youth Lunch Super Burrito
May 26	Memorial Day (Offices Closed)
May 31	Roadrunner Trip
June 1 - 29	Lemonade & Cookies on the Lawn
June 15	Father's Day Cookies
July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Independence Day BBQ
July 13 - 17	VBS



On Sunday, after the April 27, 11 am service we will be celebrating Julie Arp for Pastor's Wife Appreciation Day. It will be a Mexican Food theme with the church supplying chicken tacos, nachos & various toppings. Please bring your favorite dessert to top off our meal. If you wish to leave a card for Julie, there will be a basket available. We look forward to seeing you there.



MINISTRIES

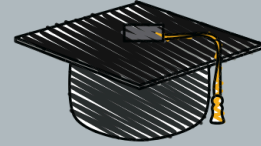
HIGH SCHOOL AND
COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CFMC
GRADUATION CELEBRATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE @706.695.3211 BY MAY 5TH.



Graduation Celebration
Sunday, May 18th



*Please join us following the 11AM
service for a church meal.*



Graduation Sunday and Celebration Meal
Menu: Lasagna, Salad, and Rolls. Please
bring your favorite dessert to share!

Nachos

AND FUN
UNITED YOUTH

Sunday, May 4th
6-8 PM



JOIN OUR TEAM!

WE ARE LOOKING TO GROW OUR TEAM AT CFMC RELAY FOR LIFE.
AS A MEMBER, YOU WILL HAVE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO
PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS. HOWEVER, SIGNING UP DOES NOT
OBLIGATE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE.



Register To Become a Member at:
chatsworthfirstmethodist.org/relay-for-life

**LAST
DAY OF
SCHOOL**

**YOUTH
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SPECIAL SATURDAY ROADRUNNERS TRIP MAY 31ST

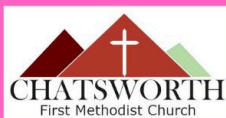


8AM - 6:45PM



The train leaves at 9:30 and returns around 5:30. Tickets cost \$80.00 for adults and \$50.00 for children 12 years old or younger. Please call or text Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 if you have any questions. Please get your payment to Deborah by Sunday, April 27 to ride the train with us!

WOMEN OF JOY™



The Women of Joy Conference is at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge
October 17-19 (Fri.-Sun.)

Ladies, we would like to invite you to experience a weekend of spiritual renewal, uplifting worship, and meaningful connections at the Women of Joy Conference.

ARE YOU READY TO
Experience Joy?

All women are welcome to attend, but space is limited! Reach out to Julie Arp and make your \$100 deposit soon to reserve your spot!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH
10:30 AM

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION



The Academy End of Year Ceremony



Wednesday, May 21 @ 11am

Academy Sunday



MAY 4TH AT 11AM





PRAYER REQUESTS

Vivian Duvall (Melodie Burger) - The Epidural has helped her back pain. Please pray that it continues to help.

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

Barbara Grider- hiatal hernia surgery went well. Please pray for her recovery.

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

Dickie Barnes & Wife (Melodie Burger) Dickie is undergoing radiation infusions in Arizona. They have been there since January.

Scott Rainey (Roger Rainey)- Roger's brother had heart valve replacement surgery. Home and doing well. Please continue to pray for his health and recovery.

Gary Green- continues to receive treatment on a wound on his toe. Please pray for him.

Liane Eller (Ruth Woods) It was determined she was having cluster headaches. She was prescribed oxygen to treat it. It appears to be helping. Thanks to all that prayed for her.

Bertha Walls (Terry Walls)- Terry's aunt had a heart attack. She is back home and doing much better.

Debby Edwards (Casey Schmidt)- had shoulder replacement surgery and is doing well. Please pray for her recovery.

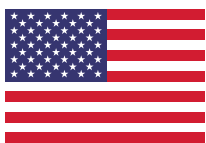
Johnny Alaway (Melissa Sneads) awaiting biopsy results.

Linda Barbee (Melissa Sneads) has a possible rotator cuff tear, has just started experiencing frequent headaches, and has now strained her back. Please pray for healing and comfort.

JB Butler (Melissa Sneads) stomach cancer has returned, and he is undergoing treatments. Please pray that it goes back into remission.

Paul Schuler (Susan Williams) suffers from Trigeminal neuralgia, aka suicide disease, due to the intense and unrelenting pain, which is unbearable for some people.

Bonnie Williams (Amy Williams' sister/Melissa Sneads' niece) as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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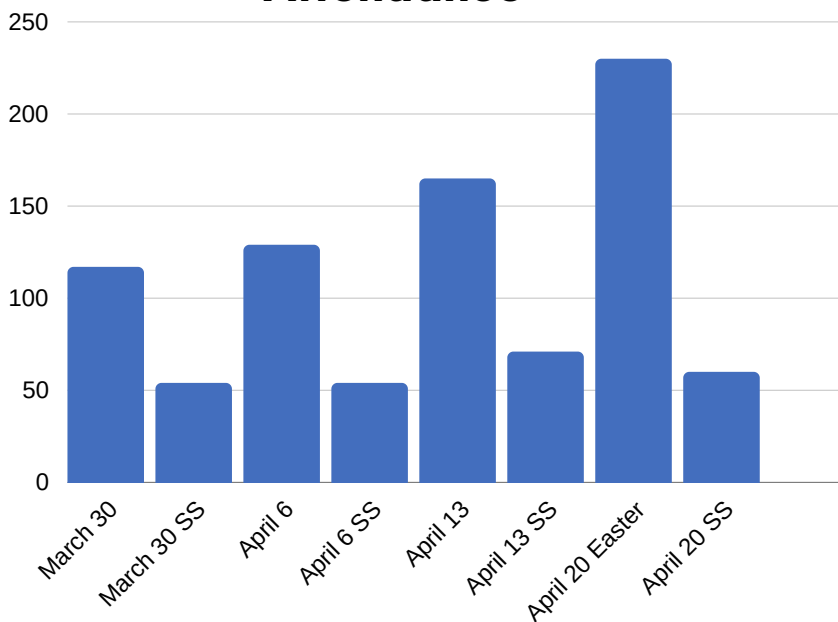
Flowers for the Sanctuary

May 4	Barbara Grider
May 11	James Greeson
May 18	Ophelia Hall
May 25	OPEN
June 1	Frank Ward
June 8	OPEN
June 15	Shawn Davis

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
May 4	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Kathy Ballew
May 11	Nursery Worker for Mother's Day	Nursery Worker for Mother's Day	Nursery Worker for Mother's Day
May 18	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
May 25	Laura Sparks	Christie Rainey	Sara Lyles

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 4/20/2025)

MTD - 21,067.10

YTD - 102,247.25

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

GMC Church Plant in Buckhead

Pastor Charles/Belize Lunches

BIRTHDAYS

May 2	Jolynn Green
May 5	Davis Powell
May 8	Brenda Chapman
May 8	Ken Vance
May 14	Mary Holcomb
May 20	James Greeson
May 21	Ross Burger
May 21	Ragan Elrod
May 23	Harper Holcomb
May 25	Calvin Burger
May 25	Ronnie Henderson
May 28	Terry Walls
May 30	Malissa Steele

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