The Americus FMC Bulletin

March 15, 2026

GIVING IT UP!

Giving Up Grudges

Luke 19:37-44

1. What is a grudge?

   What makes people hold onto a grudge?

   What is a grudge that you have found hardest to let go of in your life?

   Why is holding grudges often easier than forgiving?

2. How can our worship of Jesus be high on Sunday but our obedience or trust in Jesus low for the week?

3. What do you believe to be the cause of people trying to silence or limit the authority of Jesus in their life today?

   What can we do to help highlight the authority of Jesus?

4. In what ways do holding grudges or refusing to forgive prevent us from experiencing the peace of God?

5. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?

   What do these tears tell us about the character of God?

6. Discuss how stubbornness and refusal to let go of past wrongs lead to spiritual destruction or missed opportunities in our own lives.

7. What is one concrete step you can take today, or this week, to release a grudge?

   How can that release enhance your vision of God?

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP.....Sam Morris
Lift High the Cross (#226 OGRP, #159 UMH)
Lead Me to Calvary (#240 OGRP)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI #71 .....Sam Morris

PRELUDE..... Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
Take Time to Be Holy (arr. Jay Rouse)

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Sam Morris

OFFERTORY ..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95 .....Sam Morris

SERMON SERIES..... Rev. Daryl Brown
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WORSHIP.....Sam Morris
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (#486 OGRP, #622 UMH)

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeter: Arnold & Mara Durham; Cindy DiNella

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), John Fowler,
Bob McNeill, Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy,
Casper Speegle, Dylan Brown

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 15, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

Rebecca Ferguson,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

Media & Sound
Camille Cochran

Greeters
Bryan & Chris McMichael

Gifts in Memory of

Jim Haddock
From
Don & Sybil Smith

Mary Comer
From
Don & Sybil Smith
Jim & Billie Gatewood
Joe & Jarrett Hooks
Bowden Reality, LLC
Wes & Jean Wheeler

Jean Moates
From
Sue Freshwater

Morgan Whaley
From
Sue Freshwater
Greg & Karen Austin

Jim Bolin
From
Don & Sybil Smith
Michael & Carol Denham
Joe & Jarrett Hooks
Wes & Jean Wheeler
Tommy & Rebecca Carter
Greg & Karen Austin
Jim & Billie Gatewood

Martha Shiver Shupe
From
Bill & Mary Claire Reeves

Reggie Comer
From
Don & Sybil Smith

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Penny 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, Holli Farr, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, 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, The Family of Betty Lee Scott,
The Family of Eva Sims, Jennifer Sizemore, Susanne Stanfield, Caden Stone,
Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Jimmy Whaley,
Rick Whaley, Patsy Whitaker, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright , Kathleen Wright

Bright BEGINNINGS

A MINISTRY OF AMERICUS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

This week our theme is Dinosaurs! Don't forget to wear your green on Tuesday for St. Patrick's Day. We can't wait for lots of fun at our Daddy Daughter Dance on Thursday.
Thank you to the Game Chargers Class for a great lunch!
We hope everyone has a blessed week!
Casey Pitts, Director

Heart of Georgia Emmaus Gathering

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 TH
AT 6:30 PM
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Hope to see you there,
Robin & Judy

JOIN US FOR A COVERED DISH SUPPER!
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, AND AN INSPIRING FOURTH DAY TALK AS WE GATHER AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM.
MATTHEW 18:20

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.

Youth & College Ministry

***Sunday Gathering**
Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Foundry
***Bible Study**
Wednesdays, 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

Arts Worship

LEAD ME TO CALVARY
1921

Among the communion of hymn writers, some names are household treasures, while others deserve wider remembrance. *Lead Me to Calvary* is one such gem whose simple plea has led countless worshippers to gaze upon the cross.

Jennie Evelyn Hussey, The Lyricist

Jennie Evelyn Hussey was born on February 8, 1874, in Henniker, New Hampshire. Quiet by nature but rich in devotional insight, she came from a long-standing Quaker (Society of Friends) family and spent much of her life in rural New England. From her youth she delighted in verse, publishing poems as early as age thirteen. Life, however, brought deep challenges; she bore ongoing health struggles and devoted years to caring for an invalid sister. Yet through pain and perseverance her faith blossomed into heartfelt poetry. *Lead Me to Calvary*, written in 1921, became her most widely sung hymn — a prayerful meditation on Christ's suffering and love that invites the singer not just to remember Calvary but to experience it in the heart. Hussey continued writing throughout her life and passed into glory on September 5, 1958, leaving behind a quiet legacy of devotion.

William J. Kirkpatrick, The Composer

The melody most of us know today grew from the pen of William James Kirkpatrick, born February 27, 1838, in County Tyrone, Ireland. Brought to America in early childhood, Kirkpatrick became one of the foremost composers of gospel hymn tunes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Over his long career he partnered with other hymn writers to publish more than a thousand gospel songs, setting beloved texts to simple, singable music. Among them is *Lead Me to Calvary*, matched to his tune often called "Duncannon," a reflection of his roots and musical sensibility. Kirkpatrick's gift was a melody that carries the text's longing and reverence without artifice, making it accessible to congregations around the world. He died in 1921, the same year this hymn first appeared, leaving a rich hymnal legacy that endures in countless worship services.

Lead Me to Calvary stands today as a simple yet profound confession of faith, a hymn that calls us back to the cross and forward in daily surrender.

Join us for

FAITH BUILDERS

Bible Study

Join the Faith Builders Small Group for our 5th Sunday Breakfast and Kick-Off of *The Amazing Temperaments*
The study runs April 5 – May 10, exploring God's unique design in each of us.

March 29, 2026

Family Night Supper

Pizza, Salad & Dessert

Please make your reservations by
Monday at Noon
to the office or on Communication Cards
March 18th
5:15 pm in the Coffee Café
Come Enjoy the Food and Followship!

Events This Week

Sunday, March 15th

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 16th

1:30 pm	FMC Staff Meeting in the Coffee Café
6:00 pm	Wesley Epworth Class Homeless Meal at Friendship Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 17th

8:00 am	Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Wednesday, March 18th

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

Thursday, March 19th

6:00 pm	Daddy/ Daughter Dance in the Social Hall

Friday, March 20th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

March 22nd at 3:00 pm, VBS Zoom Meeting
March 22nd at 6:00 pm, Antioch at Lee Street Methodist Church
March 23rd at 10:00 am, WSC Ellis-Lanier Circle in the parlor
March 23rd at 5:30 pm, Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
March 23rd at 7:00 pm, Collingsworth Family in Concert at Central Baptist Church

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for March 8th: 297

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	65	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	155
Sunday School.....	77	Wednesday Activities	95

Giving as of March 8th:

Budget Giving This Week.....	$	15,039.64
YTD Budget Giving	$	132,519.25
YTD Budget Expenditures	$	158,116.28