

## Pre-Summer Events for All Ages!

Monday, May 26th — Office closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28th @ 6pm: Red Bird Mission Dinner

Our annual Kenya mission trip begins!

Sunday, June 1st @ 11am - Appreciation for Susan Marino's Service

Sunday, June 8th - Baptisms @ Harrison Park following Worship (rain date 6/15)

June 16-19th - 9:00-12:00: VBS Save the dates!  
Registration forms are now available! (see below)

June 20-22 - GRASP and Junior GRASP Weekend

Wednesday, June 25th —Mission Dinner @ 5:30.  
Come out to hear the report from the Kenya mission team!



## A Message From Our Choir...

The Choir is off Duty! Thank you to our loyal and talented choir for the wonderful music every Sunday. We thank them for their service and look forward to their return in August.

The LIJ Kids are Busy!!!

Please check your bulletin for updates on summer activities.

VBS and Junior GRASP forms are due now. They should be turned in ASAP.

Our first summer activity will be held on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm. Get ready for a walking Scavenger Hunt. All ages are invited to participate—from birth through age 101!



Vespers

Our next Vespers services will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 6pm.

## Summer Mission!



This summer, we will be participating once again in the Seamless Summer Food Program, providing free meals to children 18 and under each week from Monday—Thursday. For more information, please see or call Marianne at 706-635-2555.



**Vacation Bible School** will take place from June 16th-19th this year. If you can help with decorating, registration, administration, preschool Bible stories/teaching, group guides for K-4th grade, recreation, games, snacks, crafts or sound/AV, please contact Marianne.

## Liturgist

If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Liturgist, please contact Rick Thaxton @ 770-241-1852.

## Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks

Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions to the Prayer List.

General Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary	Zellie Marbury Brenda Barnes McPherson Steven Marks Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Ann Shearon Holly Shearon Rick Thaxton Dan Weaver	Shut-In Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Segraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
Health Jordan Arredondo Doug Bater Ed Boyd Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Ray Brookshire Jack Brown Kyle Bullington Joan Compton Paul Compton Charles Cook Allen Fanelli Joy Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Jessica Good Pam Grant Betty Jo Hanes Konner Hearn Ruth Hix Missy Kepley <b>Dr. Ed Kirkpatrick</b> Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Jackie Leva	Hospital/Rehab Daniel Rayzor Marlene Rayzor Jean Smilie Mary Uthlaut  Surgery /Upcoming Brad Badinski Tammy Baughman Emily Fogarty Crystal Lynch  Caregiver Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver	Caregiver Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver  Death in Family Family of Ellie Knight Family of Tom Lowery, Sr Family of Jean Peal Family of Lavern Cobb



The Red Bird Mission Dinner will be held this Wednesday, May 28th at 6pm. The menu will be grilled chicken, baked beans, salad, rolls and dessert. The speakers will be Pastor Mike and Holly Shearon. Please sign up by calling Holly at 470-483-5843.

## Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/25-5/31 Hank Chapman  
6/01-6/07 Charlie Leonard  
6/08-6/14 Lloyd Vautrot



## Happy Birthday!

5 /27-Jendy Hays  
5/29-Judy Leonard  
5/30-Nancy Smith  
5/31-Aaron Evans

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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**Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician**



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**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Worship Service  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
*The Liturgical Color is White*  
*The Worship of God*

**The Prelude:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
arr by Joel Raney

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

† **Choral Call to Worship**  
“The Star Spangled Banner” vocal solo, JoAnn Davis  
by Francis Scott Key and John Stafford Smith

† **The Greeting**  
Sing and shout for joy.  
**God’s light shines upon us.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises.  
**Let us worship the Lord.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**  
“Spirit Song”  
UMH 347

† **The Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles Creed**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy  
Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting.      Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Pastoral and Congregational Prayer**      Rev. Dr. Shearon

**The Lord’s Prayer**      UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation**  
“The Gift of Love”      UMH 408

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**  
“Rain Down”      arr by Mark Hayes

†**The Presentation and Doxology**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**The Anthem** “The Blessing Riddle”      arr by Pepper Choplin

**The Scripture Reading**      John 14:15-24

**The Sermon** “Obedience”      Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn** “There’s Within My Heart a Melody”  
UMH 380

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during  
the closing hymn.*

†**The Pastoral Benediction**      Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Choral Benediction**  
“The Blessing Riddle” (reprise)      arr by Pepper Choplin

†**The Postlude**  
“Down to the River to Pray”  
arr by Mary McDonald

*Prayer team members are available after the service.  
They will be wearing white shawls.*

**John 14:15-24**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,<sup>1</sup> to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive be-  
cause it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him be-  
cause he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will  
see me; because I live, you also will live.

<sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in  
me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are  
those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by  
my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will  
reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and  
make our home with them.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the  
word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent  
me.



***Invitation to Church Membership***  
*Anyone wishing to join this church may come for-  
ward during the closing hymn.*