

The Americus FMC Bulletin

August 2, 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY GOD

The Reluctant Reformer

Jonah 1:1-3

“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me”. But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

1. Who was Jonah, and what was Jonah asked to do?
How did Jonah respond?
2. Discuss a time when you were asked to do something important, yet challenging and difficult, and found it hard to leave your comfort zone.
How did you respond?
3. Jonah is one of many people in the bible that viewed from today, is considered a hero of the faith. Yet, the beginning of this story shares Jonah’s reluctance to follow God’s directions. How does this remind you that God uses ordinary people rather than flawless heroes?
How does this impact your life today?
4. How does this passage reveal God to you?
How is His character revealed?
How does this passage challenge your view of God’s sovereignty when an extraordinary God pursues an ordinary, even rebellious person?
5. In what ways do you have your own “Nineveh” in your life
(a person, group or situation you prefer to avoid rather than show the love of God)?
How is God challenging you, or changing you?
6. Why is it so difficult to be obedient to God in today’s world?
Why do we as humans tend to run instead of being obedient to God?

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
August 2, 2026
10th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIPSam Morris
Revive Us Again (#78 OGRP)
My Jesus, I Love Thee (#117 OGRP; #172 UMH)

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM.....Charlotte Arnold & Ken DiNella
Amazing Grace

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Sam Morris

OFFERTORY..... Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY (#682).....Sam Morris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Daryl Brown

SERMON Rev. Daryl Brown
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WORSHIPSam Morris
To God Be the Glory (#531 OGRP; 98 UMH)

BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Leon Holloway and Reda Rowell

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

Communion Servers:
Ricky & Jane Arnold
Bill & Beth Nesmith

Communion Preparers: Sam & Rebecca Morris

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 2nd - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,

Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Ginger Starlin & Wade Halstead

Communion Servers

Smitty & Linda Eason; John & Rachel Shealy

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!

Women Serving Christ Summer Project

We will be collecting toiletries for the Methodist Girls Home in Americus until our meeting in September.

Please drop off your contributions to the church office.

Needs:

Dove Body Wash - all kinds

Degree or Secret deodorant

Always feminine products

Great Value lotion, Vaseline, Q-Tips, makeup cloths

shampoo & conditioner for diverse hair



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



We are so excited to welcome back our new and current families tomorrow for the 2026-2027 school year!
Please be in prayer for our teachers, staff, children, and parents as we transition into a new school year.

Casey Pitts, Director

You are invited to

PROMOTION SUNDAY

AUGUST 16TH 2026

Rising 4K-5TH Grade

10am-12pm
On the front lawn

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.

As the saying goes, the 3rd time's the charm! This time, it certainly is - I apologize that this is the 3rd ticket price change-BUT, I think you will be happy with this one.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the cost of our Braves trip has been reduced!! The registration fee is now only \$50 per person.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so don't wait to reserve your spot!

Your \$50 registration includes:

- * Game ticket
- * Transportation
- * Parking
- * A Chic-fil-A meal

We will depart from First Methodist Church Saturday, August 15, at 4:00 PM and plan to return around midnight.

Registration closes August 2nd.

Don't miss this opportunity for a fun evening of baseball, fellowship, and great memories. We hope you will join us.

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

Worship Arts

HELP FILL OUR PEWS WITH NEW HYMNALS

In the coming weeks, we will complete the transition to our new hymnals for congregational worship. Many of you have already noticed the new Our Great Redeemer's Praise hymnals from Seedbed appearing in the pews.

To fully supply every seat in the sanctuary, we still need additional hymnals. You are invited to help place these hymnals into the hands of our church family and guests.

A hymnal may be provided for \$35.

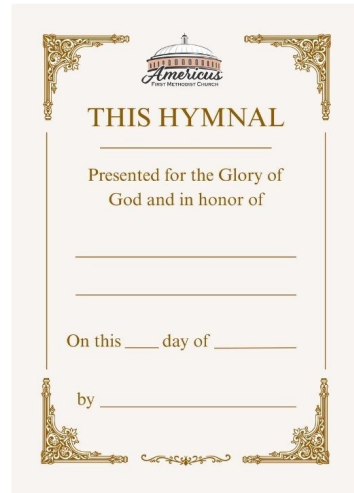
Each hymnal may be given:

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

When a hymnal 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 email us at office@fmcamericus.org.

Thank you for helping us fill every pew with songs of redemption and praise.

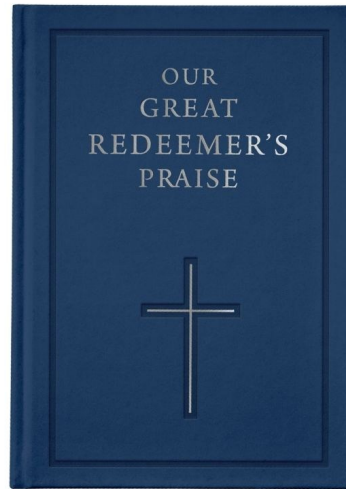


THIS HYMNAL

Presented for the Glory of
God and in honor of

On this ____ day of ____

by ____



Gifts in Memory of
Russell Thomas
from
Arnold & Mara Durham
Leon Holloway



FAMILY
Night
SUPPER

.. AT ..
5:30 PM

Americus
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

IN THE SOCIAL HALL
All Are Welcome!

Events This Week

Sunday, August 2nd

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
5:00 pm Wet Feet Ministries Event in the Social Hall

Monday, August 3rd

1:30 pm FMC Staff Meeting in Coffee Cafe
5:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café
7:00 pm JSL Meeting in the Social Hall

Tuesday, August 4th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
7:00 pm JSL Meeting in the Social Hall

Wednesday, August 5th

5:30 pm Fish Fry Family Night Kick-Off
6:00 pm Children's Activities in Children's Ministry Area
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, August 7th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

August 10th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for July 26th: 303

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 83 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 144
Sunday School..... 83

Giving as of July 26th

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 9,940.64
YTD Budget Giving \$ 408,189.58
YTD Budget Expenditures \$ 456,206.40

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sherrell Bailey, Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Judy Bridges,
Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean,
Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, Tommy Jackson,
Marcia Johnson, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Jimmy Nelson,
Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Kenny Phillips,
Chris Revell, Gene Richardson, George Roquemore, Sybil Smith, Tippie Shierling,
Sara Kate Shorter, Aubrey Stoyall, Connor Taylor, Terry Thorpe, Carl Tott,
Maureen Turner, Kaye Tye, Emily Waller, Jimmy Whaley, Rick Whaley,
Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright