

God is love and love lives here!



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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Only One

Psalm 39:4-5

- 4 "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.
- 5 You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath."

This week we are saying goodbye to a great man, friend, father, husband, and member of The Well at Centerville. Now, no one's life is more important than another. Not long ago we said goodbye to another wonderful woman who served and loved her community. That goodbye was just as precious and just as impactful as any. Both have given us a vivid perspective of the psalmist's heart as they also pondered the brevity of life and the finality of it all. Both of our beloved members lived one lifetime yet packed so much into such a seemingly short span of time.

When I was younger, I thought 30 was old. Now when someone says they're 80 I think "that's not really that old." Aging tends to add perspective to our lives like nothing else. Watching those who have lived and given so much leave this earth becomes more and more of a challenge. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, sometimes sooner than we would have preferred. Yet, I'm amazed at His work in the end as well.

Sitting with the families of those whom we have seen but see no more has become an honor and gift in ministry. Hearing their stories and listening to the hearts sing of their loved one inspires us to be refreshed of how important it is to use every ounce of time we have to care for those closest to us. If we are not good stewards of what's given, so much is lost that can never be regained. How important is a thing we can never remake or regain? Making the most of the only one we have should be our daily desire and focus, not a momentary flutter when we are reminded of how precious it truly is.

I believe both Betty and Sonny made the most of the precious gift given to each of them. They loved their families and truly loved the Lord in both word and deed. May we be ever reminded in the halls of our church that though the days may seem many, there is only one. In their memory, let's make the most of it.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- 🌸 In memory of Ann Stafford by Don & Sharron Schall, Christian Fellowship
- 🌸 In memory of Tom Shell by Rosemary Thompson
- 🌸 In memory of Betty Estep by Don & Sharron Schall, Christian Fellowship, Steve & Colleen Tomblin, Avery & Angela Cline
- 🌸 In memory of Marcella Hilliard by Knox Hilliard

Volunteers Needed!

If you love to hold babies, teach toddlers and children, please let Katie know so she can hug your neck and sign you up. Your will be blessed!



Scripture and Sermon:

James 5:16

"Creed: We Believe"



New Concerns

- Karen Carter
- David Shad
- Kathy Blanchard
- Family of Sonny Watson
- Paul Black
- Pam Jordan
- Robert Harney
- Lance Rowland
- Jon, Elizabeth, Blair Love
- Carla Johnsen
- Janet Hester

Continue Prayers for:

- Family of Betty Estep
- Phil Bailey
- Don & Sharron Schall
- Mary Lee Carter
- Johnathon Hanson
- Kayleen Larsen
- Joe Thomasson
- Mac McCullough
- John & Vivian Nadolny
- Sue Braun
- Susan Howdeshell
- Leon Hudson

- Warren McDow
- Christa Avret
- Michael & Jennie Walston
- Warren McDow
- Betty Byrd
- Leon Hudson
- Mary Prater
- Jim & Mary Leary
- Virginia Eadie
- Bill Reedy
- Sarah Mayer
- Cary Martin
- Mac McNeal
- James McNeal
- Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

January 7

Operating Budget.....	\$14,571.80
Technology.....	1010.00
Apportionments.....	100.00
Food Pantry.....	<u>799.00</u>
Total.....	\$16,480.80

Worship Attendance

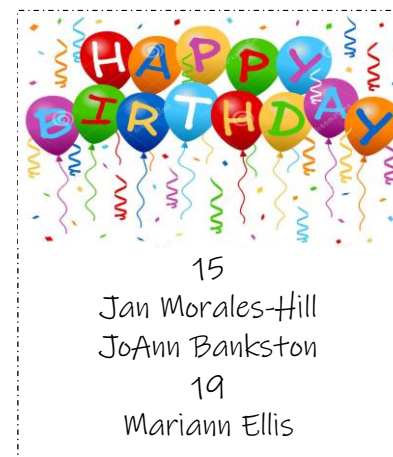
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Sunday School

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- ✓ 01-08-24- Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 01-08-24- Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 01-13-24- Souper Saturday 9a-1p
- ✓ 01-15-24- Office Closed
- ✓ 01-21-24- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5p
- ✓ 02-14-24- Ash Wednesday Service 6p
- ✓ 02-18-24- First Sunday of Lent
- ✓ 02-19-24- Office Closed
- ✓ 02-23-24- Church-wide Clean-up Day 8a-until
- ✓ 02-24-24- Church-wide clean-up Day 8a until
- ✓ 03-10-24- Daylight savings Time Begins
- ✓ 03-11-24- Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-11-24- Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-24-24 Palm Sunday
- ✓ 03-28-24 Maundy Thursday Service 6p
- ✓ 03-29-24 Good Friday Service 12 noon
- ✓ 03-31-24- Easter Sunday



Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry is January 24, 2024... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday 9a-12 noon... Closet volunteers for 01-16-24 are Becky Martin, Vicky Moore, Carolyn Nettles
- Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. **Winter is Coming** and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!
Winter clothes/coats/jackets/sweaters/hoodies/pants/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves; linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths; personal needs items; toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of January 14 th :	
Sunday.....	Genesis 22
Monday.....	Genesis 24
Tuesday.....	Genesis 25
Wednesday.....	Genesis 28
Thursday.....	Genesis 37
Friday.....	Psalm 8
Saturday.....	Psalm 42

Children's Church Training

There will be training on the new curriculum for Children's Church on Sunday, January 28 after the Worship Service. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by January 21 so we know how much food we will need. ~~ Katie ~~

Church-Wide Clean-Up

Mark your calendars for the church wide clean up days February 23 and 24 at 8a- until each day. Come if you can, stay however long you can, any help is appreciated.

Thank You

"Thank you, brothers and sisters in Christ for the volunteers that helped hang the green for Advent Sunday and for helping take down the greens last Sunday. A special thank you to Eli and Jeffrey for their willingness to climb the ladder. With a grateful heart... ~~ The Worship Team ~~

Family Promise

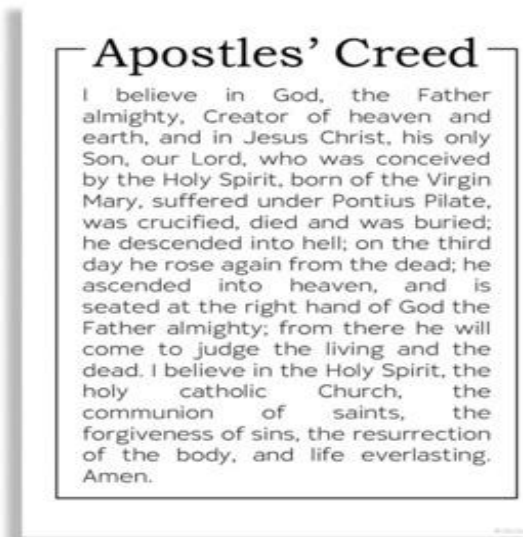
If anyone is interested in being a volunteer please contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Basic ERT Training & Chainsaw Safety Class

Saturday, January 27, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Cordele First UMC, 302 East 12th Avenue | Cordele GA 31015

Register now at <https://sgaumc-reg.brapp.com/ERTChainsawCordele2024>

The basic ERT training will begin at 8:00 am with the chainsaw safety class to follow. Lunch is included. This training is a collaborative effort of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.



Apostles' Creed
 I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Therefore confess your SINS to each other and PRAY for each other so that you may be HEALED. The PRAYER of a righteous PERSON is POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE.

—
James 5:16

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- January 14

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship



Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, Sharon Morrison



Communion Servers

Jim & Linda Blanton
Paula Williams, Nancy Brechin



Finance Stewards

LaWanna Porter, Kathy Rutke, Hilda Rozier

Assisting with Children

Sunday- January 14

Nursery- Marie Davis, Dawn, Laura
Children- Sherry Armour

Sunday- January 21

Nursery- Linda Blanton, Dawn, Laura
Children- Katie Odum



Women at the Well



Monday- January 15

Office Closed

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Tuesday- January 16

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga



Wednesday- January 17

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11:30a Friendship Circle
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Thursday- January 18

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
5:30p Dulcimers
6:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Friday- January 19

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Saturday- January 20

7:30p . . Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth
Pilgrims

Studies

Rob Bell
Matthew
Revelation
2 Corinthians
TBA
Acts

Teacher

LaWanna Porter
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson
Kathy Blanchard



SOUP'S ON!

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Coming soon!! Souper Saturday, January 13, 2024, 9a-1p; free soup lunch and clothing. Everyone is welcome. Due to people's generosity, we have an overabundance of clothes in our Clothes Closet storeroom. We are going to pull the clothes out, put them on tables in the fellowship hall for those interested in going through them and taking what they'd like... AND we're going to feed you, too! So, mark your calendars and come on out!