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# OCTOBER 2025



## A Letter From the Pastor

We are rooting for the wrong things. Or at least some of us are at least some of the time. Our political divide has led us to a temptation to root against people rather than to root for what is good and loving. We are prone to root against people rather than rooting for changed hearts, for reconciled relationships, for Christ to be publicly exalted. Romans 12:21 says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." We become overcome by evil when we root against people because of politics or anything else that divides us. We overcome evil with good by recognizing and celebrating when people we differ from choose what is good.

Consider the response to the murder of Charlie Kirk. It is clear that Charlie was able to reach many young people with his influence. Much of what he said was focused on politics, but he also regularly proclaimed the gospel. In response to his murder, many young people have expressed a greater desire to go to church or at least pursue faith more than they had before. His influence on the lives of younger people has made them more receptive to faith in Jesus Christ. We should be rooting for this and celebrating this.

His memorial service was held recently. Throughout the service, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed repeatedly. The name of Jesus was exalted by several political leaders. I repeat, political leaders boldly and clearly proclaimed salvation through faith in Jesus. We should be rooting for this and celebrating this.

Erika Kirk, the widow of Charlie Kirk, gave a powerful speech at her husband's memorial service. The most significant moment of the day was when she expressed her forgiveness of Charlie's murderer. What a powerful moment! What an amazing demonstration of the Gospel lived out by someone suffering such a terrible tragedy! This is the type of response that we should be rooting for and celebrating. Her response was even praised by Jimmy Kimmel, who was fresh off a suspension for his remarks on the murder of Charlie Kirk. He said she is an example to follow, noted that she is doing what Jesus teaches, and described her response as a selfless act of grace. Rather than attacking Charlie and Erika Kirk, rather than trying to find fault or even just to ignore the memorial service altogether, Jimmy Kimmel chose to praise what is good and loving and Christlike. We should be rooting for this and celebrating this.

If we are rooting for the name of Jesus to be exalted, if we are rooting for more people to hear the Gospel, if we are rooting for bold demonstrations of forgiveness, if we are rooting for peace in response to violence, then we have much to celebrate. Our political preferences or anything else should not prevent us from celebrating what is good and what promotes faith in Jesus.

We pray for the Kingdom of God to come on earth as it is in heaven, but we do not get to decide the specifics of how that happens or through whom it happens. Our job is to root for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, participate in the work of the Kingdom, and celebrate the signs of the Kingdom's advancement in our world. If signs of revival are resulting from the influence of Charlie Kirk, from politicians proclaiming the Gospel, from talk show hosts praising forgiveness, we should celebrate.

Blessings,

Pastor Graham



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Sermons

	Date		Scripture	Sermon
	Oct. 5		James 1:19-27	Living Faith: Be Doers of the Word
	Oct. 12		Youth-Led Worship Service	Guest Speaker Jackson Pannell
	Oct. 19		James 2	Living Faith: The evidence of Faith
	Oct. 26		James 3	Living Faith: Watch Your Mouth!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5 Youth Horseback Riding
- October 5 Children's Pumpkin Painting
- October 12 Youth-Led Worship Service
- October 12 Baby Shower Gift Basket
- October 13 Columbus Day
- October 14 Methodist Women's Fall Outing
- October 17-19 Women's Conference
- October 18 Methodist Men's BBQ
- October 19 Special Offering for Gideons
- October 24 Roadrunners Trip
- October 26 Pastor Appreciation Lunch
- October 27 Annual Church Business Meeting
- October 29 Preschool Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Children's Halloween Bash
- November 2 Daylight Savings
- November 2 All Saints Sunday
- November 2 FCA Ladies Tea
- November 9 Youth Chili Cookoff
- November 9 Honor Veterans



We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 26th following the 11:00AM 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 6 years with us at CFMC.





# MINISTRIES



## Sunday YOUTH Service

DATE: October 12th

**1 Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.**



Join Us!

## United Youth HORSEBACK RIDING

Sunday, Oct. 5th  
2:00-4:00PM



## Midweek Kids

6:30 - 7:30 PM in the GYM  
Contact Ms. Rachel: 404.433.0517

Oct. 8th **CAMP NIGHT** (Exodus 12:21-22)

Oct. 22nd **HALLOWEEN PARTY** (John 6:12)

Nov. 5th **CANDY OLYMPICS** (Joshua 6)

Nov. 19th **Nerf Night** (1 Samuel 17)

Dec. 3rd **Cooking/Service Night**  
(John 13:1-17)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5  
2:30 PM IN THE FFLC  
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT. 28TH



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HALLOWEEN BASH

HOT CHOCOLATE, COTTON CANDY,  
AND GROUP TRICK OR TREATING

31  
OCTOBER

837 Moravian Bend  
Chatsworth, GA

6:00PM



WE ARE  
ACCEPTING CANDY  
DONATIONS FOR  
THE CHILDREN'S  
HALLOWEEN BASH.







# MINISTRIES

**BABY SHOWER  
GIFT CARD BASKET**  
*Sunday, October 12*

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US IN  
BLESSING KATIE (LONG) & BEN  
HUDDLESTON WITH GIFT CARDS AS THEY  
PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIRST  
CHILD, A BABY BOY.  
THEY ARE REGISTERED AT BABYLIST,  
TARGET & AMAZON.



**CHATSWORTH**  
First Methodist Church

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 18**



**METHODIST  
MENS  
BBQ**

11:00AM-2:00PM

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

**\$10** Tickets available from  
Methodist Men members  
or the church office

**CHATSWORTH**  
First Methodist Church

**METHODIST WOMEN  
FALL OUTING**  
*Tuesday, October 14th*



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

**CHATSWORTH**  
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*Methodist Men's Breakfast*

**Sunday, October 26 @ 8:00 AM**



**CHATSWORTH**  
First Methodist Church

 **The Gideons  
International**  
THE GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION

**Special  
Offering**

Sunday, October 19TH

We will take up a special  
offering for The Gideons.



**CHATSWORTH**  
First Methodist Church

**STRENGTH  
TO STAND**

**2026 Conference**

**REGISTRATION LINK**



 **Student Ministry**  
Love God  
Love Others  
Serve All  
Chatsworth

JAN. 17-19  
PIGEON FORGE, TN.  
\$225 PER STUDENT

 **ASK MS. MANDY**

**CHATSWORTH**  
First Methodist Church





# MINISTRIES

## ROADRUNNERS TRIP TUESDAY OCT. 24TH

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Amicalola Falls  
Shenanigans  
Restaurant  
Elijay Apple  
Houses



For our October trip, we will travel on a FRIDAY across the mountain to our first stop of Amicalola Falls. We will visit the visitor's center and view the falls. This is the 3rd highest cascading waterfall east of the Mississippi River at 729 feet tall. There are great views from the top as well as the bottom of the falls. Our second stop will be lunch at Shenanigans in Dahlonega. This is a welcoming place to enjoy delicious food including traditional Irish dishes, along with an extensive American menu of salad, sandwiches, and burgers. After lunch, we plan to stop at one of the Ellijay Apple Houses for apple purchases.

Cost for this trip will be gas to refill the bus and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for your lunch, and items purchased at the Apple House.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, October 19 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 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.

## ROADRUNNERS CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE TATE HOUSE

TUESDAY, DEC. 2  
@10AM

SIGN UP BY  
OCTOBER 26

COST: \$70

CHATS WORTH  
First Methodist Church

The Roadrunners Christmas outing will be Tuesday, December 2. We will travel to Tate, Georgia to visit the historic Tate House. The beautiful marble mansion is listed as the Pink Palace in the National Register of Historic Places. Built as a private estate home by Colonel Sam Tate, land baron, philanthropist, and business tycoon in 1926, the home is lavishly decorated for the holiday season with a fully decorated Christmas Tree in each room, some with multiple trees. Lunch is first on the agenda, then followed by the Holiday Mansion Tour, lastly shop at the gift boutique before leaving. The cost is \$70.00 per person and includes a portion of the driver's cost, the buffet, and tour.

This event venue requires advance, non-refundable reservations by end of October. To make your reservations, please make your check payable to Deborah Yarbrough and get it to her or the church office ON OR BEFORE October 26. We will be taking the bus from the church, leaving at approximately 10:00am, depending upon our exact reservation time.

The trip is open to everyone, based on room on the bus.



# MINISTRIES

**Ladies Thankful Tea**  
SUN. NOV. 10, 2024 2:30PM-4:30PM

Don't miss out on this TEA-REFIC event!  
**TICKETS \$20 per person or TABLES OF 8 \$150**  
Table Sponsors: Send Check to Murray County FCA PO Box 1932 Chatsworth GA 30705  
Event @ Holly Creek Baptist Church, CLC **Reservations Required: Thanks!**

Call 706-537-2185  
OR Email: [mledford@fca.org](mailto:mledford@fca.org)  
to reserve your table today!

Let's have some fun! Plan to wear a fabulous tea hat!

All proceeds help support Murray Co. FCA

Anyone wishing to attend this FCA fundraiser, please get payment to Deborah Yarbrough or the office by Mon., Oct. 20.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Samaritan's Purse**  
**OPERATION**  
**Christmas Child**

THE SISTERS IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS COLLECTING SMALL ITEMS AND MONETARY DONATIONS FOR SHOEBOXES TO SEND TO CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD FOR CHRISTMAS. ANYONE CAN DONATE!

COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE IN THE ENTRY FOYERS THROUGH OCTOBER.

**CHATS WORTH**  
First Methodist Church

Collection of small gift items and money will take place throughout October for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be located at both entrances of the church, or if you prefer us to shop for you, donations will be gladly accepted. Please note Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes on your check or envelope. A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.





# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Brooke Green** (Jolynn Green) - Continue to pray for health and healing.

**Ms. Irene Carter** (Dave Robinson) - COPD

**Ms. Virginia Summey** (Dave Robinson) - Hip Replacement

**Ms. Tanis Watlington** (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer

**Diane Stinnette** - Passing of Gary

**Ben Hefner** (Melissa Sneads cousin) - had a setback and remains hospitalized due to infection.

**Michael Chaffe** (Shannon and Hugh Eighmie's brother-in-law) - diagnosed with stage 4 rectal cancer.

**Gage Southerland (Melissa Snead's great-nephew)** - please pray for God's mercy.

**Brent Norris (Bettie Norris' son)** - is scheduled to undergo rotator cuff surgery in North Carolina this Thursday.

**Linda Barbee (Melissa Sneads' cousin)** is scheduled to have arm brace/sling removed if shoulder is healed properly. Please pray that everything is fine so that she can start using her arm again.

**Hannah Newton** (Paula Catoe's granddaughter) is in the Army Reserves and has been activated. She left to report to Washington DC.

**Keri Hughes** (Paula Catoe)- UPDATE Paula's daughter got a good report on her heart and everything is looking good with her heart. They are about to do a chest ultrasound. It may be something viral and stress.

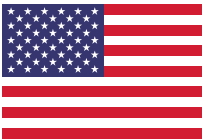
**Eileen & Bob Simmons** (Melissa Sneads) Eileen is home on Hospice. Please pray for God's peace.

**Joyce Craft** - ongoing health issues.

**Darlene Clark (Graham Arp)** - Julie's aunt's health continues to decline due to cancer and is now on hospice.

**Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:**

**Jere Weyman** - Please pray for the family.



**Please remember all of our active military members.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Stewardship

Operations (As of 10/21/2025)

MTD - \$24,148.10

YTD - \$243,464.20

## Flowers for the Sanctuary

October 5      Ophelia Hall  
 October 12  
 October 19      Dave Robinson  
 October 26      Linda Smith

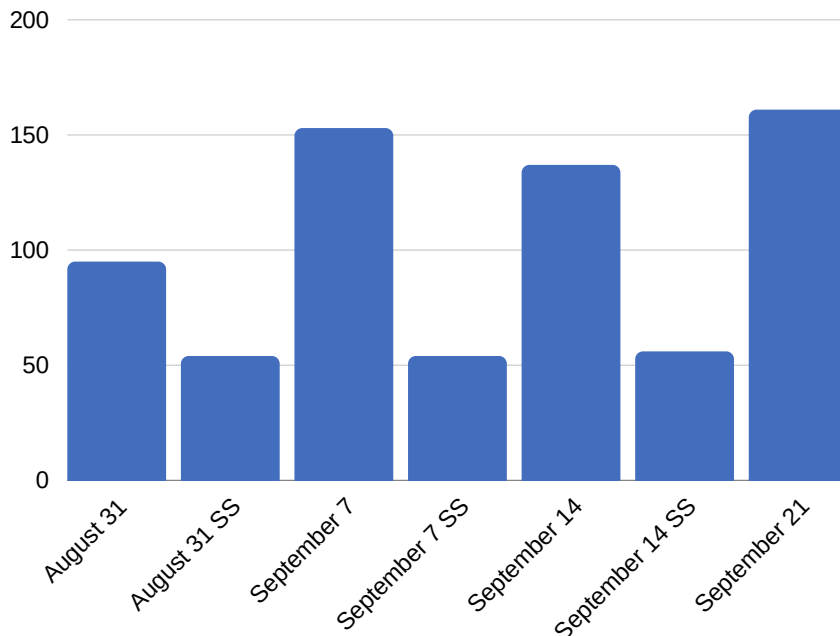
## Giving Opportunities

**Saturday Sacks**  
**Murray County Next Step**  
**Gideons**

## Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Oct 5	Shawn Davis	Help Needed	Help Needed
Oct 12	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Oct 19	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Oct 26	Laura Sparks	Help Needed	Help Needed

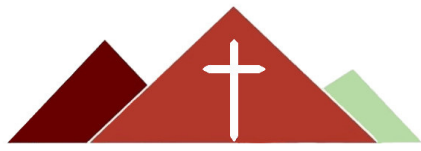
## Attendance



## BIRTHDAYS

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





# MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Linda Smith	Saturday Sacks	Scott Rainey
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Bill & JoLynn Green	The Academy	Scott Rainey
Bill & JoLynn Green	The Academy	Ragan Elrod
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Novis Davis
Ralph Ausmus	Saturday Sacks	Jere Weyman
Wesley & Lesley Herndon	Operations	Jere Weyman
Calvin & Melodie Burger	Honor/Memorial	Jere Weyman
Ruth Woods	Honor/Memorial	Jere Weyman
Ruth Woods	Honor/Memorial	Scott Rainey
Julius & Cindy Weyman	Sound System	Jere Weyman
Frank Ward	The Academy	Jere Weyman
Milford Bennett	Family Life Committee	Jere Weyman
Melissa Sneads	The Academy	Jere Weyman
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Jere Weyman