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September 2024



A Letter From the Pastor

When I was a youth minister one of my favorite messages to share with my youth group, FCA gatherings, and other events centered on John 3:16. God willingly gave His only begotten Son because He loves us and does not want us to perish. The message involved everyone taking out the item they had with them that they valued most. For most that was a cell phone or jewelry. I then asked them to give that valuable item to someone else. Just give it away. We then talked about what it feels like to give away what we value. God gave away what He valued most knowing that Jesus would be mistreated. God knew we people would not value Jesus and would crucify Him, and yet God still gave His Son away. What amazing love that is! In response to so great a love, could we ever hold anything back from God?

In Genesis 22 God commands Abraham to give up what he values most: his son Isaac. Incredibly, Abraham is willing to obey. He gets to the point for the knife to be raised above Isaac and God stops him just before he takes further action. What amazing faith that Abraham would withhold nothing from God, even what he valued most.

Is there something in your life that you would withhold from the God who held nothing back in His quest to save you?

Sometimes I think what we value most are intangible things. We value comfort and security. We value our reputation and status. Do you value obedience to God over these or anything else? Or does what you value hinder you from obedience and service to God? John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." In response to so great a love, could we ever hold anything back from God?

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
Sept. 1		* Mandy Ledford Preaching*
Sept. 8		Homecoming- 10:30am service time
Sept. 15	2 Timothy 3	Having a Form of Godliness But Denying Its Power
Sept. 22	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Turning Away From the Truth
Sept. 29	1 Samuel 1	God Answers Desperate Prayers



PRESCHOOL PRAYER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

We will pray over our preschoolers and teachers for the upcoming school year at the 11am worship.

Preschoolers will be singing in the service.




HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30AM Worship Service
 Covered Dish Lunch to Follow



You are invited to join us for our homecoming service! This year's Homecoming will celebrate the legacy of Senator and Mrs. Fincher and the important role they played in our church. The service will also feature special musical guest Mizpah Methodist Women's Trio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2	Labor Day
September 3	First Day of The Academy
September 8	Homecoming
September 9	First Day of Preschool/Kindergarten
September 10	Methodist Women Meeting
September 11	Handbell Practices Begin
September 15	Youth at Fort Mountain
September 15	Choir Cantata Practice Begins
September 22	Preschool Prayer Sunday
September 22	Methodist Men Meeting
September 22	Children's Back to School Bash
October 9	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

The Family Life Committee will provide chicken and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts.



BABY SHOWER
GIFT CARD BASKET

Sunday, September 8

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US IN BLESSING GREGORY AND MARI WITH GIFT CARDS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIRST CHILD.

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT AMAZON, WALMART, BABY LIST, AND COSTCO.





MINISTRIES

Saturday Sacks

SATURDAY SACKS



**WILL BEGIN ON
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12 @ 1PM**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Youth

Sunday, September 15



Youth Trip to

FORT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



LUNCH/HIKING/BEACH

FOLLOWING THE 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Music Ministry

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata will begin soon! Rehearsals are each Sunday evening at 5:00 in the choir room. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in the choir! It is a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we prepare to sing of the joy and blessing of the birth of Jesus!

**Sunday Evenings 5 PM
Beginning September 15**



Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**FOLLOWING THE 11AM SERVICE
INFLATABLES, FOOD, & FUN!**



Preschool Prayer Partners



PRESCHOOL PRAYER PARTNERS

Please consider making the commitment to pray for a preschooler and their family throughout the school year.

If you would like to be a Preschool Prayer Partner, please contact Sandy Griffin or Pastor Graham.



HANDBELLS

**PRACTICE WILL RESUME ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 5 PM**

**No musical experience necessary!
Anyone interested is welcome to join!**





MINISTRIES

Disciple Bible Study

Psalms Bible Study

Begins Sunday, September 8
Meets every Sunday from 2-4pm
for 10 weeks



This study will use the book Invitation to Psalms, which is a short-term Disciple Bible Study. The study includes independent readings and reflections for each day of the week as well as group video lessons and discussions



Methodist Men

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19**



11:00AM-2:00PM

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

\$8

Tickets available from
Methodist Men members
or the church office

**METHODIST
MENS
BBQ**

Operation Christmas Child

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 MID OCTOBER.



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.



Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting

Sunday, September 22 @ 8AM



Chatsworth First Methodist Women



Chatsworth First Methodist Women Meeting

Tuesday, September 10 @ 11 AM
in the Fellowship Classroom

**The Knitting Group will meet @
10 AM in the Fellowship Classroom

Roadrunners

For our September Roadrunner's trip we will leave the church at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 17 with our first destination the Top of the Rock restaurant in Jasper, Tennessee for lunch. This restaurant, located in the Central Time Zone, is known as a place where friends can gather. They combine chef -inspired food with spectacular views. Their food is made from scratch and uses only the best ingredients.

Our last stop will be the Lodge Manufacturing Plant in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. This is where all those cast iron skillets your grandmother used were made. They have a museum tour that will show you how cast iron is made, introduce you to the 125-year history of Lodge, and you will see the world's largest cast iron skillet. We will return to the church around 5:00pm.

Cost for this trip will be \$16.00 Lodge Manufacturing Museum entrance fee, 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, September 15 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.



**Roadrunners to Top of the Rock
& Lodge Manufacturing Plant**

September 17 from 10am to 5pm

- *Restaurant with made from scratch food & spectacular views in Jasper, TN**
- *Cast iron skillet museum tour in South Pittsburg, TN**

Cost: \$16





PRAYER REQUESTS

Maggie (Lynn Lowman's niece) is expecting in September. The baby has a heart problem called Hypo plastic left heart syndrome, a condition where the left ventricle does not develop properly.

Carolyn Brayfield (Judy Young's mama) recovering from a fall. She has now moved from Kentucky to Georgia.

Lou Burchfield- continued prayers needed.

Dianne Davis- fell and broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery and is recovering.

Jim Flanigan (Cynthia Flanigan)- Jim has been in the hospital with serious health conditions. He has shown improvement, but still needs prayers.

Brandy Hanaway (Gavin Hanaway's grandmother) in ICU due to blood pressure and heart issues.

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.

Katie Long Huddleston (Nancy Long) underwent thyroid removal surgery and all went well.

Kathy Ogle (Melissa Sneads) complications following hip repair surgery. To be placed in a nursing home for physical therapy. She very upset about it which is tormenting her husband and children.

Teri Palen (Melissa Sneads) surgery went well & physical therapy is going great!

Tom and Cindy Peeples- continued prayers for ongoing health issues.

Celeste Timms (Melissa Sneads) back surgery went well and she is up and walking. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers at home.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Marilyn Bennett- passed away on Sunday, Sept. 18. Please pray for Milford, their 2 sons, and all their family.

Bill Chester (Dale Lowman's uncle) passed peacefully. He was 91 years old. Please keep Dale and all his family in your prayers.

Mary Jo Benford Dobbs- passed away on Monday, August 19. Please pray for the Dobbs, Benford, and Flanigan families.

Greg West (Dick & Joyce Niggley's neighbors) Hal & Ruth's son, who died unexpectedly on Monday, August 12.

A note from Joe & Tiffany Martin: Dear Chatsworth FMC, thank you all for your love, support, and prayers during dad's illness and his passing. Thank you all for sending him cards and going to visit him. It meant so much to him and us. Love, Joe & Tiffany Martin



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers for the Sanctuary

September 1	Kate & Charlie Pannell
September 8	The Finchers
September 15	Kathy Ballew
September 22	Susan Gray
September 29	Jere Weyman
October 6	France & Debbie Adams
October 13	Open
October 20	Linda Smith
October 27	Rachel Ridley

Stewardship

Operations (As of 8/22/2024)

MTD-\$22,446.50

YTD-\$242,394.50

Giving Opportunities

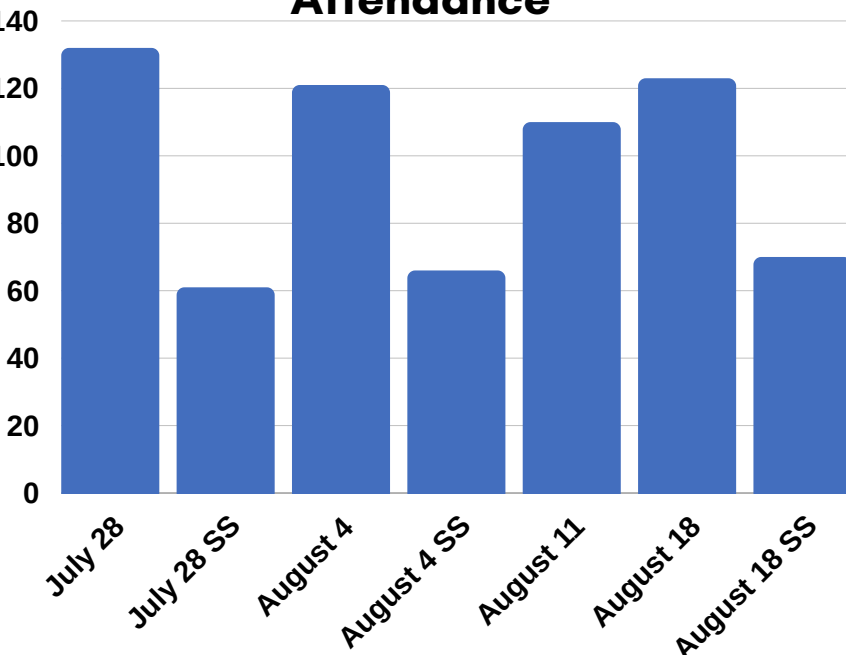
Saturday Sacks

Good Samaritan Fund

Nursery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>10AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Sept. 1	Laura Sparks	Lisa Loughridge	Cassidy Powell
Sept. 8	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker
Sept. 15	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Sept. 22	Laura Sparks	Christiie Rainey	Deborah Yarbrough
Sept. 29	Help Needed	Brenda Chapman	Susan Walls

Attendance



BIRTHDAYS

Henry Holcomb	September 1
Melissa Sneads	September 4
Lisa Jones	September 5
Joyce Craft	September 8
David Green	September 13
Lou Walls	September 14
Tommy Kendrick	September 16
Sandy Griffin	September 18
Kellie Payne	September 18
Jeff Davis	September 22
Braelynn Flanigan	September 22
Jackson Pannell	September 22
Lois Tilson	September 22
Barbara Benford	September 25
Wayne McDaniel	September 27
Barbara Grider	September 28
Jackie Elber	September 30
Bill Green	September 30
Anna Holcomb	September 30



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Burger, Calvin & Melodie	Honor/Memorial Fund	Tom Martin
Craft, Joyce, Terry, & Brian	Saturday Sacks	Reginald Craft
Davis, Jeff & Shawn	Chancel Choir	Tom Martin
Halverson, James & Brooke	Honor/Memorial Fund	Tom Martin
Henderson, Ronnie & Tammie	Saturday Sacks	Isabella "Izzy" Lisborg
Kendrick, Alan & Kelli	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin
Long, Dan & Nancy	The Academy	Tom Martin
Long, Dan & Nancy	The Academy	Reginald Craft
Loughridge, Steve & Lisa	Sound System	Tom Martin
CFMC Women	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin
CFMC Women	Saturday Sacks	Thomas Martin
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Marilyn Martin
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Mary Ann Steele
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Carolyn Martin
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Helen Wilson
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Greg Howard
Ridley, Rachel	Saturday Sacks	Neil Ingle
Weyman, Julius & Cindy	Sound System	Christopher Herod
Wilcox, Barbara	Honor/Memorial Fund	Tom Martin
Yarbrough, Ted & Deborah	Good Samaritan	Tom Martin
Yarbrough, Ted & Deborah	Good Samaritan	Reginald Craft
Young, Mike & Judy	Saturday Sacks	Tom Martin