



The Americus FMC Bulletin

September 27, 2026

The “WE” FACTOR
The Unified Witness
John 17:20-23

1. What is a good definition of “unity”?
2. Who is Jesus praying for in verse 20?
What specific petition does Jesus repeat multiple times for all believers?
3. How does Christian unity serve as a witness or proof to the secular world?
What does it mean to be “brought to complete unity” (v.23) in a practical, spiritual sense?
4. How do future generations come to believe in Jesus?
5. What attitudes or cultural divisions currently threaten unity in the local church?
6. What relationship(s) need to be mended in your life to preserve Christian unity?
7. How can we show unity with believers from different denominations or cultural backgrounds?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love, bind us in peace, unite us in Christ, heal our brokenness and guide our daily steps of faith. Let us show your love to the world around us. Amen.

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
September 27, 2026
18th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP..... Sam Morris

Praise Him! Praise Him! #148

Rejoice, the Lord Is King #277

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #691 Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI #667 Sam Morris

PRELUDE.....Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEMChancel Choir

Tune Our Hearts to Sing (Mary McDonald)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Morris

OFFERTORYAlwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #682 Sam Morris

SERMON..... Rev. Daryl Brown

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I Must Tell Jesus #383

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDEAlwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Ron & Gladys Cochran; Betty Rhyne

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

September 27th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

Media & Sound
Camille Cochran

Greeters
Ross & Jill Youngdale

Gifts in Memory Of

Ann Johnson

By

Janis Webb

Janice Cliett

Wes & Jean Wheeler

AHS Class of 1960



WOMEN SERVING CHRIST

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FAITH ♥ FELLOWSHIP ♥ SERVE

Women Making a Difference
FOR HIS KINGDOM

MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 10 AM
IN THE PARLOR



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

ITEMS NEEDED

Children's Card Games YOYO Small Notebooks Jump Ropes

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



A Magical Week at Bright Beginnings!

This week our theme is all about our favorite
storybook and movie characters!
We will have some fun **dress-up days**
throughout the week to celebrate!

A special **THANK YOU** to the **Sheffield-Wooten Class**
for providing lunch for our teachers this past week.
It was delicious, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness!

We look forward to a wonderful and magical week!
Casey Pitts, Director

Kindness
Friendship
Imagination
Makes
Life
Magical!

DREAM
IMAGINE
BELIEVE
EXPLORE



Sunday School and
Children's Church

Don't Forget!!

KidMin now serves children 4K-5TH Grade

Please join us today as we
learn more about Jesus!

Sunday School and Children's Church



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Come join us
Sunday afternoons
in **The Foundry** at **5:00 p.m.!**

Faith • Friends • Fun • Kickball



Rejoice, the Lord Is King 1744

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you...”
— Zechariah 9:9

By the 1740s, Charles Wesley was preaching to thousands of people, often in the open air. His powerful preaching drew large crowds, but it also brought opposition. At times, angry listeners disrupted his services, threatened him, and even became violent.

During one service in St. Ives in 1743, a hostile crowd broke windows, damaged the building, and threatened Wesley and those who had gathered to worship. Through it all, Wesley remained steadfast in his faith. Rather than allowing fear to silence him, he continued proclaiming the message of Christ.

It was during these difficult and dangerous years that Wesley wrote the triumphant hymn **“Rejoice, the Lord Is King.”** The hymn reminds us that even in times of uncertainty, opposition, and hardship, Jesus Christ is still King. His kingdom cannot fail, and His people always have a reason to rejoice.

*His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:*

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

A few years later, Wesley returned to St. Ives and found that the hostility had greatly diminished. The place that had once met his preaching with violence had changed—a powerful reminder that circumstances may change, but Christ remains King.



Need Some Help?

The men of First Methodist Church are available to help with **small jobs** for members of our congregation.



Need assistance?

Call the church office at **229-924-3169**.

Family Night SUPPER

Food • Fellowship • Faith • All Are Welcome! ♥

Taco Bar

with all the Fixings' and Dessert

5:15 PM
in the Social Hall

Adult Bible Study

6:00 PM
in the Social Hall

Children & Youth Activities

6:00 PM
in their areas

Choir

7:00 PM
in the Music Suite

COME FOR A MEAL. STAY FOR A PURPOSE.

Events This Week

Sunday, September 27th

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 28th

10:00 am WSC Circle Meeting in the Parlor
 11:00 am Ministry Staff Meeting in Pastor Daryl's office
 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall

Tuesday, September 29th

7:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast at Chick Fil A
 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 30th

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, October 1st

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

Friday, October 2nd

Office Closed

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for September 20th: 224

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 50	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 101
Sunday School..... 73	Wednesday Night Activities..... 85

Giving as of September 20th:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$ 30,368.78
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 514,467.97
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$ 572,765.68

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sherrell Bailey, Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel,
 Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Diane Corning, Brenda Davis,
 Evelyn Dean, Sharon Dutton, George Ellis, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, Joe Hooks,
 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,
 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