

Mark your calendar for upcoming events...



- July 7 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am
- July 8 - United Methodist Men Burger King, 8:00 am
- July 16 - Red Bird Mission Dinner Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
- July 21 - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am
- July 23 - Worship Service & Communion at Parkside, 3:00 pm

Fall Mission Trip!

The Red Bird Mission trip is planned for September 21-27. The cost per person will be \$515. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information or to sign up @ 404-583-8324.



THE RED BIRD MISSION DINNER will be held on **July 16th at 6:00 pm** to support our upcoming September Mission Trip to Beverly, Kentucky. Gary Crawley, a 17 year veteran leader of the Red Bird Mission teams, will be here to talk about the project. Please RSVP on the attendance sheet or call the church office to reserve your spot.

GRASP 2025 was an incredible success! We had a small but mighty group that served 6 homes in one day, showing our community how to love with grace and grit. We had over 50 dedicated adults and youth volunteers working together this year. A huge thank you to all of our members and guests who generously provided their time, talents, tools, tithes, and more. You all showed up and did the impossible in a short amount of time. Special Thanks to the recipients of this year's awards: Marianne Evans for the Love Award and Harrison Smith for the Spirit Award. GRASP 2025 would not have happened without you.

Love,
Debbi



Am I a Young Adult? - Our small group studies are based more on life stage than birth year. Whether you're navigating college, starting your career, figuring out relationships, or in those early adulting years, these are your folks! (18-35ish) For more info contact Debbi Westcott @ 706-455-3207 or Emily Barton @ 706-273-9252. Childcare available.

Seamless Summer Mission!

The Joyful Noon Circle will serve this week. The Altar Guild will be serving the week of July 13th. Thank you to Hank & Pam Chapman for filling in the gaps these last two weeks of Seamless Summer!



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.

<u>General</u> Marline Brown Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary	Myron & Lorraine Segraves Ann Shearon Rick Thaxton Dan Weaver Clyde White	Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland
<u>Health</u> Doug Bater Ed Boyd Kevin Brett Jack Brown Kyle Bullington Judy Burch Paul Compton Joan Compton Allen Fanelli Joy Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Ashley Franklin & family Jessica Good Pam Grant J D Green Betty Jo Hanes Ruth Hix Missy Kepley Rylan Leeper Shannon Leeper Jackie Leva Steven Marks Alyse Munson Barbara Nickle Lynn Perry Terry Roylance Wanda Sandels	<u>Hospital/Rehab</u> Jean Smilie Mary Uthlaut	<u>Caregiver</u> Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
	<u>Surgery /Upcoming</u> Harry Archer Brad Badinski Tammy Baughman Emily Fogarty Al Summers	<u>Death in Family</u> Family of Stephanie Bellemlih Family of Candy Payton Family of Jean Peal Family of Jimmy Eugene Ayers Family of Terry R. Freeman
	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Sandy Angevine Charlie Leonard	
	<u>Hospice</u> Ed Jeffery Bill Patton	
	<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt	



Happy Birthday

- 7/06 - Carla Tarrou
7/10 - Tracy Easley
7/10 - Katherine Meyer
7/10 - Terry Roylance



Church Lock-up Schedule:

- 7/06-7/12 Charlie Cobb
7/13-7/19 Joe Poole
7/20-7/26 Bill Munson
7/27-8/02 Hank Chapman



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Sunday, July 6, 2025

10:00 am Worship Service

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Service
The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

The Prelude: “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven ”
arr by Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
Rev. Dr. Shearon

† The Greeting
All are welcome here. Whether you are heavy-hearted,
wondering if there is power to make you well, or feel
weighted down by many demands,
The kingdom of God has come near.
Whether you are burdened by rules others have imposed
or you are a keeper and maker of rules,
The kingdom of God has come near.
Whether you feel at home in this place or you long to be
accepted,
The kingdom of God has come near.
Come and worship God, the One who writes our names
in the book of life and dares us to be become new
creations in Jesus.
The kingdom of God has come near.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 569
“We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”

† 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 UMH 573
“O Zion, Haste”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “Grace, Greater Than All Our Sin”
arr by Mary McDonald

†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

Special Music “How Beautiful” arr by Twila Paris
soloist: Karen Patton

† The Scripture Reading **Luke 8: 26-39**

The Sermon “A Man of the Tombs” Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†The Closing Hymn TFWS 2130
“The Summons” vs 1, 2, & 5

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Postlude “Soon and Very Soon”
arr by Jack Schrader

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

† - Please stand as you are able

Luke 8: 26-39 Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across
the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was
met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long
time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but
had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out
and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do
you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg
you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the im-
pure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized
him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept un-
der guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by
the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into
him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them
to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The
demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he
gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the
man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the
steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened,
they ran off and reported this in the town and country-
side, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened.
When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom
the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and
in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had
seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had
been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the
Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were
overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to
go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return
home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man
went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done
for him.

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart
and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your
love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the
name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to
all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and
praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of
faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out
and your coming in.