



The Americus FMC Bulletin

September 20, 2026

THE “WE” FACTOR *The Power of Presence* *Hebrew 10:23-25*

1. What does it mean to hold “unswervingly to the hope we profess”?
How does personal hope help you in your daily life?
2. God is faithful! How does this understanding change you, and how
you face daily struggles?
3. Describe the effects of when we “spur one another on”.
How can you personally spur on another?
How can the church be better at spurring people toward love and
serving others?
4. What is the importance of gathering as believers to worship and
grow in faith?
How can we encourage others to understand the importance of
gathering?
5. Why do you think believers in the early church started “skipping
gatherings”?
Is there any difference in today’s world?
6. What does physically gathering bring to our life?
How is our presence making an impact on others?
What is the benefit of gathering verses simply sending a phone
message, text message or listening to a live stream?
7. How does regular fellowship encourage you?
How does it build your strength or help you focus more on Christ?

Looking forward to gathering for worship, and to gathering on
Wednesday night for discussion and bible study!
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
September 20, 2026
17th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP Sam Morris

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #36

Ye Servants of God #40

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER..... Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Be Still

(Karen Marroli)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #682..... Sam Morris

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown

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Cornerstone #103

BENEDICTION Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Ron & Gladys Cochran; Betty Rhyne

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), John Fowler, Bob McNeill,
Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy, Casper Speegle

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

September 20th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

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

Media & Sound
Camille Cochran

Greeters
Ross & Jill Youngdale

Gifts in Memory Of

Ann Johnson

By

Joyce Buchanan



WOMEN SERVING CHRIST

FAITH
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE
TOGETHER

*Women
Making a Difference
for His Kingdom*

THE VISION OF WOMEN SERVING CHRIST:
To develop a community of women who are dedicated to serving Christ:

The Goals of Women Serving Christ are:

- To grow and deepen our relationship with Christ through Bible Study.
- To encourage and deepen our relationship with each other through Fellowship.
- To reach out in the name of Christ within our Church, our community, and beyond through service.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME
ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHARING GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD
PACK A SHOEBOX • CHANGE A LIFE

A SIMPLE GIFT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

ITEMS NEEDED



Children's Card Games



YOYO



Glue Sticks



Jump Ropes

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH
The Mission Committee appreciates your support!





Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1843

O Come, let us sing unto the LORD. Psalm 95:1 (KJV)

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” has an interesting history involving an English hymn writer, an earlier children’s hymn, and a melody of uncertain Spanish origin.

The words are attributed to Christian Henry Bateman (1813–1889), an English minister and hymn writer. Bateman published the hymn in his 1843 collection *Sacred Melodies for Children*. Appropriately, its original opening was “Come, children, join to sing.” Bateman’s text was itself adapted from an earlier hymn by educator and hymn writer William Edward Hickson, published in 1836. The familiar wording “Come, Christians, join to sing” later broadened the invitation from children to the entire congregation.

The lively tune, known as MADRID or SPANISH HYMN, has a more mysterious history. Its composer is unknown. Historical sources describe it as an old or “ancient Spanish melody,” although its precise origin has never been established.

The tune became associated with Benjamin Carr (1768–1831), an English-born musician and publisher who settled in Philadelphia. Carr arranged the melody for a concert of the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia in 1824, with printed arrangements following in 1825 and 1826. He should therefore be regarded as an arranger rather than the melody’s composer.

Over time, Bateman’s words and the Spanish melody were joined together, creating the hymn we know today. Its repeated “Alleluia! Amen!” beautifully expresses the hymn’s central purpose: calling Christians together in joyful and continuing praise of Christ.

Sources: *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*; Hymnary.org; C. Michael Hawn, *History of Hymns* (Discipleship Ministries); *The Music of the Church Hymnary and the Psalter in Metre* (1901); Hymnology Archive.

Family Night Supper

Breakfast Casserole
Waffles
Fruit and Yogurt

5:15 PM
in the Social Hall

Adult Bible Study

6:00 PM
in the Social Hall



Youth and Children
Activities
in their areas



Choir

7:00 PM
in the Music Suite



Food • Fellowship • Faith • For All Ages

Events This Week

Sunday, September 20th

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 Youth Bible Study in the Foundry

Monday, September 21st

1:30 pm Staff meeting in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Wesley Epworth Class Homeless Meal at
Friendship Baptist Church

Tuesday, September 22nd

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, September 23rd

10:00 am Ministriesafe Meeting in Pastor Daryl's Office
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

Thursday, September 24th

1:00 pm Patterns of Grace Bible Study in the Coffee Café

Friday, September 25th

Office Closed

Events Coming Up

September 28th at 10:00 am, WSC is meeting in the Parlor
September 28th at 5:30 pm, Church Council meeting in the Social Hall

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for September 13th: 238

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	46	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	119
Sunday School.....	73	Wednesday Night Activities.....	128

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, Joe Hooks,
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