

The Americus FMC Bulletin

August 23, 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY GOD

Unlikely Disciple

Matthew 4:18-22

1. Discuss your thoughts on why Jesus would have chosen to walk along the ordinary workplace (Sea of Galilee with simple fishermen) instead of looking for more educated people (Rabbi).
2. What does it mean for Jesus to call them to follow and change them to become “fishers of men”?
How would that have had an impact on their daily routine and respect?
3. How did the fishermen respond?
What physical or mental “nets” in your own life might you need to drop to follow Jesus today?
4. Why is the idea of God calling “unlikely” people to become disciples such good news for us today?
5. How are you experiencing God’s call upon your life today?
6. How have you felt closest to God this week?

God bless,
Daryl

Matthew 4:18-22 NIV

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP Sam Morris

Majesty (#63)

He Is Lord (#268)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#691) Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#667)..... Sam Morris

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

OFFERTORY PRAYER..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung

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

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown

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Here I Am, Lord (#589)

BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Leon Holloway; Reda Rowell

Ushers: Ginger Starlin (Captain), Jan Bird, Karen Austin,
Nancy Jones, Mara Durham, Judy Tott, Beth NeSmith,
Jean Buchanan, Lisa Simpson, Sandra McNeill,
Meagan Speegle, Lydia Ann Fowler, Penny Bolin,
Pam Smith, MaryLen Walker

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 23rd - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Matthew 4:18-22

Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeney,

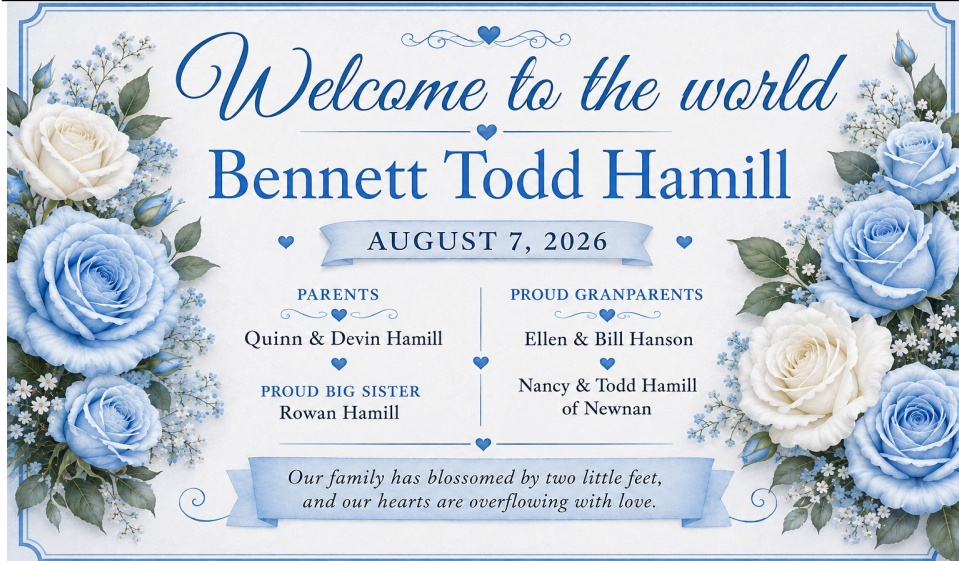
Rev. Daryl Brown, Paul Farr

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Ginger Starlin & Wade Halstead



Bright Beginnings Endowment Fund

Bright Beginnings is currently the only ministry in our church without an endowment fund. For the past several years, the Bright Beginnings Board has worked diligently to raise funds through the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. This event has been a tremendous success, raising more than \$11,000 to support the ministry and help further its mission.

We would now like to take an important step toward securing the future of Bright Beginnings by establishing an endowment fund. Our goal is to raise the minimum of \$25,000 needed to establish the fund, allowing it to grow over time and provide lasting financial support for the ministry.

We are asking you to consider allowing us to establish this endowment and begin contributing funds to it. The endowment would be overseen by the Bright Beginnings Board, with the funds managed responsibly and used to help ensure that Bright Beginnings can continue serving our church and community for many years to come.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and continued support of Bright Beginnings. We believe establishing an endowment would be a meaningful investment in the future of this important ministry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sam Hunter
Finance Chairman





We had a wonderful week!
Chapel started with our older children.
Our theme this week is pets!

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

- † *Six Flags Trip has been cancelled.*
- † The Youth Ministry will offer a second weekly Youth Bible Study for those unable to attend on Wednesday nights, starting on Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 5:00-6:00 PM, in the Foundry.
- † Prayer Breakfast will reconvene on, Tuesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 AM, Chick-fil-A, Americus-everyone welcome
- † Awakening Collegiate Fellowship (ACF) meeting on Tuesday at 6 pm at Grace Baptist

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MAJESTY 1981

Jack William Hayford (b. 1934) was a Pentecostal pastor, author, and prolific songwriter. In 1969, he became pastor of the struggling First Foursquare Church in Van Nuys, California, with only 20 members. Under his leadership, the congregation grew into The Church on the Way, eventually numbering more than 7,000 members. Hayford authored more than 55 books and composed over 400 hymns, songs, and other musical works.

Hayford wrote “Majesty” in 1977 while traveling in Great Britain. Inspired by the British royal family, he reflected on Christ as King and the majesty of God's presence. The song calls worshipers to recognize God's sovereignty and give glory to his name.

The theme comes directly from Scripture, especially the Psalms, which frequently describe God as majestic and exalted. Musically, “Majesty” reinforces this message through its stately, fanfare-like character.

Hayford emphasized that worship should engage both the mind and the heart. “Majesty” reflects that philosophy by focusing on one simple theme: Christ is King, sovereign over all, and worthy of praise. The song has endured as a classic of contemporary Christian worship.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Good News. Great Joy.

Help us share the *love of Christ* with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

We are collecting personal hygiene and school supplies for our shoebox ministry.

THIS MONTH'S COLLECTION ITEMS:



Washcloths



Crayons
(12- or 24-count boxes)



Glue sticks



Thank you for your generosity as we work together to bring joy, hope, and the

Good News of Jesus Christ



Family NIGHT SUPPER



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 26TH



AT 5:15 PM



IN THE
SOCIAL HALL

Menu
Hamburger Steak
Rice
Green Bean Salad
Dessert by
Sheppard House

PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE
BY MONDAY AT NOON.

Come enjoy a wonderful evening of food and fellowship!



ADULT
BIBLE STUDY
AT 6:00 PM



CHILDREN AND YOUTH
AT 6:00 PM IN THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS



CHOIR
AT 7:00 PM
IN THE MUSIC SUITE

We look forward to seeing you there!

Events This Week

Sunday, August 23rd

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 24th

9:30 am Ministerial Meeting in Pastor Daryl's Office

Tuesday, August 25th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
6:00 pm ACF at Grace Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 26th

3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
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 28th

Office Closed

Up coming Events

September 7th Office Closed

September 14th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for August 16th: 269

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	68	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	124
Sunday School.....	77	Wednesday Night Activities.....	112

Giving as of August 16th

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$ 17,290.34
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 439,660.38
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$ 512,411.80

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, Beth Lane, 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