



- We are now into our July “vacation” from choir rehearsal! We will still meet each Sunday to lead worship for the 11:00 AM service, but rehearsals will not resume until August 1, at 7:00 PM. Please plan to meet in the choir room at 10:40 AM each week to allow sufficient time to go through music.
- I am working on asking some new members to join our choir family! We will have a recruitment event on Sunday, July 29, beginning at 5:30 PM. We will meet at church to sing for some of our Central family for about an hour and then head for dinner at Rancho Grande at 6:30 PM. If you have been thinking of joining or “re-joining” the choir – or if you know someone whom you would like to invite to join – ask them to come and be with us that night! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30 PM and then head to dinner afterwards. We hope that this will be both an informative and fun-filled night as we share songs with some of our wonderful church family!

- We are planning a children’s worship conference for the afternoon of August 5, promotion Sunday. Mrs. Suzanne and I are making plans for this which we will get to you ASAP. For now, plan on a couple of hours that afternoon following the morning worship service.
- Tentative start date for children’s choirs is Wednesday, August 8, at 5:00 PM. Watch your bulletin and text messages for updates.
- Thank you to those children and parents who were able to go with us to sing for some of our homebound members last week. This brings a ray of sunshine and love to those who wish they could be with us and aren’t able. You are helping to share the love of Jesus and He is pleased with this!



- Youth band will plan some rehearsals during the month of July to prepare for upcoming KOW services this fall as well as leading some worship on Wednesday nights for youth events. Please let me know your schedule so I can plan the time that works best for all of us.
- Looking ahead: We will plan to gather up the youth choir to sing for our Promotion Sunday on August 5. We will plan to rehearse on Wednesdays or Sundays between now and that time, so plan to be here and bring your smiling face and singing voice! We will plan to rehearse on Sunday, July 29, at 4:45 PM. Be sure to watch your remind app/youth texts.



During the summer, all of the children’s Sunday School classes will be meeting together in the green room upstairs. Meeting as a large group will continue until August 5, Promotion Sunday.



Mark your calendars now and plan to attend on Promotion Sunday! The children will meet as a large group at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall to kick off a new Sunday School year! We will celebrate Promotion Sunday with a luncheon following worship! After lunch, the children will stay for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Bring your bathing suit and a towel because we will have the waterslide for you to play on! It is going to be a great day!!
With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

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Forks and Fellowship Luncheon

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

July Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley.

Calendar

Sunday, July 22, 2018

- 9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
- 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM Fellowship Supper Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 PM Administrative Council (Chapel)
- 5:00 PM Youth Prayer Walk

Monday, July 23

- 12:00 PM Worship Bulletin Information Due

Tuesday, July 24

- 6:30 PM Men on Target Gathering

Thursday, July 26

- 6:00 PM Finance Committee (Library)

Friday, July 27

- 6:45 PM Youth Lock-In

Sunday, July 29

- 9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
- 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 4:45 PM Youth Choir
- 5:30 PM “Welcome to the Choir” Party

Monday, July 30

- 12:00 PM Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due
- 6:00 PM Lay Leadership Committee (Library)

Tuesday, July 31

- 6:30 PM Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 1

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee (Library)
- 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Helpers for July

USHERS: Robert Griffin, Captain; Stacey Bell, Pam Bishop, Terry Bishop, Bob Bryant, Becky Griffin, Clint Talton.

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.

A/V ASSISTANTS: Ward Burke, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Cody Thompson, Blaine Layfield.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of July 22, 2018

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6; 10-16

Sermon: "Can God Really Use Your Life?"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir & Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Acolytes: Brett Martin, Natalie Strahan

Children's Church Helpers: Heath & Mia Parrish, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of July 29, 2018

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Teach Us to Pray"

Prelude: Brian Morris

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Abby Holt

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Sunday School Greeter: Harold & Nancy Kimball

Acolytes: Gregory Calhoun, Cody Griffin

Children's Church Helpers: Mike & Mande Bishop, Mike & Ellen Burke



The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught the disciples about a model for praying. We call it the Lord's Prayer because it came from Jesus. This makes this prayer a very important model for us. Have you truly heard what each petition in this prayer means?

I will begin a new sermon series that will examine this prayer in detail. I will begin on Sunday, July 29. I will look at each phrase and use scripture to help us in understanding what Jesus was wanting us to pray about.

It is interesting that this series coincides with the beginning of the new year of the Ben Hill County School System. I'm certain that school is still the same now as it was when I was in school. Even though atheists tried to take prayer out of school, there will be prayers lifted up in school as long as there are tests and evaluations occurring in school.

Join me for this special time to learn more about the Lord's Prayer and allow it to help you on your spiritual journey! See you Sunday!



Many of you have inquired about ways to help Andy & Mandy Johnson as their precious Ashlynn continues her chemo treatments. As always, your prayers are very much welcomed. If you would like to do something a little more "hands on" may we suggest **Meal Train**. Go online to <https://mealtrain.com/00y68z> to schedule a night that you can take a meal to them.



We extend Christian sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kimball upon the death of Mr. Kimball's sister, Mrs. Katy Ruth Branch. Funeral services for Mrs. Branch were conducted on July 15 at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel. Please keep the Kimball family in your prayers.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Gene Heninger. Mrs. Heninger passed away on July 13. Funeral services were conducted on July 17 at The Paulk Funeral Home chapel. Mrs. Heninger is survived by four children and their families: Keith Heninger, Kent Heninger, Terry Hudson and Cheri Gilleland. Please keep the Heninger family in your prayers.



"Men on Target" Men's Bible study meet the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (unless otherwise announced) at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to participate. This study is facilitated by Pastor Rich. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this men's group.



The Arbor Baptist Church Adult Ministries Department and the CUMC Adult Ministries Department are joining forces for a very special event. We are planning a trip to go see the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky. This trip is open to all adults and their families (children included.) We are planning this trip for fall break, October 15-17. Please call Susan at the church office for details and to let her know that you are interested.

Praying for the Body of Christ

Each week we are praying for those in ministry in other areas of the South-Central District. Our upcoming prayer focus includes:

- Week beginning July 22: Lumber City & Dodges Chapel UMCs and their pastor, Andy Brownley.
- Week beginning July 29: Manor UMC and their pastor, Mark Mooneyhan.



Hi, everyone! Your summer vacation is officially coming to a close, but I hope you are expectantly looking forward to an awesome new school year! God has gone before you and is going to be there for you through it all.

To kick off the school year the right way, we will go on a prayer walk at BHMS and FHS this Sunday,

July 22. Meet at the church at 5:00 PM. We will go to both schools to pray (we'll also pray for our other schools represented, like Tiftarea and Wilcox), and then we will go eat afterwards. Please bring \$5 if you are able. Your parents can pick you up from CUMC at 6:30 PM. Church family, you are invited to join us for the prayer walk if you would like!

Wednesday, July 25, there will be no youth since it is open house night for Ben Hill County! If you're at the high school, stop by to see me! :)

Calling the bravest chaperones of all: who wants to chaperone the lock-in with Arbor July 27? Youth, if you are going, I need to know ASAP. The cost is \$20 and includes dinner, worship, and then 5 hours of fun at Rigby's Entertainment in Warner Robins. We will leave from CUMC at 6:45 PM on the 27th and will return at 7:00 AM on the 28th. In order for us (mainly your youth director) to recover from the excitement, we will not have youth on the 29th. However, we will have choir from 4:45 to 5:30 PM.

One more call for the boldest of chaperones: senior high will see SKILLET in concert at Wild Adventures on August 11! All high schoolers who want to go, need to let me know and pay \$35 as soon as you can. Money is due one week prior to the trip.

Love you all, *Mary Claire*

Congratulations to Melissa Boggus on the birth of her grandson, Jayce Cole Boone, on July 7. Jayce's parents are Shelbi Pelham and Karick Boone. Congratulations to you all upon this wonderful little addition to your family. We love you little one!



The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, July 22, at 5:00 PM in the chapel. All members of the Council are asked to be present. All church members are welcome to attend.

† Wednesday Night Supper Committee meeting will be in the church parlor at 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 22. Administrative Council meeting same day at 5:00 PM.



† Senior ladies visitation day for month of August is on the 3rd of August. We'll meet at 9:00 AM at Our Daily Bread. Please let me know you are joining us.

† Communion Servers for August 5 are Dianne Engelmann and Miggie Cook, and Mike Foster and James Clements.

† Looking ahead at important dates in August: August 12 our younger adults (ages 21-45ish) will meet to go to Chili's at 5:30 PM. Please let me know if you plan to go! Senior adults will be going to DJ's on August 23!

Susan