



# The Americus FMC Bulletin

March 22, 2026

## GIVING IT UP! Giving Up Our Lives *John 11:1-45*

1. Discuss your understanding of why Jesus waited when he heard Lazarus was sick.  
How does this challenge your understanding of God's timing for your life?
2. Martha believed Jesus could have healed Lazarus before he died, if Jesus had been there. What is the best practice to work through our frustration or anger in our life, especially if it is shown toward Jesus?  
What does this scripture share about Martha's faith before and after seeing and speaking with Jesus?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus stated, "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"?  
Does it make a difference to you that this statement is real today, and not just for the future? Why?
4. What is your perspective of "giving up our life"?  
Does it mean "giving up as a loss" or "giving up as a gain"?  
How does that challenge your belief?
5. What is the purpose of the miracle of raising Lazarus from the grave?  
Explain how this foretells Jesus' sacrifice for us.
6. What is the biggest thing you struggle with surrendering to Jesus?  
How can you grow deeper in your faith through surrender?
7. What is one area of your life right now that you need to stop holding onto and placing your trust in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life?

May we all be strengthened in our faith to trust God, God's timing, and Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life!

God bless,  
Daryl

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# First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am  
March 22, 2026  
5th Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (#157 OGRP)  
Because He Lives (#265 OGRP, #364 UMH)

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

GLORIA PATRI #71 ..... Sam Morris

PRELUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Chancel Choir  
God So Loved the World (arr. John Stainer)

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY ..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95 ..... Sam Morris

SERMON SERIES ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

*GIVING IT UP!*  
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WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
God Be with You till We Meet Again (#688 OGRP, #672 UMH)

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Arnold & Mara Durham; Cindy DiNella

Ushers: Ginger Starlin (Captain), Jan Bird, Karen Austin,  
Nancy Jones, Mara Durham, Judy Tott, Beth NeSmith,  
Jean Buchanan, Lisa Simpson, Sandra McNeill,  
Meagan Speegle, Lydia Ann Fowler, Penny Bolin,  
Pam Smith, MaryLen Walker

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 22, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

## GIVING IT UP!

Giving Up Our Lives

John 11:1-45

Rev. Daryl Brown

## This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,

Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

### Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

### Greeters

Bryan & Chris McMichael

## Gifts in Memory of

**Jim Haddock**

From

Virginia Watson

**Mary Comer**

From

Carol Hightower

Virginia Watson

**Reggie Comer**

From

Carol Hightower

**Jerry Rowland**

From

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Brown

**Morgan Whaley**

From

Kelly & Reda Rowell

**Jim Bolin**

From

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Brown

Edith West

Kelly & Reda Rowell

Gladys & Ron Cochran

Sam & Reba Hunter

Ed & Joann Pope

Virginia Watson

**Martha Shiver Shupe**

From

Carol Hightower

Sam & Reba Hunter

Joe & Jarrett Hooks

## 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, The Family of Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, The Family of Gayle Price, Chris Revell, Gene Richardson, George Roquemore, 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



Happy Spring! This week our theme is Springtime and Bugs.  
We will have our class pictures taken at 9:30 a.m.  
on Tuesday. We hope everyone has a blessed week ahead!

Casey Pitts, Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS



3/22  
3PM

VBS Volunteer Zoom

4/1  
6PM

Easter Egg Hunt 



6/3

Wacky Wednesdays Begin

6/15-19  
9AM

VBS



### All are welcome!

The **Faith Builders Small Group** invites you to join us for our 5th Sunday Breakfast and Kick-Off for our new study, **The Amazing Temperaments**, on **Sunday, March 29th**.

This exciting study will run from April 5th through May 10th as we explore how God has uniquely designed each of us and how understanding our temperaments can strengthen our faith, relationships, and service to Him.

Come enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and the beginning of a meaningful new journey together.

### Confirmation Class

In the Foundry at 10 am every Sunday  
with Beth & Beth

### 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



## JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL GROUP TRIP!

**ARK**  
ENCOUNTER

**CREATION  
MUSEUM**

# May 28-31, 2026



### ABOUT THE TRIP

Williamstown, KY | May 28-31, 2026

Trip Schedule

Thursday, May 28: Travel day (Americus, GA → Williamstown, KY)

Friday, May 29: Ark Encounter

Saturday, May 30: Creation Museum

Sunday, May 31: Return travel

### TRIP COST | WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 by church & rented vans  
Hotel accommodations (3 nights)  
Breakfast each morning  
Dinner each evening  
Admission to Ark Encounter &  
Creation Museum

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 20TH**

[www.fmcamericus.org/events](http://www.fmcamericus.org/events) | (229) 924-3169



### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Sam and Rebecca Morris in celebration of their wedding anniversary on March 26th, with grateful hearts for God's many blessings.

### Family Night Supper—Salad Night



Egg Salad, Chicken Salad, Broccoli Salad,  
Pimento Cheese, Bread & Crackers, Fruit & Dessert  
Please make your reservations by

**Monday at Noon**

to the office or on Communication Cards  
March 25th

5:15 pm in the Social Hall

**Come Enjoy the Food and Fellowship!**



## Events This Week

### Sunday, March 22nd

- 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
- 3:00 pm VBS Zoom Meeting

### Monday, March 23rd

- 10:00 am WSC Ellis Lanier Circle Meeting in the Parlor
- 11:00 am Ministry Staff Meeting in Daryl's Office
- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Collingsworth Family in Concert at Central Baptist Church

### Tuesday, March 24th

- 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 25th

- 2:00 pm Gayle Price Memorial Service (Visitation following)
- 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 26th

- 6:00 pm Emmaus Gathering in the Social Hall

### Friday, March 27th

Office Closed

### Upcoming Events

- April 6th at 5:30 pm, Missions Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café
- April 13th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café

**Total Sunday Worship Attendance for March 15th: 292**

### **OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship .....	84	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	118
Sunday School.....	90	Wednesday Activities .....	90

### **Giving as of March 15th:**

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	9,676.38
YTD Budget Giving .....	\$	142,195.68
YTD Budget Expenditures .....	\$	182,703.66