

FLOWERS



The altar flower this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jacqueline Blount Barron by March McKenny Burnette and Joyce McKenny Duncan.



STEWARDSHIP April. 17 Giving

Year to date Requirements	\$ 172,473.
Year to date Receipts	\$ 171,851.
April Requirements	\$ 43,118.
Month to date Receipts	\$ 64,254.

Sunday Services

8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel
9:00am Contemporary Worship/F.Hall
11:00am Traditional Worship/ Sanctuary



SUNDAY May 7th ATTENDANCE April 30, 2017

11:00 AM GREETERS	8:15	20
United Methodist Women	9:00	83
	<u>11:00</u>	<u>65</u>
11:00AM USHERS	Total	168

Wesley Brown, Walter Brown, Johnny Deen, Dan Stiles

Youth Chefs and Chaperones

Steve and Marnie Laughman

BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

MAY 8: Clay Williams; **9:** Larry Chambers, Harvel Estes, Ben Pruet; **13:** Jenna Bette Deen; **15:** Kathy Hightower; **16:** Amy Kelly

Wednesday Church Family Supper

Menu: Caesar salad, parmesan chicken, hash brown casserole Italian green beans, garlic bread, dessert (5:15pm, please call the office for reservations)

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CALENDAR—May 3rd- May 7, 2017

WEDNESDAY 03

3:00pm Wonderful Wednesday
4:00 Yarn Group/Grace Café
5:15pm Church Family Supper
6:00pm Bible Study

THURSDAY 04

National Day of Prayer

SUNDAY 07

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 Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THE NAVIGATOR
From Our Pastor
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

What is a Methodist?

On the Sundays in May, I will be leading a study *What is a Methodist?* in the fellowship hall at 10:00. This will introduce you, or reacquaint you with the history of the Methodist movement, the theology of John Wesley, the organization of the United Methodist Church, and why we do the things we do.

People often ask, "What are the fundamental beliefs of Methodism?" and "**How is Methodism different from other denominations?**" How do you respond to such questions? Do you say, "Well, I like our preacher?" or "We have a great youth ministry", or do you say, "The Methodist church is close to my house."

Often people marry into Methodism and fully participate in the church activities, growing both in faith and in service, without having a clear vision of the underlying premises of the denomination.

It is the hope that this class will enhance your understanding of why we believe the Methodist church is **the clearest and most endearing articulation of the Christian faith**, one that inseparably marries both belief and practices. How do we integrate our faith into the world in which we live? That is the question we Methodists should love to answer.

Pastor Rick

COMING EVENTS



SENIOR BRUNCH

May 21st 10:00 am

We will honor our 2017 High School Seniors and their families on Sunday, May 21st at a 10:00am brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Month of May- 10:00am Fellowship Hall

WHAT IS A METHODIST?
Led by Pastor Rick Marson

PRAYER CONCERNS



OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, LEADERS & MISSIONARIES

CURRENT REQUESTS: Family of David Castleberry (Harolyn's son), Wes Yawn-broken wrist, Mike Oxford-home, Emory Thompson--health issues (Jody & Russell's son), Melanie Sandlin-home, Max Holliman (Riverside), Katherine

Williams, Faye Garrett (safe travel prayers), Mary Annis Watkins

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Braden Williams-severe pancreas injury,

AT HOME: Jimmy Ellerbee, Margaret Tench, John Logan, Juli Greivell, Hilda Andrews

OUT OF TOWN: Martha Mallory, Gertrude Taylor, Florine Harper, Jane Salter

WEST VILLAGE: Betsy White, Ann Britt, Libby Ingram, Mavis Kelly, Jim Esco

PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE: Peggy Straughan

HARBOR VIEW: Mary Owen

RIVERSIDE NURSING CTR. Elsie Penny, Sonny Peacock

CAROUSEL HOUSE, FORSYTH, GA-Norma Brown

*In Memoriam
David Castleberry
May 2, 2017*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JODY AND TINA

May 10th will be our last regular day of Wonderful Wednesday.

BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR OUR SPECTACULAR SUMMER 2017 SCHEDULE!!

Super Summer Kickoff: 5pm-7pm May 17th

@ the Thompson's (140 Smoky Hollow Dr.) Bring your fishing poles and swim suits! Each child must have an adult accompany them

VBS: June 12-16

Marvelous Mondays will begin the Monday following VBS. This year we will all meet at specified areas at 10am each Monday for a play date with our friends!

June 19: Sprewell Bluff (Bring water shoes, beach toys, and a Picnic!)

June 26: Greatest Generation Park (Playground/Splash Pad)

July 3: Park Street Park (Playground)

July 10: (TBA)

July 17: Crystal Springs (Perk's Pool)

July 24: End of Summer SPLASH @ TFUMC (Bring your water guns and Super Soakers!)

Our Wonderful Wednesday students are collecting coins/change to place in baby bottles for the Heritage Pregnancy Resource Center on W. Gordon Street. If you would like to make a donation to this much needed ministry, you may do so by dropping it off at the church office or in the Baby Bottles placed around the church.

ADULT MINISTRY PAT DODSON

ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET the NEW BISHOP

of the North Georgia Conference.

The Reverend Sue Haupt-Johnson has planned to meet the laity in all 12 districts this year.

The Griffin District will host our meeting on Sunday, May 7..

Our bus will leave at 1:30 to attend this gathering at which individuals may ask questions of the D.S.

Return from McDonough will be approximately 6:00pm.

SPECIAL ALERT - A REMINDER- We need

your Birthday Cards for our oldest member, Florine Watson Harper, who will be 100 years old on Saturday.

We must mail this "bundle of love" from our congregation by Thursday morning at 10:00.

No address is necessary - just put her name on the envelope and a message or simply a card inside So **PLEASE HELP US DO THIS for her.**

YOUTH MINISTRIES JASON WEEMS

BELIEVING, LIVING OPENLY FOR GOD

May 1st, 2017

"If" you ordered a RUSH ticket please stop by the church to pay the amount due.

I love the smell of rain, it is the most distinct smell of all, I can remember as a kid sniffing the air and just smiling. To this day no matter how I feel, if I smell rain, I smile! It comes at times when you have yet to feel the rain on your face, yet it's there, certain as can be, rain is coming. God in all of His wonder amazes me at the small things He gives us to smile at. It is the small surprises of the love of Christ that makes my heart beat a bit faster in moments, and almost slows to a stop at others; yet with each beat it is hearing the rhythm of the one that has the breath of life I so longedly want to please. Yes, I fail Him daily, but oh do I love Him. I long to see His eyes, and I wonder if He will smell of the rain? If He washes me clean and His life is the ever flowing spring of water, I can only imagine He may just smell so sweet! I hope you, and I both find this out in person one day.

Man will I be smiling!!!!

jason

May

RUSH May 13th

SENIOR BRUNCH May 21st 10:00 am

Bowling and Ice Cream May 28th 1:30-4:00

June

SKY ZONE June 4th 1:00-4:30

Lunch at the PIE June 8th 12:00-1:00

FLOAT the FLINT June 10th 10:00-3:00

MISSION TRIP... TBA

TAKI eat out night June 29 th 4:30-7:30

CHAPERONS AND SUPPER CHEFS

May 7th Steve and Marnie Laughman