

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. In the pews, you will 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, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. 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 and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able*

The Prelude		
The Welcome and Announcements		Minister
The Opening Prayer		Minister
Special Music – Youth Choir	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	Tomlin
*Camp Meeting Singing		
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Insert
	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	
	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him</i>	
*The Fellowship Moment – Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ		
The Children's Time		Minister
The Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Minister
The Prayer Chorus	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Insert
The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer		Minister
	<i>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.</i>	
The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Minister
Offertory – Laura Beth Herron	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	
*Doxology #95	<i>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.</i>	
*Camp Meeting Singing		Insert
	<i>Heaven Came Down</i>	
	<i>Joy to the World</i>	
	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	
	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	
*Special Music – Lindsey Frazier	<i>Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone</i>	Tomlin
The Scripture Lessons	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10, Matthew 18:21-35</i>	Minister
The Sermon	<i>Amazing Grace –The Grace We Celebrate</i>	Minister
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal		Minister
*The Hymn of Invitation	<i>Pass It On</i>	Insert
*The Benediction		
* Postlude		

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist..... Gielda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman
 Music Leader.....Becky Jaquish Nursery Attendants....Elaine and Cortney Davidson

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	6:30 PM Tuesday: Boundaries Class
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	6:30 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministry
4:00 PM Sunday: Youth	6:30 PM Wednesday: Changes That Heal Class
4:30 PM Sunday: Kid's Klub Kick Off	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir
5:00 PM Sunday: Lay Leadership Committee Meeting	6:30 PM Thursday: Calling & Caring Team

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	85	Church Budget	\$5,489.00
Morning Worship	171	Parsonage Fund	\$ 330.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 10.25
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 25.00
		Budget (Lord's Hour)	\$ 25.00
		Future Fund	\$ 40.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Gary, Diane and Tully Hicks in honor of her parents, Curtis and Helen Trotter and their 58th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Leslie Reese and Asa Gunderman who were married on Sunday, September 6th in Norfolk, Virginia. We pray God's blessings on this new couple. Leslie is the daughter of Tom & Gielda Reese.

Boundaries: Is your life or are situations in your life out of control? You are invited to participate in a Boundaries class and learn how to take control of your life. We will look at Physical Boundaries, Mental Boundaries, Emotional Boundaries, and Spiritual Boundaries. The class will run for 8 weeks beginning Tuesday and meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. For more information call Carolyn Jackson at 423-745-5378.

Changes That Heal: *How to understand your past to ensure a healthier future.* This class is meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and is based on Dr. Henry Cloud's book, *Changes That Heal*. Dr. Cloud offers biblical solutions for our struggles with depression, anxiety, panic attacks, addictions, and guilt. For more information or to register, call Carolyn Jackson at 423-745-5378.

Kid's Klub Kickoff: Our Kid's Klub will kick-off the Fall program this afternoon with a "Big Splash" from 4:30-6:30 at the church. There will be lots of fun and wet activities for the kids as well as food and fellowship. Kids should wear something you won't mind getting wet. The regular meetings of Kid's Klub will begin on September 20th. See Lisa Sharp for more details. Kid's Klub is for kids age 2—5th grade.

New Bible Study: Beginning next Sunday night at 6:00, the Pastor will lead a class on the book of Acts using the Dr. Mickey Efirid video Bible Study series. Dr. Efirid is known for blending humor with knowledge to help you see what God is saying in the text. If you are interested in the study or would like more information, please see the Pastor so we can order your workbook. Each session will last approximately an hour. Bring your child to Kid's Klub or Youth and stay for the Bible Study.

CONTACT: CONTACT Helpline needs volunteers. A new Training Program begins Tuesday at Keith Memorial UMC. Area professionals will offer their skills and time for this six week, high quality training. Classes include: the philosophy of helping, active listening, setting boundaries, domestic violence, grief and loss. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30. Call 745-1042 for more details.

Cyber Safety Workshop Planned: In today's world, there are daily threats to our children and youth on the internet. A workshop on cyber safety, sponsored by the Conference, will be held at Keith Memorial on Saturday, September 26 and is open to anyone. See the Pastor for details.

Confirmation Class: The Pastor will offer a Confirmation Class this Fall. The class would meet during the Sunday School hour and would be for children, youth, and even adults who want to learn or learn more about what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a member of the Church. The class is also open to those who are already members. If you are interested or would like more information, please see the Pastor.

Something For Everyone: Please see the enclosed insert in today's bulletin about our upcoming October trips.

Acolytes: Any 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grader who would like to be an acolyte is asked to see Sandy Wright so that training sessions can be set up. A new schedule for acolytes will begin later this month after Campmeeting.

Lay Leadership Committee: The Lay Leadership Committee will meet tonight at 5:00 to begin the process of nominating church leaders for next year. If you are currently serving in a position and would like to be replaced, please let one of the members of the Committee know. Committee members are: the Pastor, Greg Baines, Laura Beth Herron, Joyce Grubb, Debbie Hashe, Charlotte Newman, Tom Reese, and Jody Boggess.

Children's Choir: Our Children's Choir rehearsals will meet this Fall on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 beginning on September 23rd. All children ages 4 to 5th grade are welcome to come and sing. For more information, contact Patti Rae Bryant at 744-3047.

Youth/Parent Meeting: Next Sunday night, we will have a youth and parents meeting at 5:00. It will be Mexican Night and you are asked to bring your favorite Mexican dish so we can share in a meal as we kickoff the 2009-2010 year. Our Youth program is open to any youth 6th -12th grades.

Undee Sunday: We are collecting new girls and boys underwear, socks, shoes and clothing for ages K-8th grades. Good clean used children's coats and clothing will be accepted. Please no youth or adult used clothing. Please leave your items in the side vestibule no later than Sunday, September 27th. These items will be distributed to children and youth in Hancock County through the Jubilee Project. We greatly appreciate your support in all projects that we do that goes toward the support of others less fortunate.

Rejoicing Spirits: The first Rejoicing Spirits worship service will be held next Sunday at 4:00 PM at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. All are welcome to join an inclusive Christian worship adapted to engage individuals with developmental disabilities. Rejoicing Spirits includes music and joyous singing; brief, meaningful messages; and fellowship with others. Rejoicing Spirits is hosted and sponsored by McMinn United Methodist Ministries. For more information go online at www.rejoicingspirits.org or call 423-745-5378 or see the Pastor, Deborah Richards or Carolyn Jackson.

Coat and Blanket Drive: The Decatur UMC is sponsoring a drive to collect slightly used coats and blankets. If you have any items you would like to donate, a box has been placed in the side vestibule or see Gretchen Kittle for more information. They will be collecting items until September 18th.

Spring Creek Camp Meeting: You are invited to the Historic Spring Creek Campground Camp Meeting service on September 20th at 6:00 PM. The evening will begin with a boxed chicken dinner at 5:30 PM courtesy of the host churches Calhoun and Spring Creek United Methodist Churches. Seating is available under the shed but you might want to bring a lawn chair for seating outside of shed. A nursery will be provided for children 5 years old and under. If you need directions, please call the church office. Rev. Hugh Bryan will be the speaker.

Walk For Life: The Full Circle Women's Services is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Saturday, September 19th with registration starting at 8:00 AM and the Walk at 9:00. You can help by being a walker or sponsoring a walker. Sponsor forms are available in the front or side vestibule. For further information on the walk or the ministry, contact Jennifer Walker at 744-3005 or see Carolyn Jackson.

Church Picnic: Our annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27th beginning at 4:30 PM at the Pavilion at the Athens Regional Park. We begin with fellowship, fishing and games for the kids. There are walking and hiking trails through the park or you may just want to sit around and talk. At 6:00, we will share in a covered dish meal which will be followed by a vespers service. Bring your lawn chairs and covered dishes and join in this great time of fellowship. Drinks, ice and paper products will be provided.

Flower Opportunities: We have openings for someone to provide the flowers for our worship services on October 11th, November 1st and 8th. If you would like to provide the flowers for one of these services, call the church office or sign up on the flower chart in the side vestibule. Thanks.

My **G**race
is sufficient for you, for
my **power**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**

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*Camp Meeting Services
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2009*

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

Ministers: The Members

Pastor: Rev. Jeff W. Wright

800 Decatur Pike

Athens, TN 37303

Phone: (423) 745-1560

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Fish Fry: The Annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Men's Group will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. Tickets can now be purchased from any member of the Men's Group or on Sunday morning at church. Adult tickets are \$7.00 and Children's Ticket Ages 6-10 are \$4.00. Children under age 6 - are Free. The Menu is: Deep Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Drink. You can eat-in or carryout. The serving time will be 4:30-7:30 PM. All proceeds from the dinner will go to support the Men's Group Mission work in our local community. See any member of the Men's Group for tickets.

Volunteers Needed: Amedisys Hospice of Athens is currently seeking volunteers to assist in visiting and sitting with their patients. Volunteer services include: staying with a patient while a family member goes to the store, praying with patients, reading to them, talking with them, etc. Weekly time requirements vary depending on patients' needs. If interested, please call Amedisys Hospice at: (423) 507-8755. Thank you for your support of this ministry opportunity.

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