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Vacation Bible School - Sunday, June 24th - Thursday, June 28th The BIGGEST event that will reach over a hundred children will be here before you know it! Volunteer and make a difference in the life of a child. From teaching and leading to assisting and set-up to sweeping and cooking, we need you! There is a place for everyone. To join the team, talk to Tracey.

Scarlet Movement (6th -12th) Director of Student Ministries: Ben Lee
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Sunday Evening All youth 6th-12th grade meet at 5:00 pm. See ya there!

Wednesday Evening All youth meet in youth room for Bible study at 6:40 pm. You are invited to come.

Music for The Movement Our 3rd Annual Music for The Movement will be an evening of REALLY good live music, headlined by Connor Henderson, Charlie Judd, and Jackson Griffith. There will be a variety of desserts available at the event, as well as coffee, tea, and water. The event will be held in Carter Hall on **Saturday, May 5th**, from 6-8 pm. There are two ways you can support our efforts. First, please consider sponsoring the event. If your family or place of business is unable to sponsor the event, would you consider taking a form or two with you to the places you frequent (dentist, orthodontist, insurance agent, restaurants, etc.)? Sponsor forms are available at the welcome center in the narthex or you can get one from any member of the youth group. These forms are time sensitive due to t-shirt and event banner printing deadlines. Secondly, please save the date and attend the event. Tickets will be available for purchase each Sunday morning in the church lobby and at the door of the event. Tickets are \$10 each with children under 12 free. We would love to have a FULL house on the 5th!

Scarlet Movement Sunday On **Sunday, May 6th**, we will have **ONE** worship service at **11:00 am**. It will be entirely student led. Charlie Judd will be leading worship for us, and Ben Lee will deliver the message. This is sure to be a great Sunday morning and we would love to have a full house!

Simplify Our student ministries are currently restocked on Simplify ball caps and Simplify window decals. The ball caps are \$20 and the window decals are \$5. All proceeds go directly towards serving our students.

Hinton Mission Trip This summer, The Scarlet Movement will once again pack the vans and head north to Hayesville, NC, to be the hands and feet of Christ in Appalachia. If you are a student currently in grades 6th-12th, you can come along and serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters the week of **June 10th - 15th**. Registration is open and can be found at: <https://fumcwrgrg.wufoo.com/forms/k19ha0550r2ari4/>

The Space Between (18-25 yr. old) Director: Ben Lee
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Thursday Evening Meeting Come out and join us at 7:30 pm for a great night of study and worship.

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study Do you feel like you're just going through the motions of faith? Sometimes we do and say the right things, but our hearts are far from God. "Wonderstruck" by Margaret Feinberg will remind you what it means to awaken to wonder - every day! Join us for this 7-week study beginning this **Tuesday, April 10th**, at 6:30 pm in the youth room. Participant books will be available and are \$15.00. Hope to see you there.

WRCCA On **Sunday, April 15th**, at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary, WRCCA will present in concert, Miguel Castro, master drummer-percussionist. He is Director of Percussion Studies and Jazz Band at Middle Georgia College and the Percussion Coordinator of the Houston County School System. Miguel Castro and friends will provide a fantastic end to our concert season! Tickets are \$15 at the door and students are free!

Ladies Monday AM Bible Study All ladies are invited to come and be a part of a new Bible study that meets on Mondays @ 9:30 am in the Joyful Noise SS room. The new study is "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 7-week study led by Glenda Wallace.

Golden Bunch If you are 55+, you are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship on **Monday, April 30th**, at S&S Cafeteria on Bloomfield Rd. in Macon. Lunch is at 12:00 pm. If you want to ride the bus, we will meet at the church at 11:30 am. Call Marie Nelson at 922-8024 if you plan to join us!

ThinkTank Thursday Please join us on **Thursday, April 26th**, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be our third ThinkTank session. It will focus on Missions & Evangelism for our church family. This meeting is open for the whole church family.

Spring Fling Ready or not spring is here! Make plans now to enjoy an afternoon of fun at the Annual Spring Fling on **Sunday, April 29th**, immediately following church service. We'll have lunch in Carter Hall and then enjoy an afternoon of relaxing in the sun. There will be a variety of games and activities for everyone! Challenge your friends to a game of corn hole or race down the giant slide! Who can make it down first? Invite your friends and family, bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

TV Ministry Update First Methodist is now being televised live on Sundays on **NBC, WMGT, Channel 41 at 11:00 am**. Please spread the word to your family and friends about this change. NBC, WMGT 41, carries shows like The Voice, The Tonight Show, and This is Us. If you have any questions, call the church office at 923-3737, ext. 101.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, April 18th
Program: Bible Study

Menu: No Fuss Porkchops, Butter Noodles, Baked String Beans, Spinach Apple Salad, Biscuits, Blueberry Chill Pie

Just a reminder... Reservations must be made/cancelled by 4:30 pm, Monday. Make your reservations by completing the form located in the pew on Sunday morning or call Tracey at 923-3737, ext. 107. **If you do not cancel your reservations, you are responsible for payment.**

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3 Hour Challenge

Having held two of the four ThinkTank Thursday sessions, we have reached the halfway mark, and it is safe to say that God is indeed moving here at First. The amount of productive communication before, during, and after these sessions has been unbelievably encouraging. Our first session (Prayer-Care-Nurture), brought about events like our upcoming "Taste & See Cooking Classes," as well as future "Technology Training Nights." The second session (Study-Discipleship), was equally engaging and generated the "3 Hour Challenge."

We repeatedly hear that folks have busy lives. It is not that people do not desire to be more active and present in our church. It is that each activity can be easily viewed as yet another thing on our neverending to-do lists. Church is not meant to be a burden y'all. On the contrary, our faith lives are to be islands of sanity in the sea of busy and overwhelmed that surrounds us.

So, what do we do? SIMPLIFY!

Introducing the "3 Hour Challenge." We are being challenged to commit three hours per week to God and one another. Three hours. That's it. We can do this! The three hours breaks down like this:

- One hour per week in personal Bible study. (10 min. per day, six days per week)
- One hour per week in worship. (Sunday morning, Wednesday night, The Space Between)
- One hour per week in serving. (plenty of opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays)

I would encourage you to gather a few of your closest friends within our church and commit to the challenge together. Check in with one another throughout the week and hold each other accountable for each of the three hours. If we do this, three things will take place: We will grow in personal holiness, our overall attendance will increase significantly; and, we will have more than enough volunteers to serve others. Here are some Sunday and Wednesday areas where we could use volunteers immediately, as well as the point of contact for each area:

- ♦ Greeters / Ushers / Shepherds – Eddie Davidson
- ♦ TV Ministry / Sound – Skip Blumenthal
- ♦ Children's Church / Nursery – Tracey Landreth
- ♦ WNS Serving Team – Vicky Meeks
- ♦ Local Kids – Denise Duke
- ♦ Family Promise – Ken Morgan

I guess all that's left is the big question. Will YOU accept the challenge? If so, tell somebody!

Ben Lee

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Sunday Servants

TV Crew: Producer: Bill Dunmon; Camera: Jermaine Turner; TV Sound: Rick Westray; Sanctuary Sound: Gene Youmans; Character Generator: Anna Schmitz; PowerPoint: 9:00: Tracey Landreth & 11:00: Ricky Bray

Ushers: Captain: David Stafford; Daniel Aaron, Carlton Driskell, Bill Lanier, David Payne, Sean Rollins

Shepherds: Jodi Harris & Dwayne Watson

Greeters: Marie Douglas, David Payne, Teri Jones

Acolytes: Addy Yarbrough & Evan Bucholz

Children Check-In: Jenn Ludwig

Children's Church: Christine James, Brandi Brock, Dana Rollins, Carrie McCall

Nursery: Heather Griffin & Carrie McCall

Flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed by Elizabeth Edelman to the glory of God and in honor of her mother, Avis Blakeslee's birthday!

News of Our Members

Birthdays this Week: **Apr. 12:** Junyth Meeks; **Apr. 14:** Rosaland Tallet; **Apr. 16:** Ricky Bray, Bill Douglas; **Apr. 17:** Fred Gilliland, Doris Gilliland; **Apr. 18:** Rosemary Culpepper, Avis Blakeslee, Joey Poth

In the Hospital:
Perry Hospital: Bill Scott, Jr.

Home from the Hospital: Nell Isgate

Independent, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents:

Antebellum Grove: Joan Warren, Carolyn Reeves

Summer's Landing: Marie Nelson, Stape Marriott

Magnolia Manor/Americus: Odessa McMinn

The Lodge: Fern Looney, Barbara Jansky

LifeSpring, Church Home: Marjorie Girmsey

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Clarence & Jane Channell and their family with the passing of his dad, Clarence Channell, Sr.

Taste & See Come join us on **Saturday, April 28th**, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in Carter Hall for our first Taste & See cooking ministry event. This is an opportunity for all generations to come together to learn, to teach and to taste and see that the Lord is good. We have several people teaching us how to cook one of their favorite desserts, including Marian Hartley showing us how to make her famous 14 layer cake. Please sign-up for this event by **Sunday, April 22nd**. Remember, this is a two-part process. The first part is a cooking class (**April 28th**) and then we bring back the dessert that we have made on **Saturday, May 5th**, to serve our homebound church family.

Kairos Ministry On April 19th-22nd, Skip Blumenthal and Terry Landreth will be a part of a Kairos Retreat. At this retreat, 36-42 of the prison residents will participate in a structured program that will present to them the Good News of Jesus. There are several ways we can support this ministry. We are looking for people to bake cookies (6 to a baggie). We need people to sign-up for the prayer vigil during the weekend. Lastly, we are looking for donors to sponsor meals for the participants during the weekend. More details coming in Sunday's bulletin.

Prayer List

Blake Allen (neph. of Doris Meeks)

Evie Ball (g.dau. of Masee's)

Jim & Pat Barkley

Ricky Bishop (dad of Joann Price)

Carlene Bishop (s.mom of Joann Price)

Barbara Bowman (sis. of Sharon

Thornton)

Jerry Brown (dad of Erin Barber)

Richard Brusckhe (son of Mary Brusckhe)

Anne Carpenter (sis. of Nancy Payne)

James Clements (son of Ann Parker)

Charles Cofield (dad of Paul Cofield)

Michael Dailey (bro. of Sharon Thornton)

Barbara Davis (sis. of Sharon Tallet)

*Mac Derrick

Vernon and Jan Gillis (Fr. of Theresa

Rhodes)

Fred Gilliland

Marjorie Girmsey

Patricia Hayward (daug. of Nell Isgate)

Clayton Howard

Mitzi Howard

Debbie Jump (fr. of Jenny Stokes)

Barbara Lee (sis. of Betty Roberts)

Stape Marriott

John & Betty Massey (mom/dad of

Sharon Tallet)

*Juan McAfee (fr. of Mitzi Howard)

Bobby Morris (bro. of Yvonne DeKalb)

Bailey Payne (bro. of David Payne)

*Isaiah Queen (fr. of LeighAnn Churcher)

Ann Ray

David B. Stafford (son of David Stafford)

Charles Stevenson (g.son of W. Wisse)

Mack Taylor

Vicki & Pat Thomas (sis/bil of Sharon

Tallet)

Fred Thompson (fr. of the Food Pantry)

Elna Williams

Love Offering for Lee Family This Sunday, April 15th, we are taking a love offering to support the Lee family, our missionary friends from KrinKrin, Nicaragua. Their daughter, Lizzie Lee, has been diagnosed with a heart value problem. All funds will go to help defray the costs of the medical expenses for their family.

Office Help Needed! Dottie will be out of town on **Wednesday, April 18th - Friday, April 20th** to help keep her grandchildren in Nashville. If anyone can work 4-hour shifts on these 3 days, please call the office at 923-3737, ext. 101. Thank you in advance!

Finals Care Packages Our college students will be taking finals early in May and we need your help! We will be packing small boxes to send to 36 students who have come through our youth ministry programs and are now in college. These young adults have worked hard, and we would like to show them that First Methodist supports and cares for them as they study. We need our church family to donate small snack items such as candy, granola bars, gum, crackers, cookies, nuts, Slim Jims, etc. Financial contributions are also welcome. The boxes will be sent out the last week in April, so please drop off any items to Ben Lee, Laurie Meilinger, or the church office by **Sunday, April 22nd**. Thank you for your help!

In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency after hours, you may call the church at 923-3737 and press 5 during the greeting. Follow the instructions to leave a message. The phone system will notify the pastors. You may also call them at home.

Prayer Chain:

Windy Smith 922-4923
Dot Moore 929-1348

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, April 15th:

9:00 AM Early Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:30 PM The Table Worship in C/H
12:30 PM Confirmation Class
2:00 PM Hispanic Worship in C/H
3:00 PM WRCCA
5:00 PM Scarlet Movement
6:00 PM Sunday Bells

Monday, April 16th:

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
12:30 PM "The Kitchen"
6:30 PM Administrative Team
7:30 PM Shepherds vs. Lighthouse, PV 3

Tuesday, April 17th:

2-4:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study in Youth Room

Wednesday, April 18th:

5:00 PM Bellatonix
5:15 PM Little Angels (3-4 yr. olds)
5:15 PM Cherub Choir (5K - 1st grade)
5:15 PM Praise Kids (2nd-6th grade)
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 PM Bible Study
6:40 PM Solid Rock Ringers (3rd - 5th grades)
6:40 PM Good Times Chimes (1st - 2nd grades)
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 19th:

2-4:00 PM Food Pantry
8:30 PM Shepherds vs. Mikado, PV 2

Friday, April 20th:

12:30 PM "The Kitchen"

Saturday, April 21st:

9-12 AM UMM Flea Market drop off
5:00 PM Confirmation class making stoles

Our Faithfulness

Attendance: 4/8:

Early Worship: 17
Sunday School: 110
Worship: 206
The Table: 8

Our Tithes & Offerings:

Needed Monthly for Budget: \$ 72,016.00
Budget Receipts for 4/8: \$ 36,965.39

Wednesday Supper Reservations

Name: _____ Permanent? ___Y___N
Adults _____ Children (3-12) _____ Toddlers (under 3) _____ If you have a permanent reservation and will NOT be at supper, you **must** cancel by **4:30 pm on Monday or you will be responsible for payment.** *First time visitors are free. Please make reservations.*