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NOVEMBER 2026

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A Letter From the Pastor

Are you tired of the political ads yet? I know I am. They are EVERYWHERE. Political candidates are determined to get any message across that will persuade us to vote for one candidate over another. While every candidate is asking for our support, elections also present an important question for Christians: Who are we ultimately representing? In a season when voices from every direction are competing for our allegiance, scripture calls us to remember that our primary identity is not found in a political party or candidate, but in Jesus Christ.

As followers of Christ, election season gives us an opportunity to remember where our primary allegiance belongs and how we are called to represent Jesus in a world that constantly asks us to give up that allegiance in favor of others. It is an opportunity to stand firm in allegiance to Jesus and point others to the ultimate hope found in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:20 says, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." Scripture reminds us that our highest calling is not to be ambassadors for a political party, a candidate, or an ideology. We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. An ambassador represents the interests, values, and character of the one who sent them. Our mission is not to convince others that our preferred candidate is the answer to the problems of society. Our mission is to point people to the only King whose reign is perfect, eternal, and righteous.

Long after election results are forgotten and politicians have come and gone, the kingdom of God will remain. No election can establish God's kingdom, and no election can thwart His purposes.
The world has many advocates, commentators, and political activists. What the world desperately needs are Christlike ambassadors who reflect the love, truth, humility, and hope of Jesus. The world has plenty of political ads. What the world needs most is people who are walking billboards for Christ and the Gospel.

May our community see in us a witness that points beyond politics and toward the hope of Christ and the transforming power of the gospel.

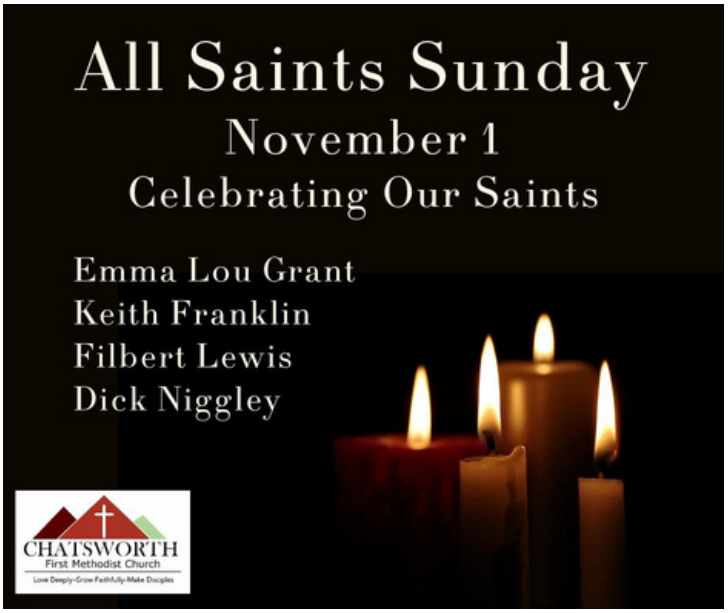
Blessings,
Pastor Graham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
November 1	Revelation 3:1-6	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Fallen Asleep
November 8	Revelation 3:7-13	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Persevere Through Adversity
November 15	Revelation 3:14-22	A Vision and Warnings for the Church: Lukewarm
November 22	Mark 1:16-20	The Primary Ingredient in Jesus's Evangelistic Recipe
November 29	Isaiah 9:2-7	Brought to the Light: Hope





UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1	Time Change/Fall Back
November 1	All Saints Sunday
November 1	Youth Bonfire
November 1	District Charge Conference
November 1	Community Prayer Service
November 8	Ladies Thankful Tea
November 8	Veterens Day Recognition
November 11	Veterens Day
November 15	Chili Cookoff Lunch
November 22	Combined Thanksgivig Service
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Decorate Church for Christmas
November 29	First Sunday of Advent
November 29	Youth Friendsgiving
December 6	Youth Christmas Party
December 8	Methodist Womens Ornament Swap
December 10-12	Roadrunners "The Core" Conference
December 13	Christmas Cantata/Church Party



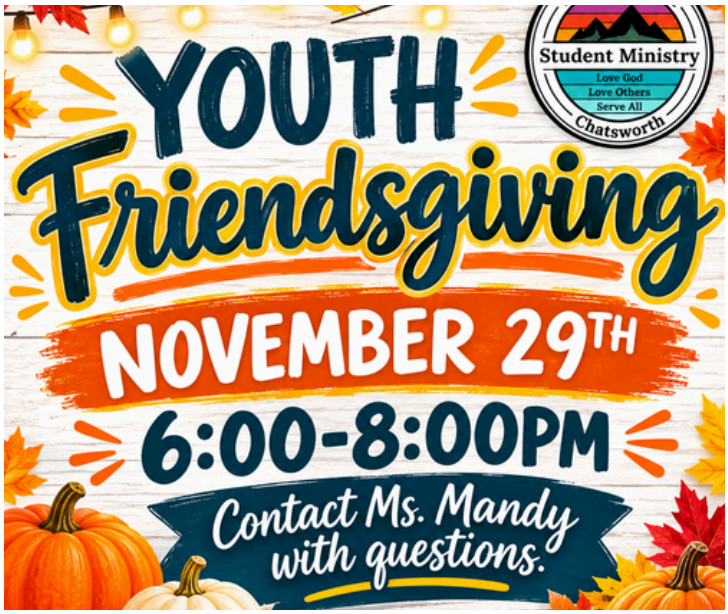
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YOUTH FUNDRAISER
Chili Cook Off
Sunday, November 15
Following the 11:00 Service
Vote for your favorite!
Proceeds Fund Youth Trips
You are invited to bring a pot of your
FAVORITE CHILI
to share!
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COMBINED
THANKSGIVING
Worship Service
Chatsworth First Baptist
&
Chatsworth First Methodist
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
4:00 PM
@ CFB
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First Methodist
Student Ministry
Chatsworth
Campfire
Worship & Cookout
CFMC Youth—
6th-12th Graders!
You're Invited!
Sunday, November 1, 2026
5:00-7:00pm
@The Griffin's
305 Rollie Avenue,
Chatsworth, GA 30705
Got Questions?
See Ms. Mandy


Midweek Kids
KIDS VS GROWN-UPS
THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN
November 4th
6:30-7:45PM in the Gym
Preschool-5th Grade
Contact Rachel (404) 433-0517
(Judges 17:11-19)


YOUTH
Friendsgiving
Student Ministry
Love God
Love Others
Serve All
Chatsworth
NOVEMBER 29TH
6:00-8:00PM
Contact Ms. Mandy
with questions.


Midweek Kids
Thankful
THROWDOWN
November 18th
(Luke 17:11-19)
6:30-7:45PM in the Gym
Preschool-5th Grade
Contact Rachel (404) 433-0517

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Methodist Men's Meeting

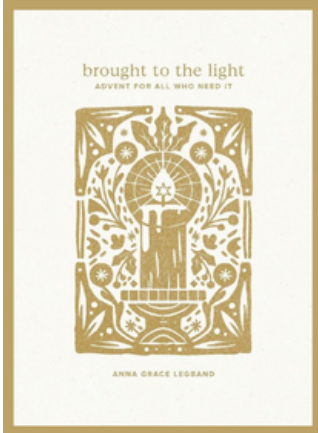
Sunday, November 15 @ 8:00AM

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Advent Devotion Book



In Advent, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus. But in the midst of Christmas celebrations, we can forget a simple, essential truth: Jesus came because we need Him. Advent is about the light of the world breaking into the darkness-not after the darkness is gone, but right in the middle of it. The same is true today. This Advent devotional is for those longing for the presence of Jesus in real life more than the sentimentality of the holiday season.

This year's Advent Devotional is titled Brought to the Light: Advent for All Who Need It. With this daily devotional and our Advent sermon series we will draw from both Jesus' genealogical ancestry and his faith heritage.

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Book Cost: $??



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the Roadrunners will travel to Gas South in Duluth for Festival of the Trees. This is an amazing display of Christmas Trees, Christmas Wreaths, and other decorations. The famous, Riches Pink Pig, a replica, will be offering rides for a small fee. This date is 'Senior Day' and all 60 and over are admitted free with tickets.

The bus will leave the church at **8:30** on **Tuesday, November 24** in order to arrive in Duluth for a 10:00 opening of the Festival of the Trees. We will stop at a restaurant of the group's choice on the way home. The cost for this trip will be your meal and any items you decide to purchase. We will collect for the driver's lunch and gas when we return as usual. **We plan to return to the church around 3:30**.

Please call or text Deborah Yarbrough at **706-671-7169** by November 22 to secure your space on the bus.

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MEMORIALS

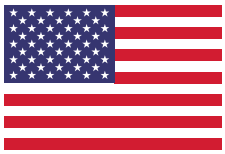
Donor	Fund	In Memory
Bill & Jolynn Green	Operations	Dick Niggley
Barabara Grider	Meal Train	Dick Niggley
Barabara Grider	Meal Train	Keith Franklin
Linda Smith	Shoe Boxes	Dick Niggley
Frank Ward	Academy	Dick Niggley
Ruth Woods	Honor/Memorial	Dick Niggley

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dewayne Collins (Donna Collins) - had a recent heart ablation. Prayers for continued health.
Kim Byrd (Terry Walls)- Terry's sister is having surgery to remove a vascular tumor on Monday, Nov. 2 at Emory.
Deborah Yarbrough (Ted Yarbrough)- has the flu. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
Dale & Lynn Lowman- recovering from sickness.
Dianne Davis- is having a biopsy on some spots in her lungs on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Please pray for good results.
Josephine Sitton (Terry Walls)- is the infant daughter of Terry's cousin Cody and April Sitton. She was born with a genetic defect that is incurable. They are exploring treatment options. Please pray for this family.
Jolynn Green - she will have one more treatment and will have a break. Scans showed treatment is working.
Jeanette Greeson (Laura Greeson)- is home on hospice care. As she nears the end of her earthly journey, please pray for God's peace, comfort, and presence to surround Jeanette and her family.
Doug Ellis (Donna Collins)- is home on hospice due to cancer. Doug is a long-time educator of Murray County. Please pray for him and his family.
Brodie Smith (Jacob Smith)- fell and broke his arm on October 11. Please pray for his recovery.
Clint Black (Bill & Mary Ann Black)- recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Ray Catoe (Paula Catoe) - continued recovery from knee surgery. He is still in pain.
Loretta Otts (Gary & Bonnie Otts) - continued prayers for health
Emmet Gentry - Cody Mohler's brother had surgery to replace a heart valve. He is in need of a heart transplant due to endocarditis and this surgery is intended to give him more time until that can happen.
Jase Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments.
Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick) - ongoing health challenges
Donna Liesenfeld (Lynn Lowman's step-sister) - continued prayers for battle with cancer.
Butch & Melissa Webb (Melissa Sneads) - **c**ontinued recovery from a kidney transplant.
Pray for Christians who are persecuted especially Christians in Nigeria where persecution is severe.
Donna Walden - has cirrhosis of the liver.
Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer.
Rachel Ridley -continued prayers for her health.
Virginia Summey (David Robinson) - nurse care.
Caren Fortner - recovery from surgery to remove a lump in her breast.
Tina Fields - (Melissa Sneads)- has breast cancer. She is Susie C. Pritchett's sister.

Praises:
Congratulations to Brennan and Rachel (Jordan) Lawson on their recent marriage.
Congratulations to Brady and Lilli (Griffin) Irwin on their recent marriage.
Congratulations to Mac Brown and Jacki Ferguson on their marriage.

<u>Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:</u>
Nettie Elrod - died on October 10 at the age of 99. Prayers for the family during their time of loss.
Lester Hill - a neighbor and friend of Rhett and Sandy Griffin. Prayers for the family.
Mary Lassiter - Mary Ann Black's sister-in-law passed from brain cancer. Prayers for the family.
Jim Peeples- Lynn Lowman's died on Monday, October 26. Please pray for the family.



Please remember all of our active military members.

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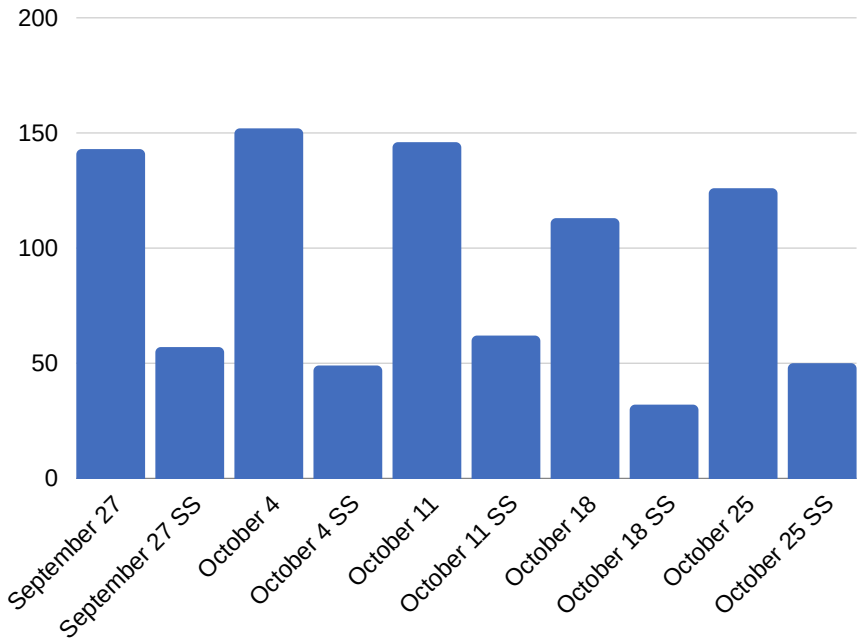
Flowers for the Sanctuary

November 1	OPEN
November 8	OPEN
November 15	Nancy Long
November 22	Ronnie & Tammie Henderson
November 29	Shawn Davis & Holly

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Nov 1	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Jaimey Mohler
Nov 8	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Nov 15	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Nov 22	Laura Sparks	Lesley Herndon	Rhonda Kilgore
Nov 29	Help Needed	Christie Rainey	Anna Holcomb

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 10/25/2026)

MTD - $28,487.72

YTD - $269,222.44

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

Belize School Children Lunches

Good Samaritan Fund

BIRTHDAYS

November 2	Mary Nathan Kendrick
November 2	Hank Ford
November 3	Ronald Payne
November 4	Kyle Holcomb
November 10	Charlee Payne
November 10	Chad Townsend
November 10	Susan Walls
November 11	James Adams
November 15	Jacob Payne
November 16	Caren Fortner
November 17	Deborah Yarbrough
November 17	Cassidy Powell
November 20	Steve Loughridge
November 21	Anne Childers
November 21	Brodie Smith
November 24	Jep Ford
November 29	Lisa Hughes
November 30	Connor Lyles