



The Americus FMC Bulletin

June 7, 2026

A FIRM FOUNDATION

Christ and His Church

Acts 2: 42-47

Our focus of the day will be cultivating a firm foundation through constant devotion to Christ and the purpose of His church as the Body of Christ.

1. What four pillars describe the foundation of the early church?
Which of these four pillars do you experience most in your life?
Which one do you find the hardest to maintain in your daily life?
Why?
2. What best describes your devotion today?
In whom, or what, do you give your attention?
3. Describe the benefits of this type of community of faith.
How can we be better together today and the days ahead?
4. How did the early church gather for worship?
Describe your understanding of the importance of both large group worship and small group worship.
5. What step can you take this week to strengthen your life, or our church, to help make it more like what is described in this passage?
6. How have you experienced God more through living a life with a firm foundation of Christ?

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
June 7, 2026
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
Praise Him! Praise Him! (#148 OGRP)
Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear) (#125 OGRP)

PRELUDE..... Suzanne Unger

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Dr. Ken DiNella
The Water is Wide (arr. Mark Hayes)

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Suzanne Unger

DOXOLOGY #95 Sam Morris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Daryl Brown

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown
A Firm Foundation
Christ and His Church
Acts 2:42-47

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
I Have Found a Friend in Jesus (#142 OGRP)

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Suzanne Unger

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Sue Freshwater & Virginia Watson

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

Communion Servers: Hershel & Pam Smith
Arnold & Mara Durham

Communion Preparers: Sam & Rebecca Morris

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

June 7th- 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

Ryan & Mandy Young

Communion Servers

Teresa Flynt & Angelyn Tripp; John & Rachel Shealy

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.



We welcome our new members to
our church family,
Matt & Stephanie Duff;
who joined last Sunday.

Thank you for making
FMC of Americus
your church home.

Gifts in Memory of

Floyd Martin

From
Harriet Smith

Jerry Rowland

from
Harriet Smith

Jim Bolin

From
Harriet Smith

Mary & Reggie Comer

from
Harriet Smith

Betty Ellis

from
Harriet Smith

Jeremy Rhyné Buchanan

from
Angelyn Tripp

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.





This week our theme is Zoo. Water day last week was so much fun!
We look forward to another great water day on Thursday.
We hope everyone has a blessed week ahead!
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

Fun trips for youth ages 11–18! Younger youth may attend with a parent or grandparent.

- June 22nd – Whitewater Rafting, Columbus, GA — \$70
- July 24th – Rigby Water Park, Warner Robins, GA — \$60
- August 15th – Braves Game, Atlanta, GA — \$85
- September 5th – Six Flags Over Georgia, Austell, GA — \$60
- October 17th – Wild Adventures LumiLights, Valdosta, GA — \$70

Fees include ticket, meal, and transportation.

Registration deadlines are firm.

Adult Safe Sanctuary Certified Chaperones are needed.

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Knowing You (All I once held dear)
[1994]
Graham Kendrick

A major Christian conference in the UK had circulated a number of songwriters asking them to consider writing specific material to accompany the Bible readings and teaching at their event the following year. The book of Philippians had been chosen, so to begin the process of seeking inspiration I began to read through the book meditatively, asking God to draw my attention to anything which might become the seed of a song. I had come to the famous passage where Paul lists his impressive qualifications, and then dramatically sweeps them all aside for the sake of one supreme aim – to know Christ.

At this point my heart was stirred by the theme of knowing Jesus, and to make it a personal song directed to him, I began to experiment with the phrase ‘knowing you’ as the moment of release of the song. Having written the chorus, I set out to paraphrase the key verses of the scripture text into a singable form. This is always a great challenge because of course no translation of the Bible rhymes and scans, and there is always a danger that in shaping a lyrical form something is lost. After all this is the Word of God that we are dealing with!

Eventually, and with some editing input from one of our church leaders, plus some private ‘road testing’ at my home church, the song was finished. I know of several people who have learned the song without realizing where it is derived from and have commented “Graham, I found your song in the bible!”.

For me one of the most important things about it is the theme of sharing in Christ’s sufferings (in the third verse), and of dying and rising with Christ. Perhaps for this reason the song has featured at funerals as well as in regular worship services. It has found its way into wedding services too where couples wish to express their commitment to putting Christ first in their marriage. ‘Knowing You’ has rapidly risen to be one of the most popular songs in the UK churches, at one time reaching number 5 in the CCLI chart.

A graphic for a summer Bible study event. It features a stylized illustration of a church dome with a sun rising behind it. A banner on the left reads 'PASTOR DARYL BROWN'. The word 'Summer' is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, a brown paper bag with a black cross on it is shown. Text on the bag reads 'BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY'. To the right, the schedule is listed: '5:15pm in the Social Hall' and '6:00pm Bible Study'. At the bottom, the word 'Americus' is written in a cursive font, with 'FIRST METHODIST CHURCH' in a simple font below it.

PASTOR DARYL BROWN

Summer

BROWN BAG
— BIBLE STUDY —

Americus

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

5:15pm
in the
Social Hall
6:00pm
Bible
Study

Events This Week

Sunday, June 7th

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
 2:00 pm Homebound Communion Meeting in the Coffee Café

Monday, June 8th

5:30 pm Trustee meeting in the Coffee Café

Tuesday, June 9th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
 2:00 pm Under the Dome Rehearsal in the Social Hall
 5:30 pm Handbell Practice in the Music Suite

Wednesday, June 10th

5:15 pm Brown Bag Supper in the Social Hall
 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in the Social Hall
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry

Thursday, June 11th

6:00 pm Men Serving Christ in the Social Hall

Friday, June 12th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

June 22nd, Youth Whitewater Rafting Trip
 June 28th 5:00pm, Under the Dome Concert with Patriotic Talent Showcase

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need help with food items, set-up and clean-up for the reception following the concert June 28th.
 Please contact me at 229-942-6695 or email me at ellen@fmcamericus.com. Thanks

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for May 31st: 247

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 68 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 102
 Sunday School.....77

Giving as of May 31st

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$ 6,824.51
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 248,921.84
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$ 331,787.22

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Judy Bridges, Penny Bolin,
 Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon,
 Lyn Dozier, Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Waylon English, Anne Gilfoil,
 Melanie Hahn, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Tracy Palmer,
 Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce,
 Chris Revell, Gene Richardson, George Roquemore, Sybil Smith, Tippiie Shieling,
 Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Jimmy Whaley,
 Rick Whaley, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright