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SEPTEMBER 2025



A Letter From the Pastor

It is the time of year for back to school. The freedom of summer break will come to an end and will be replaced by the rhythm of early mornings, packed schedules, school assignments. Each day comes with new assignments that are intended to further students' education. If the assignments are incomplete or ignored, the student will not be very successful.

As Christians, God assigns us work to do in this world. These assignments come in the form of opportunities to minister to and serve others. Yet, it is difficult to complete an assignment if you are unaware that an assignment exists. If you do not realize that you have been assigned work, then you will not likely do the assigned work. Part of our task each day as Christians is to expect an assignment from God. Since the assignment comes from God, in order to receive the assignment, we need to seek God first. We do this through prayer, reading His Word, and surrendering to our Lord Jesus. We rise each day ready to listen, obey, and be led by the Holy Spirit. It is more difficult to hear God if our focus is on so many other things and our lives are crowded with noise and distractions.

Acts 8 tells us about an assignment from God given to Philip. "Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.'" Philip is led to a place where he meets a high-ranking Ethiopian official reading from Isaiah. Philip initiates a conversation about the scripture and explains the gospel to the man. The man accepts Gospel and is baptized on the spot. We cannot say for sure if Philip woke up that morning with an expectation that he would receive an assignment from God, but I think the odds are pretty good that he did. Those who surrender their lives to God recognize that they have devoted their lives to God's mission. Like a student in class, a player on a football team, or a soldier in war who expects to be given assignments that serve the mission, we should expect to be assigned tasks that advance God's mission. If you are not doing the assignments then you are not helping advance the mission. I encourage you to begin each day seeking to hear from God and receive an assignment that furthers God's mission.

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 7	John 2:1-11	God of the Upgrade
Sept 14	John 4:1-42	Living Water
Sept 21		Homecoming
Sept 28	Philippians 4	Through Christ Who Gives Me Strength

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

SEPTEMBER 7 - GOD OF THE UPGRADE

SEPTEMBER 14 - LIVING WATER

SEPTEMBER 21 - HOMECOMING 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 28 - THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

*Hugh and Shannon
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1 Labor Day
- September 2 First Day of School for The Academy
- September 7 Youth Lunch & Swimming
- September 7 Sunday Afternoon Bible Study Begins
- September 7 Cantata Rehearsal Begins
- September 8 First Day of School for The Preschool
- September 9 Methodist Women Meeting
- September 10 Wednesday Night Programs Begin
- September 13 Amy & Ross Burger Baby Shower
- September 21 Homecoming Service @ 10:30AM
- October 14 Methodist Women's Fall Outing
- October 18 Methodist Men's BBQ
- October 26 Pastor Appreciation Lunch
- November 9 Youth Chili Cookoff
- November 11 Methodist Women's Pecans
- November 23 Thanksgiving Service
- December 14 Christmas Cantata

HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



10:30AM Worship Service

Special Musical Guest:
Haywood Valley Boys (Bluegrass)
Covered Dish Lunch to Follow

***Please bring a covered dish
and dessert to share.***

It is that time of the year for our annual Homecoming! Please join us for a delicious covered dish meal on September 21 after the morning worship service. The Family Life Committee will be providing chicken, rolls, and drinks. Please bring your favorite sides and desserts to complement the meal.



MINISTRIES



**UNITED
YOUTH GROUP
SWIMMING**

@ THE PANNELLS

**SUNDAY, SEPT 7TH
12:00- 2:00 PM**

**AT THE
pool**



CHATSWORTH
First Methodist Church

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

MEETS EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY @ 6PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10



CHATSWORTH
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**KING'S CLOTHESLINE
CLOTHING CLOSET**

OPEN WEEKLY
from 2-4 PM



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SATURDAY SACKS

BEGINS ON SEPT 11TH

**THURSDAYS
AT 1:00 PM**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

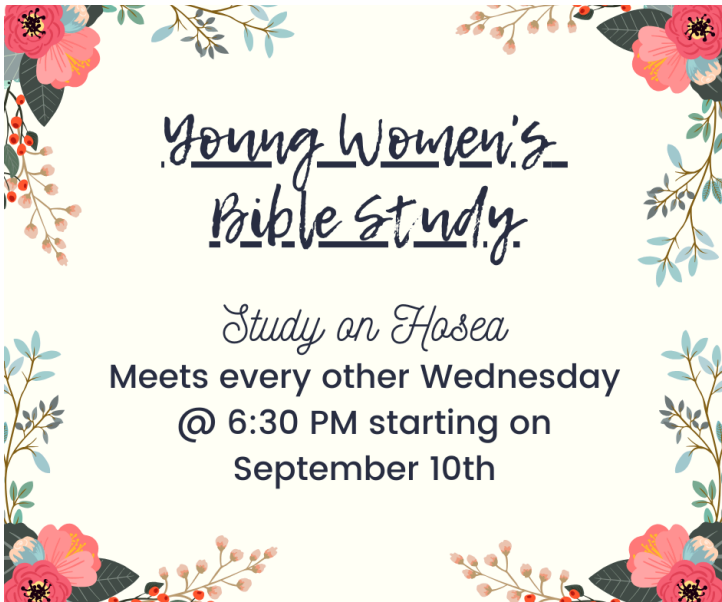


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***Young Women's
Bible Study.***

Study on Hosea


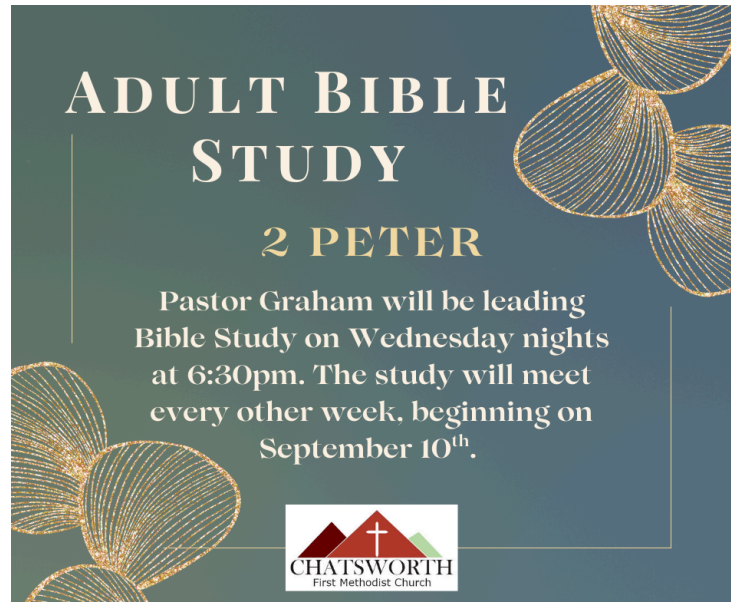
Meets every other Wednesday
@ 6:30 PM starting on
September 10th



**ADULT BIBLE
STUDY**

2 PETER

Pastor Graham will be leading
Bible Study on Wednesday nights
at 6:30pm. The study will meet
every other week, beginning on
September 10th.



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CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSAL

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!

This year our Cantata will be titled:
A Child Is Born.....All Is Well

Sunday Evenings 5 PM
Beginning September 7th



SATURDAY OCTOBER 18



11:00AM-2:00PM

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

\$10

Tickets available from
Methodist Men members
or the church office

METHODIST MENS BBQ

Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 21 @ 8:00 AM



Methodist Women

September 9th
@ 11AM

Knitting Group will meet @ 10AM



A SWEET
little girl
IS ON HER WAY!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

AMY & ROSS'S
Baby Shower

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025
DROP IN 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST
107 W. CHEROKEE ST.

Registered at Babylist

MINISTRIES

ROADRUNNERS TRIP TUESDAY SEPT. 16TH 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mike's
Restaurant,
Panorama
Orchard,
&
Mountain
Cinemas



For our September trip, we will travel across the mountain to Georgia Mountain Cinemas in Ellijay as our main destination. This theater has 'Special Tuesdays' with \$6.50 admission and popcorn and coke for \$3.00 each. The relatively new theater is super nice with reclining padded seats! We anticipate the showing of LIGHT OF THE WORLD where it's AD 30 and everyone is expectantly awaiting the coming Messiah. While Jesus isn't exactly what they imagined, there is something special about this man. Soon, John, James, Andrew, Peter, and their new friends begin to follow Jesus on an unexpected adventure. This beautiful, 2D-animated story of Jesus is told through the eyes of his beloved young friend, the Apostle John. From the beginning of Jesus' ministry through his crucifixion and resurrection, LIGHT OF THE WORLD powerfully illustrates how Jesus of Nazareth changed the world forever and still changes lives today!

Our first stop will be lunch at Mike's Restaurant just outside of Ellijay. This popular eating place has long been a favorite of many church members and has not been a stop on recent Roadrunners trips. Mike's has daily lunch specials, sandwiches, and burgers. After the movies, we plan to stop at Panorama Orchard for apple purchases and desserts such as ice cream and fried pies. 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, movie tickets purchased at the theater, snacks at the theater, and items purchased at the Panorama Orchard. Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, September 14 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.

PAYMENT #1
DUE: \$50 SEPT. 28
PAYMENT #2
DUE: \$50 OCT. 26
PAYMENT #3
DUE: \$50 NOV. 30
PAYMENT #4
DUE: \$50 DEC. 28
PAYMENT #5
DUE: \$25 JAN. 11



2026 Conference

REGISTRATION LINK



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


ASK MS. MANDY



PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Green (Dian Green's husband) has been hospitalized due to a UTI.

Dian Green (Gary's wife) has a UTI. Please pray that the antibiotics work so that she doesn't end up in the hospital.

Brooke Green (Jolynn Green) - Brooke had another heart attack. She was previously diagnosed with SCAD, which causes these. Thankfully, no damage was found to her heart. Please pray for continued recovery.

Tammie Henderson - recovering well and will return to work on September 15th

Billy Skidmore (Jane Mason) he's in hospital with bacterial infection & has only 2% kidney function.

Ms. Irene Carter (Dave Robinson) - COPD

Ms. Virginia Summey (Dave Robinson) - Hip Replacement

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

Paul Schuler (Susan Williams) is continuing therapy for Trigeminal neuralgia, aka suicide disease, due to the intense and unrelenting pain.

Betty Peeples (Ruth Woods) fell and broke her leg (femur) on the leg she had knee replacement.

Karen Hudson Cox (Melissa Sneads) Please pray for recovery from breast cancer surgery and treatment moving forward.

Linda Barbee (Melissa Sneads) continues to lose blood (possibly due to ulcer); may have to return to the hospital for a transfusion.

Ben Hefner (Melissa Sneads cousin) was re-hospitalized following colon cancer surgery. He is in a medically induced coma and is on a ventilator. Please pray for God's healing touch.

Jeff Davis (Shawn David) - Undergoing testing and bloodwork. Continued health concerns. Please pray for answers and healing.

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

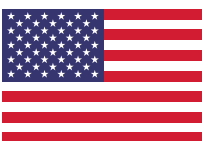
Gage Southerland (Melissa Snead's great-nephew) underwent an ultrasound of his abdomen today. He is currently awaiting results to see what is causing all of his pain and discomfort.

Brian Southerland (Melissa Sneads' nephew) awaits the results of last week's scan. Please pray that his cancer treatments are working.

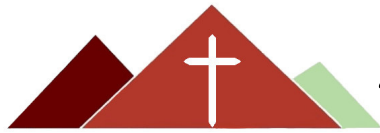
Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Scott Rainey - Please pray for Roger Rainey and all of Scott's family.

Ragan Elrod - Please pray for the family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship

Operations (As of 8/24/2025)

MTD - 26,681.10

YTD - 215,862.95

Flowers for the Sanctuary

August 31 Charlie & Kate Pannell
September 7 Terry & Jackie Edwards
September 14 Kathy Ballew
September 21 Susan Gray
September 28 Jere Weyman

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks
Murray County Next Step
Pastor Charles/Belize Lunches

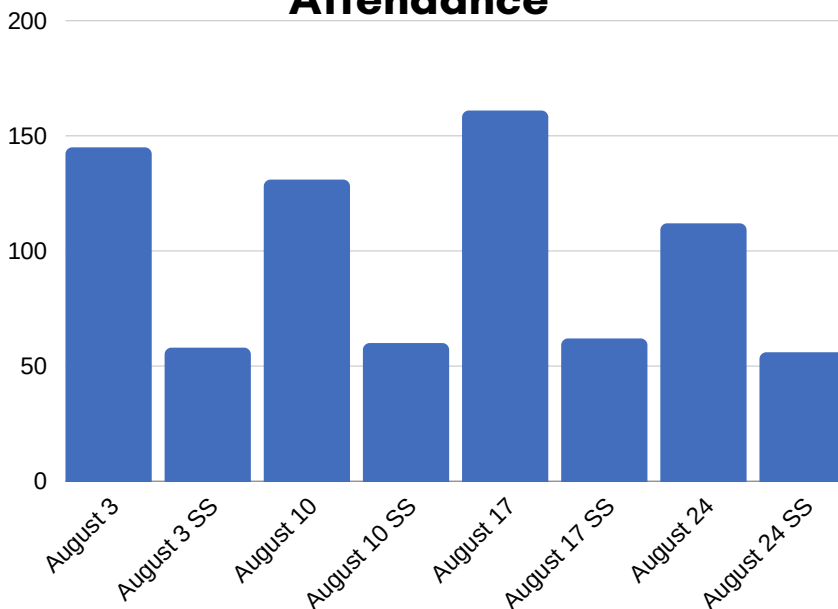
Nursery Schedule

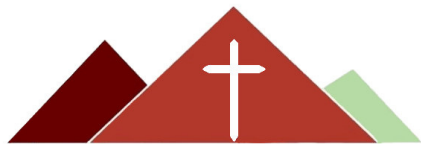
Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Sept 7	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Help Needed
Sept 14	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Sept 21	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker
Sept 28	Laura Sparks	Christie Rainey	Anna Holcomb

BIRTHDAYS

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

Attendance





MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Frank Ward	The Academy	Billy Townsend
Frank Ward	The Academy	Gary Brock
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Scott Rainey
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Ragan Elrod
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Betty Brooks
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Billy Townsend
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Scott Rainey
Bill & Mary Ann Black	The Academy	Nat Hansford
James Adams	Saturday Sacks	Novis Davis
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Novis Davis
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Ragan Elrod
Tommy & Mary Nathan Kendrick	Saturday Sacks	Scott Rainey
Vivian Duvall	The Academy	Roy Walls