

## FLOWERS



The altar flower this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margie and Allen Stiles by their son, Dan.

The rosebud on the communion table this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of Harper Elaine Mallory, newborn daughter of Matthew and Laura Mallory. Proud grandparents are Truitt and Julie Mallory, and Al and Michelle Messer.



### STEWARDSHIP May '17 Giving

Year to date Requirements (thru May 2017)	\$ 215,591.
Year to date Receipts	\$ 199,262.
May Requirements	\$ 43,118.
Month to date Receipts	\$ 24,358.

### Sunday Services

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



### SUNDAY May 28th ATTENDANCE May 21, 2017

<b>11:00 AM GREETERS</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>20</b>
Service Class	9:00	113
	<u>11:00</u>	<u>66</u>
<b>11:00AM USHERS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>

Bill Andrews, Bob Gallman, Wesley Brown, Randy Flanagan

### YOUTH CHAPERONES & CHEFS

David & Julie Weatherford

### Our Construction Debt Progress:



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

Amount raised  
from 4/15/17 to  
5/21/17  
\$20,355.

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

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### CALENDAR—May 24- May 28, 2017

#### WEDNESDAY 24

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

#### FRIDAY 26

10:30am-Golden Age Trip to Oak Hill Farms

#### SUNDAY 28

8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel  
9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:00 am "What Is A Methodist/" Class/Fellowship 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 24, 2017

We live in a different world now. Today's technology shows that savvy children are bombarded from all sides with the most ungodly influences. Parents, with their very busy lives, are not aware of what they are up against. Many church leaders' views of children's ministry remain rather antiquated, with little understanding of how critical it is to be intentional in developing a child's biblical worldview from his earliest years of life. Renowned religious researcher's are attempting to sound the alarm for all parents, pastors, leaders, and teachers: if we do not take this seriously, we are very likely to raise a generation of kids who do not know God.

Now that the alarm has sounded, there is a call for action. We find it calling us to invest more in children and invest more in children's ministry...

It takes a church to build and nurture faith in young people. It takes the faith community to show children and young people that the church cares about them. If church members take time to know the children and teens personally, eat and play with them, pray for and with them when they have difficulty, encourage them when they are discouraged, forgive them when they err, and support and counsel them, they are less likely to be involved in at-risk behaviors and more likely to stay with the church and God. Yes, we are called to partner with parents in helping our children grow closer to Jesus...

Taken from Ministry Magazine, article by Linda Mei Lin Koh

## 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 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

WHAT IS A METHODIST? Led by Pastor Rick Marson

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, & LEADERS & MISSIONARIES

#### CURRENT REQUESTS:

Mary Annis  
Watkins-Health South Rehab. Newnan;  
Katherine Williams, Mike Oxford, Emory  
Thompson

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Butch Venable, Braden Williams, Katie & Ben Smith's nephew-burned in yard accident.

**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, Max Holliman

**CAROUSEL HOUSE, FORSYTH, GA-**Norma Brown

## BIRTHDAYS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

**JUNE 3:** Gracen Boatright; **5:** Jessica Jones, Rick Smith; **6:** Stella Johnson, Carter Gleaton

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## JODY AND TINA

### OUR SPECTACULAR SUMMER 2017 SCHEDULE

# VBS: June 12-16

(9:00am-12 Noon)

## THEME: SUPER HERO'S

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!)

## ADULT MINISTRY

## PAT DODSON

### Watch this spot for News of a trip to LaGrange

for the biblical antiquity Center and Hills and Dales Gardens.

Just let me know if you would be interested if the soon-to-be-selected date works for you.

### ONE OF OUR BEST KEPT SECRETS -

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Please join in the fellowship and good food each

Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:30 for the meal and/or Bible study.

### ATTENTION: COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Congratulations are in order! Please send your info to Pat at POB 707 or to this newsletter address.

We won't know unless you tell us.

We want to publish your good news in early June.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK

- June 4 Children & Youth will meet as usual.

Several Adult classes are coming for June, July and August to study together in the Social Hall.

Even if you are not presently a member of a class, you are cordially invited to join in with the large group study. for this 13 week period.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

## JASON WEEMS

### BELIEVING, LIVING OPENLY FOR GOD

May 22, 2017

SUMMER SCHEDULE starts this SUNDAY

If there is an event on Sundays, the event will be youth for the week, if not, youth will be from 5-6:00.

Chefs will only need to provide snack and drink type items for this setting.

Bowling and Ice-cream "THIS"

Sunday May 28th 1:30-4:00, Cost is 25.00

for the event, unless you're a BIG ice-cream eater you may need more!

School is almost out, and I honestly think that if I'm not careful I may lose control of my own mind! Things are happening so fast, and I'm becoming so consumed in the worldly tasks of the day to day, I may miss the beauty of the true reasons I am here. In the craziest of moments, in the uncontrollable minutes of the day, and the head splitting stress that comes from just being a human in this crazy life, we must still stay focused on our original mission given so many years ago by Jesus. We must love one another as ourselves, we must bear with others, and keep the peace in our lives, we must keep shining the light of Jesus even when our world feels out of control. We have a tall task, and at times it may seem impossible to do, but as always the Bible has the very answer for us in all things!. Things that are impossible for man are possible with God!

Rely upon Him when the world is getting more than you can handle, allow His peace to cover you and remember love covers all things and hopes all things and endures all things!

The greatest of things is love, and it shall be the very thing that allows the craziness of the world to seem small in comparison!

jason

May

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 29th 4:30-7:30