

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. You will find at the center aisle end of each pew a Hospitality Pad. Please fill out the information and pass it along the pew. In the pews, you will also find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in and chat, but when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones!

**Indicates people stand as they are able.*

Prelude *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross/At the Cross* Doane

Welcome & Announcements Minister

*The Call to Worship *In the Spirit of Worship* CCLI #1887226 Gordon

In the spirit of worship we come, we come; In the spirit of worship we come unto Thee.

As we bow before Your throne, we worship You, and You alone; We were made to worship You, O Lord.

*The Response (written by Mary Kay Totty)

Pastor: Welcome, people of God. Are you ready for worship?

People: We are ready to hear God's word and to be challenged.

Pastor: When God's Spirit starts moving, lives can be transformed. We may be called to something unexpected that will stretch us.

People: Then let us be stretched because we want to be God's hands and God's feet, making a difference for good in our community and world.

Pastor: To serve a world in need takes courage and compassion and a willingness to let go of prejudice and judgmental attitudes.

People: With God's help, we follow the example of Jesus and reach out to others with unconditional Love to feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, and care for the sick.

*The Opening Prayer (In Unison) (written by Mary Kay Totty)

God of the least, the last, and the lost, help us each to put aside our own schemes and agendas that we might follow Your will for the good of the world. Silence the noises of our lives that we may hear the cry of those in need. Put our hands to doing good work. Open our hearts so there is room for all Your children. Help us to live in such a way that others might know Your grace by that which we do. In Christ's name. Amen.

* Hymn #432 *Jesu, Jesu* Colvin

*The Fellowship Moment – *Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ*

The Children's Time Minister

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns All

The Prayer Chorus *Change My Heart O God*

Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like You.

You are the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like You.

—words and music by Eddie Espinosa CCLI# 18872

The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer Minister

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory – Chancel Choir *The Rugged Cross Medley* Clydesdale

*The Doxology #95 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Celebration of Local Missions

The Scripture Lesson *Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 25:31-46* Minister

The Scripture Response *Open Our Eyes Lord*
Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him. And say that we love him.

Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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The Sermon *Are You Willing to Take a Risk?* Minister

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal Minister

*The Hymn of Invitation #463 *Lord, Speak to Me* Havergal

*The Benediction Minister

*The Benediction Response #399 vs. 1 *Take My Life and Let It Be* Havergal

*Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

Organist.....Charlotte Newman Pianist..... Gielda Reese

Chancel Choir Director.....Becky Jaquish

Acolytes..... Austin Meadows & Cole Haggart Nursery Attendants.....Elaine & Cortney Davidson

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	9:00 AM Monday: Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	8:00 AM Tuesday: S.F.E. Savannah Trip
12:00 PM Sunday: Local Mission Displays	6:30 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
6:00 PM Sunday: Men's Last Supper Practice	7:00 PM Wednesday: Choir Practice
7:00 PM Sunday: Lenten Study	10:00 AM Thursday: McMinn Ministries
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Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	72	Church Budget	\$2,673.29
Morning Worship	160	Parsonage Fund	\$ 655.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 11.00
		Cookbook	\$ 135.00
		Youth	\$ 200.00
		One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 63.00
		Bus Fund	\$ 25.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Tim & Lisa Sharp in honor of Kanden's 13th birthday.

Lenten Sermon Series: Today we continue our Lenten Sermon Series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Bishop Robert Schnase. Our topic today is Risk Taking Mission and Service. Next Sunday our topic will be Extravagant Generosity.

Local Missions Sunday: Today we are celebrating Local Missions Sunday. We have representatives of several local missions ministries with us today. They have displays set up in the fellowship hall for you to browse so that you can see what God is doing in our community and how we can be more involved in His work here.

Holston Home Offering: Today we will receive our 5th Sunday Offering for Holston Home. We know the value of this special ministry and we hope you will give so the ministry can minister to children in need.

Choir Practice: Please note that only the Sopranos and Altos will practice on Wednesday night. The full choir should make plans for extra choir practice for on Tuesday, April 7th and Wednesday April 8th.

Black Robes: All you high school graduates, we are asking if we can borrow your black graduation robes for our production of the "Upper Room Last Supper". We need them no later than Sunday, April 5th. Thank you!

McMinn Ministries: McMinn Ministries will meet Thursday at the Wesley Ministry Center. The day meeting will be at 10:00 AM and the night meeting will be at 7:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend either meeting. To get to the Center: from Decatur Pike, turn south on Westside Ave. Then turn left at the corner of Westside and Cleveland and go 3 blocks past the next stop sign. Turn right on Georgia Ave. and go 1 block to the back entrance of the brick church building.

Something For Everyone: For those going on the **Savannah trip** please be here at the church and ready to go by 8:00 AM Tuesday morning. Please join us on Wednesday, April 15th, for our **Spring Fling** in Wattenbarger Hall. Our theme this year is "Fill My Cup Lord". The program will be presented by Charlotte and Becky. Each person is asked to bring a favorite cup or mug. Our noon meal will consist of Ham/brown sugar glaze, Jeannies Turkey Meatballs, Green Beans, Spinach Maria, Tossed Salad, Hash Brown Casserole, Wild Rice with almonds, French Bread and a variety of desserts. The meal is free; however, we need to know how much to prepare. Please make your reservation by Sunday, April 12th with Kathy or Charlotte. Please note that we are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday instead of the 1st Tuesday this month. Our trip to the **National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg** will be on Saturday, April 25th. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM and return around 5:00 PM. The deadline for reservations and the \$5.00 fee for the historic tour is April 12th. For more information, see the side vestibule for a brochure or call Kathy or Charlotte.

Cookbooks: We have had several requests for cookbooks so we are back in production. If you would like a cookbook, please see Charlotte Newman, call the church office at 745-1560 or get a copy in the side vestibule.

Acolytes Next Sunday: Jordan Baines & Katelyn Hutchison

Flowers Next Sunday: Church

Pew Pal this week: Michael Bryant

We are Praying For.....

Carl Anderson, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Cindy & Kenny Benton, Jimmy Blair, Tina Bouchard, Houston & Ruth Bryant, Bonnie Burmood, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Melynda Caylor, June Clark, Connie Coleman, Tamera Coleman, Melanie Cook, John Cooley, Nancy Cranfield, Shirley Dalton, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Randle Dockins, Elmer & Fonda Dreyen, Nancy Ferguson, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Tyler Ford, Leroy Foster, Joshua Freeman, Brian, Nancy & Vera Fryar, Steve Garren, Rebecca Gray, Bill Guffey, Melvin Haney, Jim Harrison, Kristen Harrison, Richard Hashe, Garrett, Jason, and Wendy Henderson, Gene Higham, Gary Hooper, Lonnie Hughes, Matt Hutchison, Don Hutsell, Pam Hutsell, Chris & Vickie Jackson, Dewey Jackson, Jimmy Johnson, Kari Kuykendall, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen & Larry Lane, Charlie Littleton, Ed Long, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Rubye Maupin, Patricia McDonald, Jerry McLeMore, Wanda Sue Messer, Nathan Murray, Jim & Linda Neil, Rossie Ogle, Judie & Phillip Ohman, Roseanne Ostrowski, Randy Paisley, Paul Pettyjohn, Rev. Jim Purser, Eddie Rich, Jerry Roberts, Paul Rose Family, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Sherri Simmons, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Eric Sohmer, Mary Sparkman, Gay Stewart, Britianie Stieb, Linda Thompson, Roy Thomas, Becky Tynes, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, Robert Wallace, Willard Walden, Bill Wiggins, Pauline Wilson, Teresa Wojtanowicz; Bill Yielding, *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, Violet Goodner, A.C. Lockmiller, *Expecting Mothers:* Carrie Tydingco; *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Ryan & Candice Hewitt, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Patrick Moore, Amy Roberts, Chris Russell Family, Mary Diana Samuel Orphanage and Herbert & Mary Ziguobu, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson. *Pray for our Service men and women:* Josh Arsenault, Joe Betterton, Brandon Carter, Joe Clark, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Paul Herron, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Slinger, Brent Stephens.

If you know of someone who has improved and can be taken off the list or if we have removed someone from the list who still needs to be listed, please fill out a new card and give us an updated report. Thank You.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for the local ministries in our area.



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Fifth Sunday in Lent Local Missions Sunday March 29, 2009 Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

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