



GIVING IT UP!
Giving Up Expectations
John 3:1-17

- 1. Discuss the details of Nicodemus approaching Jesus and the conversation with Jesus. What can we learn from this encounter?
- 2. Discuss the idea of “works” and how they relate to our relationship with Jesus Christ. How can we be better disciples and better love our neighbor as we share Jesus with others?
- 3. What does God’s sacrificial love, as expressed in John 3:16-17, mean to you personally?
- 4. Describe how the analogy of the wind impacts your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. How can we cultivate a heart that loves light more than darkness?
- 6. What expectations regarding life, family and/or career do we need to surrender to God?
- 7. How have your fears or desires for control driven your expectations in life?
- 8. When you feel overwhelmed, what truths about God’s character can you focus on instead of your own expectations?
- 9. How can we intentionally shift focus from building our own life to seeking God’s kingdom first?

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
To God Be the Glory (#98 UMH)

PRELUDE.....Lori Peed & Alwen Yeung
Let All Things Now Living (arr. Joel Raney)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Chancel Choir, Lori Peed, & Alwen Yeung
Your Love Is Worthy of Praise (Cindy Ovokaitys Matt Limbaugh)

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORYAlwen Yeung & Lori Peed
Be Thou My Vision (arr. Joel Raney)

DOXOLOGY #95 Sam Morris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Daryl Brown

SERMON SERIES..... Rev. Daryl Brown
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WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
Victory in Jesus (#370 UMH)

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Arnold & Mara Durham; Cindy DiNella

Ushers: Carson Walker (Captain), Greg Austin,
Andrew Austin, Herschel Smith, Jim Gatewood,
Randy Jones, Sam Hunter, Mark Pace,
Leon Holloway, Jim Buchanan

Communion Servers: Buddy & Cherilyn Guth
Sammy & Myra Bledsoe

Communion Preparers: Sam & Rebecca Morris

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 1, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye, Danny Minick

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Bryan & Chis McMichael

Communion Servers

Smitty & Linda Eason; Mary Nell Rush & Sheryl Rush



CREATION MUSEUM

May 28-31, 2026





JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL GROUP TRIP!

TRIP COST:

- Single Adult (Own Room): \$965
- Couple (2 Adults, One Room): \$1,260
- Family of 2 (1 Adult + 1 Child): \$1,215
- Family of 3 (1 Adult + 2 Children): \$1,465
- Family of 3 (2 Adults + 1 Child): \$1,510
- Family of 4 (1 Adult + 3 Children): \$1,715
- Family of 4 (2 Adults + 2 Children): \$1,760

Cost Includes

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Lodging (3 Nights)
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Admission to Attractions

Trip Info & Registration:

www.fmcamericus.org/events | (229) 924-3169

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 20TH!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, The Family of Jim Bolin,
Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning,
Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis,
Waylon English, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, The Family of Janice Haugabook,
Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin,
Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks,
Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gayle Price, Chris Revell,
Gene Richardson, George Roquemore, Jennifer Sizemore, Susanne Stanfield,
Caden Stone, Martha Shiver Shupe, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe,
Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Patsy Whitaker, Karen Willis,
Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright



This week we are celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with fun dress up days.
We are preparing for our Trike-A-Thon on Friday, March 6th.
We will be collecting donations for this cause. Our goal is \$1,000!
Thank you all and have a blessed week!

Casey Pitts
Director



MARCH
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VBS Volunteer Zoom Meeting

3pm

APRIL
1

Easter Egg Hunt

6pm



JUNE
3



Wacky Wednesdays Begin

JUNE
15-19

Rainforest Falls VBS
9am-12pm / Grades K-5



CONFIRMATION CLASS

WHEN: SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: YOUTH FOUNDRY

LEADERS: BETH NESMITH & BETH CARROLL

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW IN FAITH
AND DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD.

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

TO HIM BE GLORY BOTH NOW AND FOREVER! AMEN.

- 2 PETER 3:18

Youth & College Ministry

*Sunday Gathering

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Foundry

*Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00 PM in the Foundry

Bring a friend — snacks provided!

*Awakening Collegiate Fellowship (ACF)

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the FMC Foundry

*Women's Small Group Meeting (ACF)

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in FMC Foundry



TO GOD BE THE GLORY 1875

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.”

—Psalm 108:5

Sometimes a hymn fades into obscurity, only to be rediscovered by future generations. That was the case with Fanny Crosby’s *To God Be the Glory*, first published in 1875 in *Brightest and Best*, a hymnal compiled by William Doane and Robert Lowry. The collection introduced several enduring favorites, including “Christ Arose!” and “I Am Thine, O Lord.” Originally titled *Praise for Redemption*, Crosby’s hymn saw little use and remained largely forgotten for 80 years.

In 1954, during preparations for Billy Graham’s evangelistic crusade in London, music director Cliff Barrows received the hymn from Rev. Frank Colquhoun, a hymn enthusiast. Despite its obscurity, Barrows included it in the crusade’s songbook.

At the time, Graham faced strong opposition from the British press and religious leaders, along with financial strain and political criticism. Amid doubts, he turned to prayer.

The crusade turned into a major success, filling Haringay Arena for three months and sparking spiritual renewal across the UK. *To God Be the Glory* was sung nightly and became one of the most beloved hymns in Christian worship.

Rescheduled Needlepoint Class



Our church Stitches Group is hosting a special Needlepoint Class with guest instructor Carmen Wiggins from Albany, Georgia. Carmen is the owner of The Peachy Needle in Sylvester, Georgia.

Date: 03/11/2026

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Social Hall

Fee: \$60.00 (includes supplies and project materials)

To register, please contact **Jane Brown**.

Deadline to sign up: Wednesday, March 4th

Come enjoy a time of fellowship, learning, and creativity!

Family Night Supper



Chicken & Dumplings, Salad & Dessert

Please make your reservations by

Monday at Noon

to the office or on Communication Cards

March 4th

5:15 pm in the Social Hall

Come Enjoy the Food and Fellowship!



Events This Week

Sunday, March 1st

- 9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 2nd

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting in the Coffee Café
- 5:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
- 5:45 pm ACF Meeting in the Social Hall

Wednesday, March 4th

- 3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
- 4:00 pm ACF Women's Small Group in the Youth Foundry
- 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
- 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Children's Activities in God's Playhouse
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study Meeting in the Foundry
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, March 6th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

- March 9th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café
- March 19th at 6:00 pm, Daddy Daughter Dance in the Social Hall
- March 22nd at 3:00 pm, VBS Zoom Meeting
- March 23rd at 5:30 pm, Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
- March 23rd at 7:00pm, Collingsworth Family in Concert at Central Baptist Church

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for February 22nd: 260

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	70	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	118
Sunday School.....	72	Wednesday Activities	82

Giving as of February 22nd:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	9,270.11
YTD Budget Giving	\$	93,480.12
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$	112,398.17