

The Americus FMC Bulletin

March 29, 2026

GIVING IT UP! Giving Up Popularity *Matthew 21:1-11*

1. Discuss why Jesus rode on a donkey and not a stallion.
What does this communicate about his identity, his mission, and the nature of his kingdom?
2. Discuss the crowd in this passage.
What can we learn from the crowd?
How does the impact of the crowd teach us about popularity?
3. What are some ways we, like the crowd in this passage, try to mold Jesus into a “popular” savior who serves our own agendas?
4. Why is it so much easier to choose popularity against standing firm in one’s belief?
5. In what areas of your life is it difficult to choose the “donkey” over the “horse”?
What are the benefits of choosing humility and service over power and prestige?
6. How can we better recognize when popularity is hindering our obedience to God?
7. What are you doing today to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ?
How is it going?

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

WORSHIP Sam Morris
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (#227 OGRP, #278 UMH)
All Glory, Laud, & Honor (#228 OGRP, #280 UMH)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI #71 Sam Morris

PRELUDEAlwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYERRev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEMChancel Choir
Make Way for the King (arr. Alex Gartner)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORYAlwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95 Sam Morris

SERMON SERIESRev. Daryl Brown

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WORSHIP Sam Morris
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#221 OGRP, #298 UMH)

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDEAlwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Arnold & Mara Durham; Cindy DiNella

Ushers: Bill & Ellen Hanson, Sam & Reba Hunter, Jan Bird

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 29, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,

Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Bryan & Chris McMichael

Gifts in Memory of

Jim Haddock

From

Ginger Starlin

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Austin

John & Beth Carroll

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Martha Shiver Shupe

From

Ginger Starlin

Jean Moates

From

Ginger Starlin

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Austin

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Mary Comer

From

Bill & Beth NeSmith

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Ginger Starlin

Betty Lee Scott

From

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Austin

Reggie Comer

From

Ginger Starlin

Bill & Beth NeSmith

Gayle Price

From

Ginger Starlin

Angelyn Tripp

Bill & Ann Harris

Morgan Whalzy

From

Ginger Starlin

Floyd Martin

From

Bill & Beth NeSmith

Leon Holloway

Janis Webb

Bill & Ann Harris

Joyce Buchanan

Jeffrey & Dona Hornung

Richard Culp

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Jim Bolin

From

Allene Reeves

Ginger Starlin

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Arnold & Mara Durham
in joyful celebration and to the glory of God.

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*





We are so excited to have lots of fun as we celebrate Easter this week!
Our Easter egg hunts and parties will be Thursday morning. We will have an early release day at 12:00pm on Thursday. We will be closed on Friday in observance of Good Friday. Our Spring Break will be the following week, April 6-April 10. S & S will be stripping and waxing our floors during the break. We hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Casey Pitts, Director



Worship

Attention ACF participants (or those thinking of becoming one) and Ladies of FMC:

LOVE LIFE, Joyce Meyer Women's Conference to be held in the Amalie Arena in beautiful Tampa, FL, Thursday, October 22 Saturday October 24, 2026. This 3 day event will feature worship and teachings designed to help navigate life's pressures. Worship led by Natalie Grant and Hope Darst, with speakers Christine Cane, Lisa Harper and of course, Joyce Meyer.

The price is \$674.95, which includes tickets to 3 days of events, 2 night hotel stay, transportation, and 3 meals
Fees are due at the time of registration.
Registration ends June 7.
Please contact Teresa for more details.

Palm Sunday

Hosanna in the Highest!
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.

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

Worship Arts

HELP FILL OUR PEWS WITH PRAISE AND THE WORD

In the coming weeks, we will complete the transition from our former United Methodist hymnals and sanctuary Bibles to new resources that reflect who we are and where we are going as a congregation.

We are introducing Our Great Redeemer's Praise hymnals from Seedbed and NIV Bibles for use in worship. Many of you have already noticed that some of these are in the pews. To fully supply every seat in the sanctuary, we need 320 additional hymnals and 100 additional Bibles.

You are invited to take part in placing these new hymnals and Bibles into the hands of our church family and guests. A hymnal may be provided for \$35, and a Bible for \$15.

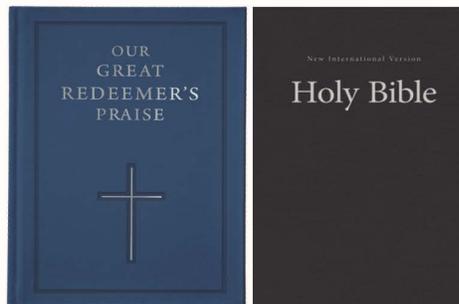
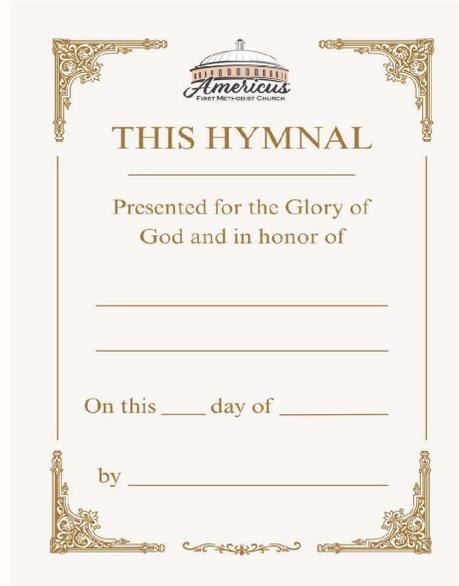
Each book may be given:

- In memory of a loved one
- In honor of someone special
- In celebration of a meaningful milestone

When a book is given in honor, memory, or celebration, a decorative bookplate will be placed inside the front cover, creating a lasting testimony of faith and gratitude for generations to come.

If you would like to participate, please contact the church office at (229) 924-3169 or office@fmcamericus.org

Thank you for helping us fill every pew with songs of redemption and the truth of God's Word.



Family Night Supper

Chick-fil-A Tenders, Mac n Cheese, Fruit Salad and Dessert

Please make your reservations by

Monday at Noon

to the office or on Communication Cards

April 1st

5:15 pm in the Social Hall

Come Enjoy the Food and Fellowship!

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, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Tracy Palmer, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, 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



Events This Week

Sunday, March 29th

- 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

Tuesday, March 31st

- 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 Coffee Café

Wednesday, April 1st

- 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 Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study Meeting in the Foundry
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Thursday, April 2nd

- 9:00 am Bright Beginnings' Egg Hunt
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 3rd

- Bright Beginnings/ Office Closed
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4th

- 2:00 pm Easter Sunday Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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 22nd: 289

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	84	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	109
Sunday School.....	96	Wednesday Activities	79

Giving as of March 22nd:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	12,401.29
YTD Budget Giving	\$	154,596.92
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$	187,657.75