

FLOWERS



The altar flower this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2017 High School Graduates. Congratulations on your achievements, by Janice Bennett.



STEWARDSHIP May '17 Giving

Year to date Requirements (thru May 2017)	\$ 215,591.
Year to date Receipts	\$ 193,929.
May Requirements	\$ 43,118.
Month to date Receipts	\$ 19,025.

Sunday Services

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



SUNDAY May 21th ATTENDANCE May 14, 2017

11:00 AM GREETERS	8:15	20
Tatum Class	9:00	116
	11:00	94
11:00AM USHERS	Total	230

Joe Newton, Walter Brown, Richard Black, Johnny Deen

YOUTH CHAPERONES & CHEFS

Jamie Sue Michael

Our Construction Debt Progress:



Annual Goal from 4/15/17 to 4/15/18
\$75,000

Amount raised from 4/15/17 to 5/10/17
\$16,500

Original total debt \$367,826
Remaining total debt 299,794

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CALENDAR—May 17- May 21, 2017

WEDNESDAY 17

4:00 Yarn Group/Grace Café
5:00pm Kids Super Summer Kickoff
5:15pm Church Family Supper
6:00pm Bible Study

SATURDAY 20

8:00-10:00am Community Breakfast/FH

SUNDAY 21

8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel
9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH
9:45am Sunday School
10:00 am "What Is A Methodist?" Class/Social Hall
11:00am Traditional Service/Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth Activities
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THE NAVIGATOR
From Our Pastor
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Alzheimer's Strange Irony

People often ask me questions about God and disease—Alzheimer's for example. They say, "Would a loving God allow us to get Alzheimer's!" That is a good question! Having lost both my parents to Alzheimer's, I understand the feeling.

However, I noticed something strangely ironic about Alzheimer's, when it's considered in the context of eternal life. Alzheimer's robs us first of our short-term memories. What we hold onto longest—what prevails are the cherished, well-established remembrances, the ultimate good that was the wholeness and fullness of our lives, not its last few days.

When we enter the realm of eternity, the last few days of life (the days hindered by Alzheimer's) will be forgotten first; the irony being that Alzheimer's ultimately falls victim to its own devices—our last few days of life . . . will be forgotten first . . . in eternity. And what remains for eternity will be the wonderful memories and the ultimate good of our lives—love remains . . . always!!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Rick

COMING EVENTS

Golden Age Picnic

For our May meeting, the Golden Age Club will take a trip to Ann and Tom Weatherford's Oak Hill Farm near The Rock. We will meet Friday, May 26, at 10:30, in the church parking lot. From there we will take the bus out to the farm to spend the morning enjoying their beautiful gardens. Our lunch will be a picnic lunch on the grounds prepared by Rick McManus. Everyone is

invited. Just be sure to let Christine Threadgill, or church office, know you want to come if you don't get a regular call.

ATTENTION: SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL GATHERING

Month of May- 10:00am SOCIAL HALL

Note the change in rooms!!!!!!

WHAT IS A METHODIST? Led by Pastor Rick Marson

PRAYER CONCERNS



OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, & LEADERS & MISSIONARIES

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Wes Yawn, Gerald Holloway, Mary Annis Watkins, Max Holliman, Katherine Williams, Mike Oxford, Emory Thompson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Butch Venable-auto accident injuries (brother-in-law Mary Jo Brown); 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

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

MAY 28: Joel Bentley, **29:** Diane Grubb, Payton Trickel; **31:** Don Jimerson, Raeligh Berry; **JUNE 1:** Emma Kate Ellington, **2:** Jared Penny, Ben Williams



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY JODY AND TINA

OUR SPECTACULAR SUMMER 2017 SCHEDULE

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

@ the Waddell's (245 Ellerbeetown Rd.)

NOTE THE CHANGE IN ADDRESS

Each child must have an adult accompany them
HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

VBS: June 12-16 (MORNINGS)

Marvelous Mondays will begin 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 03: 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!)

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE GREAT VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED

THIS THIS YEAR IN WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY: King Davis, Harolyn

Castleberry, Jessie Wilder, Donna Davis, Carla Smith, Anna Jordan, Sarah Lauren Gasset, Ali Adams and Linda Hurt

THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!!!!

ADULT MINISTRY

PAT DODSON

ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES:

We want to congratulate each of you. Please send information to "TFUMC ,POB 707 Attention: Pat" so that we may share your good news. Publishing date will be the first week in June .

SUNDAY SCHOOL - It isn't too late to attend the last two classes with the pastor as we look at the things that make Methodism unique.

The group will meet in the Service Class/Social hall this week at 10:05am.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Five of the adult classes have decided to join forces this summer so that the teachers will have a short break. Each teacher has been asked to take one of the twelve Sundays in June, July or August to teach the combined group.

We hope to have a special brunch gathering on July 30 (a fifth Sunday).

TO ALL ADULTS:

Even if you have not been attending either of these S.S. classes or you have not chosen a class as of yet, you are cordially invited to join with the classes as they study together at 10:00 each week this summer in the Social Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JASON WEEMS

BELIEVING, LIVING OPENLY FOR GOD

May 17, 2017

SENIOR BRUNCH Sunday May 21st 10:00 am

Acts 4:13.....they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Saturday at RUSH there was a man that sang and spoke, he literally glowed with the love of Jesus. His love for God was so intense that it was astonishing to see, and it was evident as the above verse states..... He had spent time with the Lord. Jesus shown upon and through him, Jesus's love came through him with a power that brought tears to my eyes and chill bumps to my skin. His words were not anything special or eloquent, his message was not long or wise according to the things man would think, but what his message was hit its mark; CAPTIVATING love for Christ. He told us he loved us and I actually felt like the man meant it. He kept simply saying "I love you!" "I'm proud of you!" This man had been so lost, and when He was found by Jesus his life was evident that it had been changed, and he was full and on fire for Christ! Oh how I long to speak to others about God and they see that same love and passion for Jesus in me. How I long to have a smile that even tragedy can't wipe away. I want that fire deep in my eyes that when I see others they see the love of Christ in me.

Time with Jesus is the only way to have that fire and that true love of Christ coming forth from us. Spend a little extra time with Jesus and watch others see you totally differently,
jason

May

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 21st Jamie Sue Michael

May 28th David and Julie Weatherford