



The Americus FMC Bulletin

July 12, 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY GOD

The Courageous Helpers

Exodus 1:15-21

- † Describe your understanding of “ordinary people” and how does this term impact your daily life?
- † What qualities do you tend to look for when you think of people who are successful?
How about when you need to choose people to accomplish a specific goal?
- † What qualities do you think God looks for when choosing people to accomplish HIS purpose?
- † Discuss the story in this passage.
Who is the story about, and how did they help others?
What were they asked to do in the story?
Discuss the decisions they made.
- † Why do you think this story is part of scripture?
What does this passage teach about fearing people vs. fearing God?
- † Discuss a time when you faced a situation where doing what is right carried a personal cost.
- † How do you experience God calling you today?
How might God be calling you to faithful obedience in a small but important aspect of life?
- † Why is faithfulness in small acts often harder than dramatic acts of courage?
- † Where is God inviting you to trust His extraordinary power through your ordinary faithfulness today?

God bless,
Daryl

Americus First Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Daryl Brown.....Senior Minister.....pastordaryl@fmcamericus.org
Sam Morris.....Worship Arts Director / Church Administrator.....smorris@fmcamericus.org
Teresa Flynt.....Youth Director.....teresa@fmcamericus.org
Whitney Brown.....Children's Director.....whitney@fmcamericus.org
Alwen Yeung.....Pianist
Casey Pitts.....Preschool Director.....casey@fmcamericus.org
Tiffany Turner.....Assistant Preschool Director.....tiffany@fmcamericus.org
Elaine Smith.....Finance Secretary.....elaine@fmcamericus.org
Ellen Hanson.....Hostess.....ellen@fmcamericus.org
Don Barker.....Custodian.....don@fmcamericus.org
Spencer McDonald.....Custodian.....spencer@fmcamericus.org

200 South Lee Street * Americus, Georgia 31709 * 229-924-3169

First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
July 12, 2026
7th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
Blessed Be the Name (#67 OGRP; #63 UMH)
God Is So Good (#52 OGRP)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#691)..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#667) Sam Morris

PRELUDE..... Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Just a Closer Walk (arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY (#682) Sam Morris

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown
Ordinary People. Extraordinary God
The Courageous Helpers
Exodus 1:15-21

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris
My Faith Looks Up to Thee (#351 OGRP; #452 UMH)

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Steve & Susan Lashley; Betty Rhyne

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

July 12th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY GOD

The Courageous Helpers

Exodus 1:15-21

Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,

Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Angelyn Tripp



Operation Christmas Child

Beat the Heat... Share the Joy!

As summer heats up, it's the perfect time to begin preparing for Operation Christmas Child. Your financial gifts will help cover the cost of shipping shoeboxes filled with God's love to children around the world.

Please make your donation on any Sunday in July and designate your gift for Operation Christmas Child Shipping.

Thank you for helping share the love of Christ with children across the globe. The Missions Committee appreciates your generous support.



Altar Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion by providing altar flowers for Sunday worship.

Sign up on the Altar Flower Calendar outside the church office or contact Ellen Hanson at 229-942-6695 to reserve a date or for more information.





Our theme this week is watermelon.
We will have our back to school parent meeting
July 21st at 9:30 am in the Social Hall.
Have a blessed week!

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.

☐ Date and price change: **Rigby Water Park, Warner Robins, GA — Wednesday, July 15, 2026, Registration ends Monday, July 13th, cost \$85,** includes all water activities, choice of 2 activities including go-carts and/or arcade games, lunch, and transportation. We will leave FMC at 10 AM and will return by 5 PM.

☐ August 15th – Braves Game, Atlanta, GA — \$85

Fees include ticket, meal, and transportation.

Registration deadlines are firm.

Adult Safe Sanctuary Certified Chaperones are needed.

Teresa Flynt
912-602-4960
teresa@fmcamericus.org



My Faith Looks Up to Thee

[1830]

"But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

1 Peter 4:13

In 1832, church musician and composer Lowell Mason had recently moved from Savannah to Boston to devote himself fully to music. While directing choirs, publishing hymn collections, and promoting music education, he met a young seminary student named Ray Palmer, who was physically and emotionally exhausted after years of balancing work, study, and preparation for ministry.

Mason asked Palmer if he had written any hymns. Hesitantly, Palmer shared a poem he had written two years earlier during a season of loneliness, illness, and spiritual struggle. The poem was a deeply personal prayer for renewed faith and courage. Palmer later recalled that he wrote the verses "with tender emotion," never imagining they would be sung in Christian worship.

Moved by the poem, Mason copied it immediately and, that very evening, composed the tune that would become inseparably linked with Palmer's words. When they met again, Mason told him, "Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*."

Mason's prediction proved true. Although Ray Palmer served faithfully in ministry and wrote many hymns throughout his life, *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* remains his most enduring legacy...a timeless expression of trust in Christ that continues to encourage believers nearly two centuries later.

Gifts in Memory of

Landon Thorpe

From

Maxine Stribling

Janice Clift

Betty Ellis

from

Mark & Edie Wachtel

Gifts In Honor of

Sam Morris

from

Arnold & Mara Durham

A graphic for a 'Summer Brown Bag Bible Study' at the First Methodist Church of Americus. It features a stylized illustration of the church's dome and steeple with a sun rising behind it. Text elements include 'PASTOR DARYL BROWN' in a blue banner, 'Summer' in large blue script, 'BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY' in white text on a brown paper bag, and 'Americus' in blue script. To the right, it specifies the time '5:15pm in the Social Hall' and '6:00pm Bible Study'. A brown paper bag with a black cross is also depicted.

PASTOR DARYL BROWN

Summer

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Americus

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

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Events This Week

Sunday, July 12th

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 13th

11:30 am FMC staff Meeting in Pastor Daryl's Office

Tuesday, July 14th

7:14 am 8th Annual Georgia Statewide Bible Reading at Sumter County Courthouse
 8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
 6:00 pm JSL packs school backpacks in the Social Hall

Wednesday, July 15th

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

Friday, July 17th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

July 27th at 5:30 pm, Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
 August 3rd at 5:30 pm, Missions Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café
 August 5th at 5:15 pm Family Night Suppers are back before Bible Study

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for July 5th:167

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 40 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 78
 Sunday School.....49

Giving as of July 5th

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 28,011.78
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 366,223.88
 YTD Budget Expenditures \$ 418,281.32

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, Lutelle Perry, Joyce Perry, 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