

FLOWERS



The flowers on the sanctuary altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Billy Britt on the occasion of his birthday, given by Ann Britt.

STEWARDSHIP



Requirements Monthly 2017	\$ 43,118.
Rec'd Month-to-date (MTD- Jan.)	\$ 16445.
Endowment Balance (MTD Jan.)	\$ 830,000.

Rick Marson, Pastor

Sunday Sermon Topic: The Call

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7, I Cor. 1:1-9

- 8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel**
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall**
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary**



SUNDAY Jan. 15th ATTENDANCE Jan. 8, 2017

<u>11:00 AM GREETERS</u>	8:15	20
Tatum Class	9:00	97
	<u>11:00</u>	<u>83</u>
<u>11:00AM USHERS</u>	Total	200

Johnny Deen, Walter Brown, Dan Stiles, Barney Hancock
Youth Chefs
 Dining at DQ

BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

January 14: Luke Ellington; 15: Pam Whitaker, Bryan Shaver, Wendy Daniel; 17: Mike Anderson, John Bowling; 18: Olivia Kate Castleberry; 19: Richard Black, Regina Flanders

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CALENDAR-Jan.11-Jan. 18, 2017

WEDNESDAY 11

- 3:00pm Wonderful Wednesday**
- 3:30 Yarn Group/Grace Café**
- 5:15pm Church & Family Supper**
- 6:00pm Bible Study/Fellowship Hall**

SUNDAY 15

- 8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel**
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH**
- 9:45am Sunday School**
- 11:00am Traditional Service/Sanctuary**
- 5:00pm Youth Activities**
- 5:00pm Hand bell Rehearsal**
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

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WEDNESDAY SUPPER TIME HAS CHANGED TO 5:15 PM



THE NAVIGATOR

From Our Pastor
 Wednesday January 11, 2017

Step by Step

My friends:

Life is a journey. Each day is a step along the way. Where we are going, only God really knows.

With that in mind, and with both joy and sadness in my heart, I must tell you that I am retiring in June of this year; and Linda and I will be moving to North Carolina, to be with our grandchildren.

My family and I had lengthy discussions over the holidays, and we decided that it was indeed time to make the move. My grandchildren are growing up too fast, and as I say in many of my sermons, "Life is fleeting." We need to be where we need to be, that is all I can tell you right now.

I will still do ministry within the United Methodist church, as opportunities within the High Point area come up.

Linda and I love Thomaston First UMC, and so many of you have truly welcomed us, as if we were family. Your love and thoughtfulness has been the heartwarming experience of a lifetime.

I will continue to press on with ministry of the church in the months ahead, and ask for your continued support in that endeavor.

Linda and I give you our love and thanks.

Pastor Rick

NEWS & COMING EVENTS



GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2017

THE PROGRAM WILL BE JEFF CLEGHORN FROM KATHLEEN, GEORGIA, WHO WILL SHARE GOSPEL MUSIC WITH US.



TRIPS in the WORKS: DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED - Call with other ideas for discussion

ARE You Interested?????

1. JANUARY 29 - 12:30pm -ATLANTA HAWKS BASKETBALL \$50
2. GEORGIA AQUARIUM-February-\$35.
3. CHICK-FIL-A Corporate Headquarters Tour-College Park ,
4. GIBBS GARDENS - Ballground, Georgia - \$20 - March
5. PASAQUAN ART EXHIBIT - Buena Vista, GA \$12
6. HIGH MUSEUM of ART - Atlanta

PRAYER CONCERNS

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, LEADERS & MISSIONARIES

CURRENT REQUESTS:Melanie Sandlin-broken leg, Sue Newton, Bea Dallas-broken foot; John Logan, Wayne Hughes (chemo treatments), Don Jimerson

Max Holliman, Mack Dallas, Mike Oxford, Rebecca Yawn,

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Al Simmons, Frank Nunn, Hazel Cotney-hip surgery,

AT HOME: Jimmy Ellerbee, Margaret Tench

OUT OF TOWN: Martha Mallory, Marion Berry, Gertrude Taylor, Florine Harper

WEST VILLAGE: Betsy White, Sonny Peacock, Jim Esco, Ann Britt, Libby Ingram

PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE: Peggy Straughan, John Logan

HARBOR VIEW: Mary Owen

RIVERSIDE NURSING CTR. Elsie Penny, Mavis Kelly

CAROUSEL HOUSE, FORSYTH, GA-Norma Brown

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

JODY THOMPSON

TINA LOUDERMILK



"And now a few words from Lois Farnsley, who is looking for some volunteers to help out with the four-to-six-year-old Sunday school class."

<<<< Just Kiddin' Honestly--parents- they are fun to be with and to teach about our faith!!!!

There will be a parent meeting for the Children's Ministry next Sunday, January 15, at 11:00 in the "Big Room".

Preschool Grandparents Day is scheduled for February 13th. Watch for more information!!!

ADULT MINISTRY

PAT DODSON

TABLE GAME GROUP TO RE-CONVENE
- THURSDAY's 1:00pm in the GRACE CAFE-
Sunday School building.

GIFTING/PRAYER GROUP TO BEGIN AGAIN
on- WED. 4, 4pm.

REMEMBER one does not have to be able to do a specific handcraft in order to participate in this group which gathers to create gifts for our homebound members, new babies at URMC, hospitalized, or sick members and others as the need arises.

ACTIVE GAME GROUP to begin soon - Some of our coaches will meet to plan activities for the enjoyment and fellowship opportunities of our adult members who would be interested in more active games.

BINGO for ALL-AGE ADULTS will begin TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 12:30. Bring a sandwich, if you would like and we will explore the possibilities of playing Bingo at least once each month for fellowship and fun. Sample time with prizes on this day.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JASON WEEMS

BELIEVING, LIVING OPENLY FOR GOD

January 11th, 2017

We **MEET AT Dairy Queen** this Sunday for youth 5-6:00 bring a few dollars and come have a snack and hang out with us.

WINTER JAM..\$ 10.00 concert in ATL. at the Dome,

Feb. 4th, we will leave out around 2:00, concert starts at 5:00

Ski Trip has been moved to March 12th weekend, due to participation level, if you can go with us this new weekend let me know ASAP

Oh the human heart! A fickle, wondrous creation. It amazes me when I run at how efficient the heart is, how powerful it beats, and the sheer number of times it beats as I top a long fought climb up a hill is nothing short of mind blowing. Yet that amazing heart can be as hard as stone so the Bible tells us. I have seen in myself this hard heart, and in others more times than I care to recall. It baffles me at myself and others to think, "how can the heart that gives life be so quick to judge another's life, and to be so cruel and unjust at times." A heart that desires good for ourselves ,but wants harm to befall others if they have wronged us, or have more than us, or are more popular than us, or seem more talented than us, this can't be! This amazing heart is truly broken, for all its' wonder it cannot function as created until the spirit that gave it its' rhythm is restored. Only the Spirit of God can restore and mend this broken heart, only God can make it beat with a rhythm for others more than it beats for ourselves. Only God can take this dead, hard, evil heart, and make it loving and compassionate. Then I restate my first thought," Oh the human heart! Once filled with God, the heart is capable to beat more than even thought is capable for others, to love past all wrong and hurt , it's also capable of eternity now! Oh the human heart!

Surrender it to God and watch Him do amazing things inside you, things to change you, and the joy that follows NO man can extinguish!
jason

EVENTS-January

MLK weekend, we will meet at the Dairy Queen

February WINTER JAM

Feb 4th \$10.00 entry fee due