

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 Gathering Music		Diane Hicks
The Welcome and Announcements		Minister
*The Call to Worship #474 vs. 1	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Dorsey
*The Invocation		Minister
*Hymn #117	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Watts
#507	<i>Through It All</i>	Crouch
*Affirmation of Faith #883		
*Gloria Patri #70	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost</i>	Meineke
	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.</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 #191 vs. 1	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Warner
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 Anthem – The Chancel Choir	<i>We Praise Your Holy Name</i>	Newton
The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Minister
Offertory – Jeff Wright	<i>His Eye Is On The Sparrow</i>	Gabriel
*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>	
*Hymn #369	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Crosby
The Scripture Lessons	<i>Genesis 15:1-6, Romans 8:26-39, Luke 18:1-8</i>	
The Scripture Response #472	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	McAfee
The Sermon	<i>Assurance in Uncertainty</i>	Minister
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal		Minister
*The Hymn of Invitation #377	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Spafford
*The Benediction		Minister
*The Choral Response #130 vs. 1	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>	Martin
* Postlude		

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist.....	Gielda Reese	Organist.....	Charlotte Newman
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dr. Nathan Windt	Nursery Attendants.....	Elaine and Courtney Davidson

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	6:30 PM Tuesday: Boundaries Class
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	5:30 PM Wednesday: Children's Choir
4:30 PM Sunday: Church Picnic @ Regional Park	6:00 PM Wednesday: Rejoicing Spirits Meeting
	6:30 PM Wednesday: Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir
	10:00 AM Thursday: McMinn Ministries
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Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	72	Church Budget	\$4,845.00
Morning Worship	162	Parsonage Fund	\$ 329.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 10.00
		Youth Fund	\$ 50.00
		U.M. Men's Group	\$ 25.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by George and Janie Goines in loving memory of their mother's Lilli May Goines and Della DeMattei.

Undee Sunday: A reminder today is our annual Undee Sunday collection in conjunction with McMinn Ministries. This is the day for collecting new underwear and socks for children ages K-8th grade which will be taken to Sneedville, Tennessee and the Jubilee Project for distribution in that area.

Church Picnic: Please join us this afternoon at 4:30 PM at the Pavilion at the Athens Regional Park for our annual Church Picnic. We will 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.

Men's Group: All members of the Men's Group are asked to meet with Jim McQuain immediately following worship in the front of the sanctuary.

McMinn Ministries: McMinn Ministries will meet on Thursday at the Wesley Saunders Ministry Center on Cleveland Avenue. The morning meeting will be at 10 AM and the evening meeting will be at 7 PM. You are invited and encouraged to attend either meeting. The Rev. Bob Hamilton will present a program on his work and ministry in the Bahamas. For more information about McMinn UM Ministries see Becky Jaquish, Carolyn or Larry Jackson, or the Pastor.

Fish Fry: The Annual Men's Group Fish Fry will be Saturday. 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.

Boundaries: It is not too late to join the Boundaries Class. Boundaries teaches you how to set boundaries in your life so you can stop taking responsibility for everyone and everything. The class meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. For more information call Carolyn Jackson at 423-745-5378.

News Letter: If you want anything published in the October News Letter we will need your information by today. Thank you! As a reminder the October Newsletter will be mailed to you.

Rejoicing Spirits Committee: The Rejoicing Spirits Committee will meet on Wednesday night at 6:00.

Call & Caring: The Calling & Caring Team will meet on Thursday night at 6:30.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will not meet tomorrow night as was listed in the newsletter. However, any ministry group that would like to make budget requests is asked to submit those requests to Jim McQuain by next Sunday.

Acolytes: Any 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th grader or Youth who would like to be an acolyte is asked to see Sandy Wright so that training sessions can be set up. This is an important ministry in our worship and we need your help in continuing to keep the ministry alive.

Lay Leadership Committee: The Lay Leadership Committee is working on nominations for church leadership for next year. If you are currently serving in a position and would like to be replaced, or if you have interest in serving in some capacity, 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.

Men's Group: the Men's Group will meet next Sunday morning for devotions, breakfast, and fellowship at 8:30 in Wattenbarger Hall. All men are invited.

New Bible Study: You can still join in the new Bible study, the Pastor will lead on the book of Acts using the Dr. Mickey Eford video Bible Study series. If you are interested in the study or would like more information, see the Pastor. Each session will last an hour.

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.

Church Golf Tournament: Our annual Joe Jaquish Memorial Golf Tournament will be next Sunday at the Springbrook Country Club. We will tee off at 2:00 and play an 18-hole blind-draw scramble format. Everyone is invited to play. If you are interested in playing please contact Jared Wright at 368-2869.

Fall Festival: Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 25th. This has become a great outreach to the community as well as a celebration for us. If you would like to help with the planning of the project, please see the Pastor.

Shoe Boxes: Please be saving your shoe boxes as the youth organize Operation Christmas Child through the Samaritans Purse Organization. The shoe boxes should be the type with lids not the hinge type. Also begin collecting items such as school supplies, small toys, socks etc. We will have a complete list soon. We cannot take any items that may be interpreted as destructive or with sharp points such as toy guns, knives, swords, etc.

Lay Speaker Program: The Cleveland District is sponsoring a Lay Speaker Training which will be held at Allen Memorial on October 23 & 24. Lay Speaker training is for anyone who would like to serve as a Lay Speaker in churches upon invitation from the pastor. It is also a great training for Sunday School teachers and other church leaders who want to grow in their discipleship. Three courses will be offered. Jean Henderson will teach the *Basic Lay Speaking Ministries Class* which offers fundamentals for Local Church Lay Speakers. Two Advanced courses will be offered. Rev. Charles Ensminger will lead the class, *Interpreting to Others our UM Heritage* and Rev. Jeff Wright will lead the class *From Your Heart to Theirs – Delivering an Effective Sermon*. If you are interested in taking a class, please see the Pastor. The registration deadline is October 7th.

Something For Everyone: Please join us on Tuesday, October 6th for lunch at the Cookie Jar Café near Dunlap. After lunch we will stop by Wooden's Apply House for you to purchase your apples and fried pies. We will leave the church at 10:00 AM and return around 4:30 PM. On Saturday, October 10th, we will travel to the Georgia Apple Festival in Elijay, Georgia. We will leave the church at 8:00 AM and return around 6:30 PM. Admission is \$5.00 payable at the gate. You need \$1.00 for the parking as you board the bus. Reservations should be made for the Tuesday trip by October 4th and the Saturday trip by October 7th by calling Kathy at 745-1560 or Charlotte at 745-1915. Detailed information describing these trips is available in the side vestibule.

Volunteers Needed: Amedisys Hospice of Athens is currently seeking volunteers. 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.



Let us draw
near to God with
a sincere heart in
full assurance
of faith...

Hebrews 10:22
Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2009

Ministers: The Members

Pastor: Rev. Jeff W. Wright

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