

## Exciting Events for All Ages!

Monday, May 5th and May 19th—Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 11th—Muffins for Moms before our worship service

Save the Dates! VBS 2025 will be June 16th-19th.

GRASP June 20th -22nd

**Reminder: GRASP worksite applications are due 5/18.**

## Sunday, May 11th is Senior Recognition Day!

Sunday, May 11th is Senior Recognition Day—we have many high school and college graduates in our Congregation.

Please take a moment to highlight a verse and leave a note for our graduates. Bibles are placed in the Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall.

Our graduating high school seniors are Logan Mashburn, Sophia Lykins and Addy Poole. Alyssa Ashurst and Olivia Lykins will be graduating from college.

### Other Upcoming Student Ministry Events:

5/7-5/14 Invited Series 5-6pm

5/11 Senior Recognition Day

5/21 Water Day with Jasper UMC



### Other Upcoming Young Adult Ministry Events:

5/28 Redbird Mission Dinner

5/7-6/4 “The Way” series, 6:30pm-8pm

GRASP Meetings: Monday, 5/19, Sundays, 6/1, 6/8 and 6/15 @ 6pm.

## We are on a Mission!



This summer, we will be participating once again in the Seamless Summer Food Program.

We will be providing free meals to children 18 and under.

For more information, please, see or call Marianne at 706-635-2555.

## Firestarter's Prayer

Lord Jesus, your threefold instruction to Peter is the same to us; “Feed my sheep.” That command is both spiritual and material. Strengthen us to obey. Amen.



Blessing of the Animals, April 26th

### Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/4 -5/10– Charlie Cobb

5/11-5/17 - Charlie Leonard



Thank you to all who participated and had fun at the High Tea yesterday.

## Prayers for the Week

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

### General

Juston Davis  
Emma Ford Missionary

Lynn Perry

Ann Shearon  
Holly Shearon  
Rick Thaxton  
Dan Weaver

### Lavern Cobb

Jim Hagopian  
Mack Hipp  
Rudi Lanehardt  
Margie Pyren  
Myron Segraves  
Paul Stanhope  
Robert Westmoreland

### Health

Doug Bater  
Jerry Boyne  
Kevin Brett  
Jack Brown  
Kyle Bullington  
Joan Compton  
Paul Compton  
Charles Cook  
Allen Fanelli  
Joy Fanelli  
Sharon Fletcher  
Jessica Good  
Pam Grant  
Betty Jo Hanes  
Missy Kepley  
Rylan Leeper  
Shannon Leeper  
Jackie Leva  
Zellie Marbury  
Brian Mattaliano  
Lynn McKibbin  
Brenda Barnes McPherson  
Alyse Munson  
Barbara Nickle

### Hospital/Rehab

Ed Boyd  
Daniel Rayzor  
Marlene Rayzor  
Jean Smilie  
Mary Uthlaut

### Hospice

Bill Patton

### Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski  
Tammy Baughman  
Emily Fogarty

### Surgery/Recuperating

Pat Daniels  
Jan Day  
Jean Smilie  
Karen Vitelli

### Shut-In

Peter Adams  
Marlene Brown  
Ernette Calhoun

### Caregiver

Joy Fanelli  
Carolyn Hipp  
Lorraine Segraves  
Joan Stanhope  
Sherry Weaver

### Death in Family

Family of Ellie Knight  
Family of Jimmie Lee Wildharber  
Family of Norma Brennan  
Family of Tommy Lowery, Sr

## Friends Helping Friends



## Our “Hip” Friend

Susan Gooch



Happy Birthday!

May 9th—Allan Tarr

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter  
Native American Ministries Sunday  
Communion Sunday



*The Liturgical Color is White*  
*The Worship of God*

**The Prelude:** “Bless His Holy Name”  
by Andrea Crouch/Mark Hayes

**The Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation**

† **Choral Call to Worship**  
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *by Doris Akers*

† **The Greeting** **Psalm 30, Revelation 5**  
Rejoice in the Lord.  
**Praise God’s holy name.**  
Worthy is the Lamb of our praise.  
**Worthy is the righteous one of blessing,  
honor and glory.**  
Rejoice in the Lord.  
**Praise God’s holy name.**

† **The Hymn of Praise**  
“When Morning Gilds the Skies” UMH 185

† **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.

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.