

The Americus FMC Bulletin

May 10, 2026

ENJOY...

Emulating Jesus

Romans 8:38-39

— Today, we celebrate MOTHER'S DAY, and give God praise for our mothers, for those who have been a good mother figure in our life, for grandmothers, and for all the lessons we have learned through the impact of them in our life! We also pray for those who have had to say goodbye to their mother due to death, and we praise God for their legacy that lives on within us.

Romans 8:38-39 affirms that nothing can separate believers from God's unshakeable, unconditional love found in Christ. Emulating Jesus involves reflecting his love toward us toward others – reflecting his steadfast, self-sacrificial love in daily actions, such as extending forgiveness, serving others, and demonstrating kindness (even when it's challenging for us to do so), so that we reflect HIS LIGHT to all.

- What is the memory of time with your mother that has had the most impact on your life?
- Paul lists many things that are unable to separate us from God's love. Which of these do you find the most comforting to know cannot separate you from Him?
- How does knowing the full love of God through Jesus Christ, change how you live your life, how you approach difficult situations and circumstances?
- How does accepting God's unconditional love compel us to change our behavior?
- What are some practical ways we can love like Christ? How will you seek to take this action this week to help someone experience the love of God through Jesus Christ?
- How have you experienced the living presence of Jesus Christ this week?
- Where have you struggled this week to fully grasp and acknowledge God's love for you?

God bless,
Daryl

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is a gift from You,
Faithful, gentle, strong, and true.
In whispered prayers, she seeks Your grace,
Guiding her children in Your embrace.

Lord, bless each mother, hearts so kind,
A reflection of Your love we find.

First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

WORSHIPSam Morris
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#3 OGRP; #139 UMH)
For the Beauty of the Earth (#82 OGRP; #92 UMH)

PRELUDE..... Alwen Yeung

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

GLORIA PATRI #71Sam Morris

WSC INFANT & YOUNGEST
MEMBER RECOGNITION Ann Harris

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Chancel Choir
Jesus Loves Me (arr. Joel Rainey)

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Sam Morris

OFFERTORY..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95Sam Morris

SERMON Rev. Daryl Brown

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WORSHIPSam Morris
Abide with Me (#678 OGRP; #700 UMH)

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Janis Webb; Charlene Dudley & Hope Usry

Ushers: John Argo (Captain), Justin Arnold,
Horton Davis, Arnold Durham, Terry Duncan,
Buddy Guth, Bill Harris, Kevin Reeves,
Donnie Roland, Wes Wheeler

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

May 10th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Jackson McSweeney, Nathan Bateman

Rev. Daryl Brown

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Jay Roberts & Carla Cook

Gifts in Memory of

Martha Shiver Shupe

From

Penny Bolin

Betty Ellis

from

Leon Holloway

Robin Lowrey

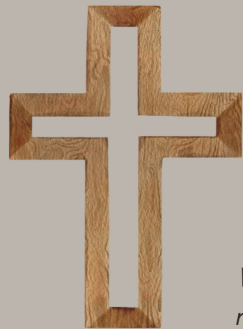
Arnold & Mara Durham

Penny Bolin

Janis Webb

Wesley/Epworth Class

Jim & Billie Gatzwood



OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Some members are unable to attend church and receive Holy Communion. Our team brings Communion to them in their homes or care facilities on first Sundays.

We are seeking volunteers to serve in this meaningful ministry. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Robin Lowrey

The flowers adorning the altar are given by the Flower Committee to the glory of God, in celebration of Mother's Day, and in honor of the cherished women who have touched our lives.





Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful moms! Wishing you a day full of love and joy. This Week is Wild West!

Important Dates:

May 14: End-of-Year Program (6 PM) – closes at 5 PM

May 20: 3K Graduation (9 AM)

May 21: End-of-Year Bash (half day)

May 22–26: Closed

May 27: First Day of Summer

We look forward to celebrating together!

Casey Pitts, Director



Youth News

***Sunday Gathering**

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Foundry

***Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry

Meeting through the summer

† *Graduation Sunday will be held on May 17 during the 11:00 a.m. service. Please join us as we celebrate and congratulate our graduating seniors.*



We love our church!

Beth NeSmith and Beth Carroll extend their sincere gratitude to the congregation for your continued support of the confirmands.



Tampa, FL

Oct. 22-24, 2026

Register with Teresa Flynt by June 7th
teresa@fmcamericus.org | (912) 602-4960



For the Beauty of the Earth 1864

On this Mother's Day, we are reminded to pause and give thanks—not only for God's creation, but for the nurturing love reflected through mothers and those who have cared for us.

The beloved hymn "*For the Beauty of the Earth*" was written by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, born October 7, 1835, in Bath, England. A graduate of Cambridge, Pierpoint later taught at Somersetshire College in his hometown. At age 29, while walking through the countryside on a beautiful spring day, he was overwhelmed by the "ocean of green," the "blue dome of heaven," and the Avon River winding through a landscape in bloom. Moved by God's creative brilliance, he penned this enduring poem.

In its original form, each verse concluded:

"Christ, Our God, to Thee we raise / This our sacrifice of praise."

This was later revised to the familiar:

"Lord of all, to Thee we raise / This our hymn of grateful praise."

Though little else is known about Pierpoint's life—beyond his resignation from Somersetshire, his travels, and his continued teaching and writing—his hymn remains one of the few devoted entirely to gratitude. He died in 1917.

Gratitude, however, does not always come naturally. As Viktor Frankl observed from his experience in Auschwitz, people often long for the simplest gifts—bread, warmth, rest—things we easily take for granted. Similarly, Ralph Waldo Emerson noted that if the stars appeared only once every thousand years, we would marvel at their beauty. Instead, their constant presence dulls our sense of wonder.

Mother's Day gently calls us back to that wonder. It reminds us to give thanks not only for creation, but for the everyday gifts of love, sacrifice, and care—so often embodied in the lives of mothers. One clear sign of God's work in us is a renewed spirit of gratitude, where our thankfulness begins to match the abundance of blessings we have received.



Family Night Supper

Classic Deli Sliders, Chips, Fruit & Dessert

Monday at Noon

**to the office or on Communication Cards for
May 13th at 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, Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Waylon English, 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, Debbie Smith, Harriet Smith, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Jimmy Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright

Events This Week

Sunday, May 10th

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, May 11th

11:00 am Ministry meeting in Daryl's Office
1:30 pm WSC Circle Board Meeting in the Coffee Café

Tuesday, May 12th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
8:00 pm FMC Softball game at Parks & Rec Field

Wednesday, May 13th

3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
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 Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Thursday, May 14th

6:00 pm BB's End of Year Program in the Sanctuary
6:45 pm FMC Softball game at Parks & Rec Field

Friday, May 15th

Office Closed
1:00 pm Betty Ellis Visitation in the Sanctuary
2:00 pm Betty Ellis Memorial in the Sanctuary

Saturday, May 16th

5:00 pm Wedding in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

May 18th, at 11:00 am WSC Circle luncheon in the Social Hall
May 18th, at 6:00 pm Wesley Epworth Class homeless meal at Friendship Baptist Church
May 20th, at 10 am Bright Beginnings 3k graduation in the Social Hall
May 25th, ~~Church Council Meeting~~ **Cancelled**

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for May 3rd: 307

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 64 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ... 164
Sunday School.....79 Wednesday Activities..... 109

Giving as of May 3rd

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 7,933.00
YTD Budget Giving \$ 209,288.36
YTD Budget Expenditures \$ 268,306.43