

First Methodist Church  
of Americus

Worship 11:00 am  
December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent

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Need Some Help?

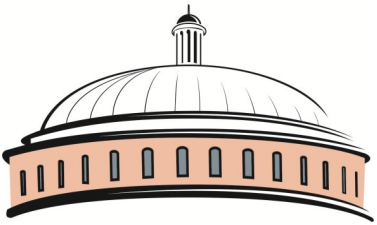


The men of First Methodist Church are willing  
to do small jobs for anyone in our  
congregation that needs help.

The church office has a list of men to contact.  
The office number is 229-924-3169,  
call with your requests.

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Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler,  
Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce,  
Gail Price, Chris Revell, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, Jim Stanfield,  
Susanne Stanfield, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe,  
Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright



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Events This Week

Sunday, December 14th

- 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

Monday, December 15th

- 11:00 am-1:00 pm Office Closed
- 6:00 pm Wesley Epworth Class Homeless Meal at Friendship Baptist

Tuesday, December 16th

- 8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café

Wednesday, December 17th

- 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
- 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Worship in the Foundry
- 6:00 pm Children’s Activities in God’s Playhouse

Friday, December 19th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

- December 21st.... 5-7 pm Church wide Christmas Caroling
- December 22nd... 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
- December 24th... 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for December 7th: 218

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship .....	70	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	136
Sunday School.....	80	Wednesday Night Activities:.....	57

Giving as of December 7th:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	16,628.42
YTD Budget Giving .....	\$	703,250.78
YTD Budget Expenditures .....	\$	733,144.88

WORSHIP ARTS

I am incredibly grateful and proud of our musicians and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in creating one of the most beautiful Christmas concerts we have ever experienced at First Methodist Church. Our collaboration with First Baptist Church, Georgia Southwestern State University, the Albany Symphony Orchestra, along with the generous support of our patrons and sponsors, brought our community together in a truly powerful way.

I often say that every event we host at First Methodist should have one primary purpose: sharing the Gospel. That is exactly what took place on December 7, 2025. Each song our choir sang beautifully proclaimed the birth of Jesus and the fulfillment of God’s promise to send us a Savior.

Our volunteers, including the setup and takedown crews, kitchen team, church staff, and many others showed the love of Jesus through their patience, kindness, and commitment. Their efforts helped make this the most attended event of the year.

My prayer is that the light of our Savior will continue to shine in each of you, and that your hearts will be filled with the joy of His salvation.

Blessings and peace,

Sam

CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING, SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 21, 5-7 PM  
PLEASE CONTACT TERESA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
SINGING OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR THE CAROLERS TO  
SING AT YOUR HOME.



Family Night Supper  
Sloppy Joes & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,  
Macaroni Salad, Chips & Dessert  
Please make your reservations by  
Monday at Noon  
to the office or on Communication Cards  
December 17th  
at 5:15 pm in the Social Hall  
Fun & Fellowship Together



Our Christmas program will be December 18th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. We will close at 5pm this day to have time to prepare for the program. We will have our Christmas parties on Friday with a noon dismissal. Our Christmas Break will be December 22nd - January 6th.

We hope everyone has a blessed week and Merry Christmas!

Casey Pitts, Director



CONFIRMATION CLASS  
JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE FOUNDRY  
WITH BETH NESMITH & BETH CARROLL.  
COME AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST'S WORD DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.



HE IS CHRIST, THE LORD  
LUKE 2:10-11

Youth Ministry

- Join us Sundays, 10:00 AM in the Foundry for food, fun, & spiritual growth.
- Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:45 AM at Chick-fil-A on Forsyth Street. All ages welcome!
- Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry. Bring a friend — snacks provided!
- Georgia Mission Trip: May 23–29, 2026



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CHRISTMAS EVE

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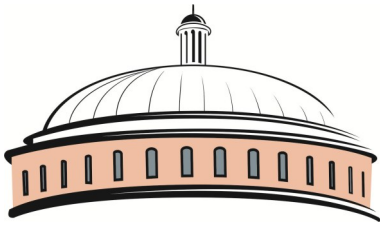
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