



The Americus FMC Bulletin

July 5, 2026

A FIRM FOUNDATION CITY ON A HILL

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”

- Since it is Independence Day Weekend, what does freedom mean to you?
Describe your understanding of the sacrifice that has been and continues to be made for you to remain free.
- From Matthew 5:14, what is the importance of a city being on a hill, especially in biblical times?
- What does biblical understanding teach us about how visible a Christian’s life should be?
- What impact does this have on your understanding of your identity in Christ?
- Describe your realization of being watched by others, particularly by people outside the church.
Are there areas in your life that need more attention to be a better light in the world?
- In what ways can your church, small group, or family act as a beacon of hope and truth in your local community?
- What is the difference in simply doing good deeds versus doing good works to glorify God?
What is one specific, actionable “good deed” you can do today or this week that will act as a visible beacon of Christ’s love to someone in need?



God bless,
Daryl

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND!

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
July 5, 2026
6th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP Sam Morris
The Unclouded Day (#627 OGRP)
Soon and Very Soon (#629 OGRP; 706 UMH)

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Sanctuary (arr. Lloyd Larson)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95..... Sam Morris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.....Rev. Daryl Brown

SERMON.....Rev. Daryl Brown
A Firm Foundation
City On a Hill
Matthew 5:14

WORSHIP Sam Morris
This Little Light of Mine

BENEDICTIONRev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Steve & Susan Lashley; Betty Rhyne

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

Communion Servers: Dylan & Whitney Brown
Sammy and Myra Bledsoe

Communion Preparers: Sam & Rebecca Morris

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

July 5th- 9:00AM - Social Hall

A FIRM FOUNDATION
CITY ON A HILL
Matthew 5:14

Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Mike & Carol Denham

Communion Servers

Bob & Drenda Sternenber, Teresa Flynt, Angelyn Tripp

Operation Christmas Child



It's so hot! How about some cool thoughts.
Think Operation Christmas Child! It's that time again
and we need your help raising money to ship the
boxes that will make many children smile.
Please make your monetary donations each Sunday
in July and designate the funds for OCC.
The Missions Committee thanks you for your generosity.

Flowers at the Altar



The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given to
the Glory of God and in celebration of
Independence Day by Mrs. Karen Austin.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." — Psalm 33:12

A special thank you to Lisa Simpson for sharing her copy of the
United States Constitution at the altar during this Fourth of July weekend.
We are grateful for her contribution as we celebrate our nation's
heritage and the freedoms we cherish.

TREE OF LIFE

At First Methodist Church

In our Memorial Hall, you will find a wall with the
beautiful Tree of Life that represents our church
family. On this wall, we remember our loved
ones who have gone before us, we celebrate
new life and we honor those we love. If you
would like to know more about how you can add
a leaf to the Tree of Life with your own personal
message, please contact our church office at
office@fmcamericus.org or call (229) 924-3169.

THANK YOU!



We hope everyone had a wonderful Independence day with friends and family! This week our theme is camping. We look forward to a fun week ahead!

Casey Pitts, Director



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS LEADERS AND HELPERS IN OUR CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES.

VOLUNTEERS SERVE ONLY ONCE A MONTH, AND ALL LESSONS AND MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED AHEAD OF TIME. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE WHITNEY.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM!

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.

- July 23rd Rigby Water Park, Kathleen, GA, \$70, registration ends, July 16. Registration price includes tickets to water park and gaming area, lunch, locker, and transportation.
- 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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G. F. HANDEL
MESSIAH

The Christmas Portion

*A Timeless Masterpiece
The Story of His Birth*

Presented By
First Methodist Church
of Americus

In Collaboration With



CASO
Albany Symphony
Orchestra

Sunday, December 6, 2026
At 5:00PM

Interested In Singing?
Contact Sam Morris at smorris@fmcamericus.org

Rehearsals Begin August 5, 2026

Gifts in Memory of

Landon Thorpe
From
Smitty & Linda Eason
Sue Freshwater
Angelyn Tripp

Betty Ellis
from
Lisa Simpson

Jim Bolin
from
Lisa Simpson

PASTOR DARYL BROWN

Cancelled

Due to South GA Global Conference

BROWN BAG
— BIBLE STUDY —

Americus

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The logo for Pastor Daryl Brown's Bible Study, featuring a sun, a church building, and a brown paper bag with a cross. The text is arranged around these elements, with 'Cancelled' and 'Due to South GA Global Conference' written in red over a dashed red line.



Events This Week

Sunday, July 5th

- 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, July 6th

- 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café
- 7:00 pm JSL Board Meeting in the Social Hall

Tuesday, July 7th

- 8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
- 7:00 pm JSL General Meeting in the Social Hall

Wednesday, July 8th

- South GA Global Conference; Epworth By The Sea
- 10:00 am –12:00 pm Wacky Wednesday Movie Day
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry

Thursday, July 9th

South GA Global Conference; Epworth By The Sea

Friday, July 10th

South GA Global Conference; Epworth By The Sea
Office Closed

Upcoming Events

- July 13th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café
- July 27th at 5:50 pm, Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for June 28th: 228

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	70	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	90
Sunday School.....	68	Under the Dome.....	153

Giving as of June 28TH

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$ 14,216.72
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 338,212.10
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$ 384,142.13

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, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn,
 Marcia Johnson, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Jimmy Nelson,
 Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce,
 Chris Revell, Gene Richardson, George Roquemore, Sybil Smith, Tippie Shierling,
 Connor Taylor, Terry Thorpe, Carl Tott, Maureen Turner, Kaye Tye, Emily Waller,
 Jimmy Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright