



The Americus FMC Bulletin

August 9, 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE/EXTRAORDINARY GOD

The Loyal Friend

Acts 9:27

1. Read Acts 9:26. What was the reaction of the community when Saul arrived in Jerusalem?
Discuss your understanding of why they responded in this way.
2. Discuss how past mistakes or former “reputations” sometimes make it difficult for others to accept us into a community.
3. Discuss your idea of trust. Have you ever been hesitant to trust someone who claimed to have changed?
Why?
4. How does fear shape your perception of others?
5. Who was Barnabas?
Discuss how he was an encourager.
6. Why is it often difficult to see beyond the “noise of what everyone is saying” to see the work of God in an individual?
7. How does Barnabas validate Saul’s transformation using the evidence of God’s grace?
Why is this important to understand?
8. In what ways may God be calling you to be a “Barnabas” to someone in your life or church who might be misunderstood, marginalized, or new to the faith?
9. Ponder and discuss how someone may need you to stand up for them, advocate for them, or help them connect with our community of faith with a broader faith of their own.

God bless,
Daryl

Acts 9:26 NIV

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am

August 9, 2026

11th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP Sam Morris

God of Grace and God of Glory (#45)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (#23)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#691) Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#667) Sam Morris

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung & Jason Economides

This Is My Father's World

(arr. Matt Riley)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

I Will Sing!

(Priscilla Murphy)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung & Jason Economides

Amaryllis

(arr. Matt Riley)

DOXOLOGY (#682) Sam Morris

SERMON Rev. Daryl Brown

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WORSHIP Sam Morris

Jesus Paid it All (#557)

BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung & Jason Economides

To God Be the Glory

(arr. Peter Hilliard)

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Reda Rowell; Leon Holloway

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 9th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Ginger Starlin & Wade Halstead

Operation Christmas Child



Help us share the love of Christ with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. We are currently collecting personal hygiene and school supplies for our shoebox ministry.

This month's collection items:

- Washcloths
- Crayons (12- or 24-count boxes)
- Glue sticks
- Pencils

Thank you for your generosity as we work together to bring joy, hope, and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world.

Thank You
Men serving Christ, Women serving Christ
AND KICK OFF TO FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
FOR A SUCCESSFUL FISH FRY!




Because of your hard work,
dedication, and servant hearts,
our Fish Fry was a blessing
to so many!

*Well done, good and
faithful servants!*
MATTHEW 25:21



THANK YOU FOR MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN OUR CHURCH
AND COMMUNITY!





We had a wonderful start to the school year!
Our theme is all about me and our five senses.
We hope everyone has a blessed week!
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

Youth, Parent & Chaperone Meeting & Brunch – TODAY

10:00–10:45 AM in The Foundry

All youth, parents, and chaperones are encouraged to attend as we prepare for our upcoming events.

TODAY is the LAST DAY to Register for the Braves Game!

Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 9th

Braves Game

Saturday, August 15

Departing from First Methodist Church of Americus at 4:00 PM.

Six Flags Trip

Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 30

Trip Date: Saturday, September 5

We hope you'll join us for these exciting opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teresa Flynt
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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY 1826

And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come!"

Revelation 4:8

Reginald Heber (1783–1826), the son of an English minister, followed his father into ministry and served for sixteen years as the vicar of Hodnet. During that time, he wrote all fifty-seven of his hymns, including the missionary favorite, *From Greenland's Icy Mountains*, which reflected his passion for taking the Gospel to the nations.

In 1822, Heber's lifelong desire to serve as a missionary was fulfilled when he was appointed to oversee the Church of England's work in India. While traveling extensively to encourage mission stations, he died unexpectedly in 1826 after suffering a stroke at the age of forty-two.

Following his death, his widow discovered his collection of hymns and arranged for their publication. Among them was his enduring masterpiece, "**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**," inspired by Revelation 4:8–11. Nearly two centuries later, it remains one of the Church's most beloved hymns, proclaiming the holiness and majesty of the Triune God.

Gifts in Memory of

Russell Thomas

From

Citizens Bank



Family Night Supper

Roman Oven Pizza, Salad & Dessert

Join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and faith-building with our church family! Enjoy a delicious meal, great conversation, and time together as we grow closer in Christ.

Please make your reservations by Monday at Noon by contacting the church office or using the Communication Cards.

Wednesday, August 12th

5:15 PM

Social Hall

Following supper, Adult Bible Study will continue in the Social Hall, along with Youth and Children's activities. There will be something for everyone!

Events This Week

Sunday, August 9th

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, August 10th

11:30 am Ministry Staff Meeting in Pastor Daryl's Office
 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café

Tuesday, August 11th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Wednesday, August 12th

3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study In the Social Hall
 6:00 pm Children's Activities in Children's Ministry Area
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, August 14th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

August 17th at 11:30am, Bright Beginnings' Board Meeting in the Coffee Café

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for August 2nd: 232

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 80 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 82
 Sunday School.....70 Wednesday Night Activities.....124

Giving as of August 2nd

Budget Giving This Week..... \$ 5,436.51
 YTD Budget Giving \$ 413,126.09
 YTD Budget Expenditures \$ 480,174.78

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sherrell Bailey, Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel,
 Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Diane Corning, Evelyn Dean,
 Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, Tommy Jackson,
 Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, 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