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October 2024



A Letter From the Pastor

It happens more often than I care to admit. I am working on something on my computer, I think of something I need to search for, and when I open a new tab to go to my search engine or email, I become distracted by all the headlines. I lose focus on what was important and begin focusing on other things.

During the time Jesus walked this earth in human flesh, the Pharisees had mastered the art of losing focus on what was important and instead focusing on other things. They specialized in focusing on the wrong things. For example, multiple times they criticized Jesus for healing people on the Sabbath. Their incorrect understanding of the Sabbath was that it was wrong for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath, because healing was a form of work and work was forbidden except for special circumstances. So, rather than celebrating miraculous healings, they focused on criticizing Jesus.

I wonder how often we as Christians become like the Pharisees. I wonder how much we lose focus on what is important and begin focusing on other things. Do we get so caught up in the things of this world, that we lose focus of the Kingdom that is not of this world? Do we get caught up in jobs, entertainment, politics, etc. and lose focus of prayer, scripture reading, serving in the church, and making disciples of Jesus Christ?

I decided to make a change to help me not be distracted by headlines on my computer. I removed them so that the distraction would no longer be there. Is there a change you need to make to stay focused on what really matters? Scripture gives us these instructions: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2) and "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8). What change do you need to make to do these well?

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



Sunday

- 9 AM In-Person Worship
- 10 AM Sunday School
- 11 AM In-Person Worship
- 11 AM Facebook Live Worship
- 5 PM Choir Cantata Rehearsal
- 6-8 PM UNITED Youth Group

Wednesday

- 5 PM Handbell Practice
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Oct. 6	1 Samuel 3	Dedicated to the Lord: Called by God
Oct. 13	1 Samuel 4	Dedicated to the Lord: God's People Defeated an in Despair
Oct. 20	1 Samuel 7	Dedicated to the Lord: God's People Repent and Pray
Oct. 27	1 Samuel 8	Dedicated to the Lord: Too Much Hope in a Leader



Annual Church Business Meeting

**Monday, October 21
at 6:30pm**

**All members invited to attend to
approve leadership and budget for 2025**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6 Children's Pumpkin Painting
- October 9 First Methodist Women's Outing
- October 14 Columbus Day
- October 11-13 Women's Conference in TN
- October 19-20 Relay for Life Lemonade Stand
- October 19 Methodist Men's BBQ
- October 21 Annual Church Business Meeting
- October 27 Pastor Appreciation Lunch
- October 30 Preschool Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Children's Halloween Bash
- November 3 All Saints Sunday
- November 3 Children's Nerf and Nachos
- November 3 Youth Bonfire @ Pannell's
- November 10 Honoring Veterans
- November 10 Chili Cookoff
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 24 Combined Thanksgiving Worship W/ CFBC



The Chatsworth First Methodist Church will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 27th following the 11:00am worship service. The menu will be fettuccine chicken alfredo, salad, bread, and drinks provided by the church. The congregation is asked to bring a favorite dessert. A table will be provided for those that wish to express their appreciation with cards or gifts to Graham, Julie, and their family. Please join us as we honor Pastor Graham as we celebrate 5 years with us at CFMC.



MINISTRIES

Church Brick Campaign



CHURCH BRICK CAMPAIGN

\$100 PER BRICK

BRICKS MAY BE PURCHASED IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF SOMEONE OR TO COMMEMORATE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY. BRICKS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE COURTYARD.



Methodist Men



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19**

**METHODIST
MENS
BBQ**

ONE-HALF GRILLED CHICKEN,
HOMEMADE BAKED BEANS, & COLESLAW

\$8 Tickets available from
Methodist Men members
or the church office

11:00AM-2:00PM

CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

Children's Ministry

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
2:30 PM IN THE FFLC
RSVP BY OCTOBER 1



CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

Methodist Women

**METHODIST WOMEN
FALL OUTING**

Wednesday, October 8th



THE METHODIST WOMEN WILL BE TRAVELING TO SOUTHERN CHARM RESTAURANT AND MERCIERS ORCHARD. WE WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 10:00 AM.

CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
HALLOWEEN BASH**

HOT CHOCOLATE, COTTON CANDY,
AND GROUP TRICK OR TREATING

31 | 837 Moravian Bend
Chatsworth, GA | **6:00PM**

OCTOBER



CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

Thanksgiving Worship Service

**THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

A COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE FOR
CHATS WORTH FIRST BAPTIST AND
CHATS WORTH FIRST METHODIST

First Baptist Church
Chatsworth

CHATS WORTH
First Methodist Church

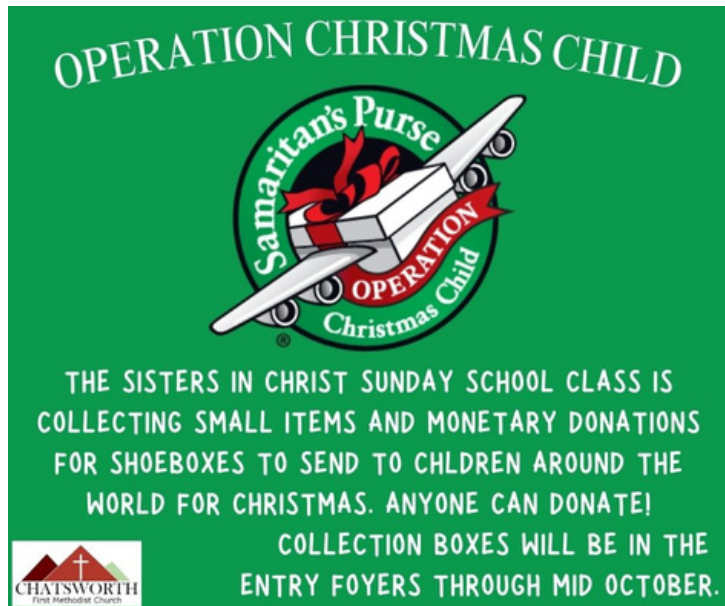
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 @ 4:00 PM
CHATS WORTH FIRST BAPTIST
AN OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED FOR MURRAY COUNTY
NEXT STEP. A MEAL WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.





MINISTRIES

Operation Christmas Child



The Sisters in Christ Sunday School Class will again be collecting items to include in shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. Collection boxes will be at both entrances to the sanctuary for you to drop off donations through mid October. Suggested items include: puzzles, Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, small toys, games, coloring books, crayons, children's underwear, boys flip flops, tooth brushes, and washcloths. Remember that these should be able to fit in a shoebox. Thank you so much for your help as we do this project. Monetary donations may also be made to the church with a note on the check for shoebox project.

starting Thursday Oct. 3rd (6-7:30pm) we will host a weekly meal and study-group on the book of ACTS at Kevin & Casey's home in Chatsworth



book of Acts

RSVP or Q?'s:
schmidtbbq@gmail.com
or Casey 808-561-8636 /
Kevin 808-372-1567

a 16 week (thru Feb.) in-depth dive into this NT book with twin goals of (1) gaining a "strong literacy" of the text, plus (2) "opening-up" people's usual approach to Scripture

Road Runners



For our October Roadrunner's trip, we will leave the church at 9:00 am on Tuesday, October 29 and travel through the colorful fall foliage in the North Georgia Mountains with our destination being Helen, Georgia. The alpine town of Helen takes its inspiration from the villages of Germany, complete with the building style of downtown shops and restaurants. This town is a bustling arts and shopping district. Find more than 200 specialty shops featuring everything from blown glass to cuckoo clocks and miniatures. You may select from many restaurants offering traditional German fare like bratwurst and schnitzel. You will have ample time for lunch on your own and shopping or just enjoying the unique village of Helen. We will return to the church around 5:00pm.

Cost for this trip will be cost of your meal, gas to refill the bus, and our usual collection for the driver's lunch.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, October 20 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 2024 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie (Lynn Lowman's niece) Born on September 4th. The baby has a heart problem called Hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a condition where the left ventricle does not develop properly. Surgery was performed on September 16th. Please keep praying for healing and recovery.

France Adams (Debbie Adams) - Had partial hip replacement surgery. France is home from the hospital. He will have home health to do physical therapy.

Gayle Bean (Paula Catoe) is undergoing physical therapy following her recent knee replacement surgery. She has graduated from a walker to a cane and is doing well. Please continue your prayers for her complete and Godspeed recovery.

Calvin Burger - Calvin's barn burned down due to an electrical fire. No people or animals were harmed. Please pray for Calvin and Melodie.

Lou Burchfield- continued prayers needed.

Jim Flanigan (Cynthia Flanigan)- continued prayer for health challenges.

Whitley Higdon (Greta & Lamar Lawless' grandchild) is back home but her kidneys are still inflamed. Surgery is planned to reattach a kidney tube at a later date.

Brenda Jones- fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is doing well. She is expected to come home and will do outpatient rehab. Her daughter will stay with her to help care for her.

Geneva King (Lisa Hughes)- Jeff's aunt has been taken to the hospital, is in ICU, and is unresponsive. She was recently diagnosed with cancer around her heart. She is a precious precious sweet lady.

Tom Peebles- continued prayers for health challenges.

Zach and Heather Tilson PRAISE for the birth of their daughter Evelyn Shey Tilson! Proud grandparents are Ronald and Kellie Payne and Lois Tilson.

Aaron and Brittany Young PRAISE for the birth of their daughter Katie Mae Young! Proud grandparents are Mike and Judy Young.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Marilyn Bennett



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

October 6	France & Debbie Adams
October 13	Open
October 20	Linda Smith
October 27	Rachel Ridley
November 3	Bill & Mary Ann Black
November 10	Nancy & Dan Long
November 17	Tammie Henderson
November 24	Shawn Davis

Stewardship

Operations (As of 9/23/2024)

MTD - \$22,065.92

YTD - \$266,920.12

Giving Opportunities

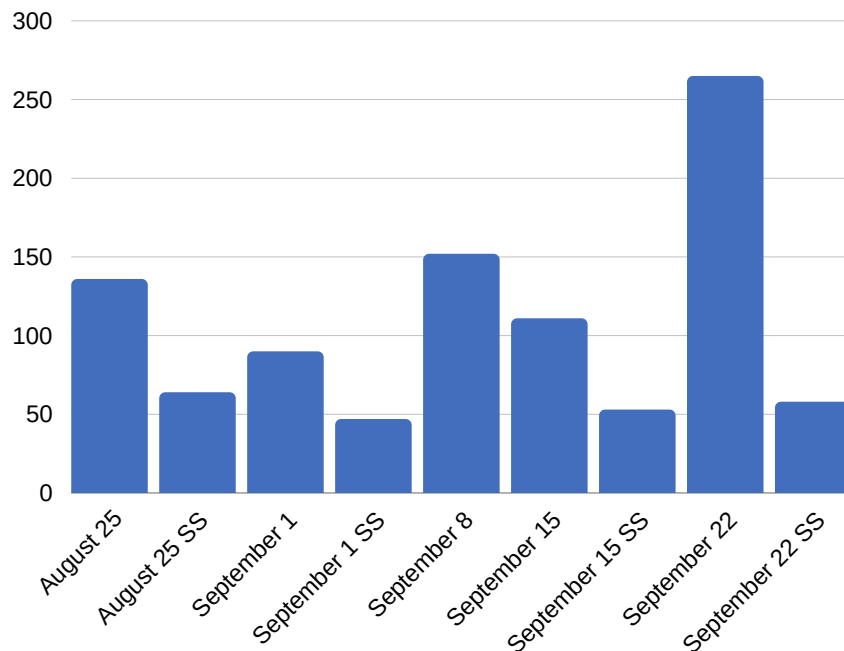
Saturday Sacks

Good Samaritan Fund

Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>10AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Oct. 6	Shawn Davis	Anna Holcomb	Rhonda Kilgore
Oct. 13	HELP NEEDED	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Oct. 20	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Oct. 27	Laura Sparks	Lesley Herndon	Cassidy Powell

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

Tobias Arp	October 1
Bristol Carroll	October 1
Ruth Woods	October 3
Phil Noles	October 5
Elijah Schmidt	October 5
Mary Ann Black	October 7
Jim Harvey	October 8
Julie Arp	October 9
Heidi Holcomb	October 11
Kevin Schmidt	October 13
Bettie Norris	October 13
Hattie Holcomb	October 14
Lori Townsend	October 19
Jeff Hughes	October 20
Braylen Dorries	October 20
Susan Gray	October 21
Jaimey Mohler	October 21
Sheree McEntire	October 26
Bradford Dorries	October 26
Dixie Carroll	October 27
Kelsea Grant	October 28
Janice Harris	October 30



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Adams, James	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Ausmus, Ralph	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Baker, Duane & Debra	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Bennett, Milford	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Davis, Richard F.	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Green, Bill & Jolynn	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Greenwald, Andy & Kim	Good Samaritan	Marilyn Bennett
Greeson, James	Honor/Memorial Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Griffin, Rhett & Sandy	The Academy	Tom Martin
Griffin, Rhett & Sandy	The Academy	Reginald Craft
Griffin, Rhett & Sandy	The Academy	Marilyn Bennett
Griffin, Rhett & Sandy	The Academy	Mary Jo Dobbs
Henderson, Ronnie & Tammie	Honor/Memorial Fund	Mary Jo Dobbs
Jennings, Fred & Mary Etta	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Jennings, Fred & Mary Etta	Saturday Sacks	Paula Adams
Jennings, Fred & Mary Etta	Saturday Sacks	Carolyn Martin
Jennings, Fred & Mary Etta	Saturday Sacks	Bill Woods
Kendrick, Tommy and Mary Nathan	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin
Kendrick, Tommy and Mary Nathan	Samaritan's Purse	Marilyn Bennett
Kolf, David & Michelle	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Long, Dan & Nancy	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Loughridge, Steve & Lisa	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Niggley, Dick & Joyce	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
O'Quinn, Doug & Alma	Good Samaritan Fund	Marilyn Bennett
Rainey, Roger & Christie	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Bennett
Sneads, Melissa	Chancel Choir	Izzy Lisborg
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Ward, Frank	The Academy	Marilyn Bennett
Woods, Ruth	Chancel Choir	Marilyn Bennett
Zisholz, Kenneth & Kristen	Good Samaritan	Marilyn Bennett
Zisholz, Larry & Gail	Good Samaritan	Marilyn Bennett