



The Americus FMC Bulletin

January 18, 2026

FINDING PURPOSE IN THE NEW YEAR:

Living Intentionally

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

1. What does it mean for us to be “God’s handiwork” (masterpiece)?
How does this differ from worldly achievements and personal abilities?
2. What are the “good works” God prepared, and how do they define our purpose?
3. How does this impact our life today?
How does it change/challenge how we view our ordinary tasks and life situations?
4. What kinds of daily activities can become “good works” for God’s glory by living intentionally for God?
5. What practical steps can you take to live out the purpose God has prepared for you in your daily life?
How do we know, understand and access God’s plan for our life?
6. In what ways do worldly views of success or self-reliance differ from God’s designed “workmanship”?
7. How does this verse challenge you to be better, to live intentionally for God this year?
How does it move you beyond just receiving grace to intentionally living out the life God created you for?

God bless you all! I look forward to discussing these questions on Wednesday nights during Bible study.
Join us for supper at 5:15 and study at 6:00.

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am
January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP	Sam Morris
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	(#57 UMH)
My Hope is Built	(#368 UMH)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881	Rev. Daryl Brown
GLORIA PATRI #71	Sam Morris
PRELUDE	Alwen Yeung
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Daryl Brown
ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
Open the Eyes of My Heart <i>with</i>	(arr. Mark Hayes)
Be Thou My Vision	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Sam Morris
OFFERTORY	Alwen Yeung
DOXOLOGY #95	Sam Morris
SERMON SERIES	Rev. Daryl Brown
<i>Finding Purpose in the New Year</i>	
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WORSHIP	Sam Morris
Here I Am, Lord	(UMH #593)
BENEDICTION	Rev. Daryl Brown
POSTLUDE	Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeter: Lisa Simpson; Karen Austin

Ushers: George Ellis (Captain), Jim Bolin, John Fowler,
Bob McNeill, Craig Potter, Sonny Shealy,
Casper Speegle, Dylan Brown

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 18, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson, Jackson McSweeny
Rev. Daryl Brown, Randy Saye

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Bob & Drenda Sternenberg

Women Serving Christ
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Please Join Us in
the Parlor

Monday, January
26th at 10am

All Women Are
Welcome!



How Can I Put Flowers in the Sanctuary?

Flowers beautify the Sanctuary and are a gift to God and to all who worship with us. Individuals or families may sign up to provide one altar flower arrangement and two pedestal flower arrangements in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones.

The Altar Flower Calendar is located outside the church office, or you may call Ellen Hanson at 229-942-6695. Please note, there are no altar flowers on the First Sunday of each month.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Jim Bolin, Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, The Burnette Family, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, Mary Comer, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, The Fowler Family, Jim Haddock, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Corbert Howell, Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gayle Price, William Rambo, Chris Revell, Marice Richardson, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, MJ Skipper, Jim Stanfield, Susanne Stanfield, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Millie Trussell, Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Patsy Whitaker, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright



We have a fun week ahead! Thursday we will have a princess/superhero dress up day for our weekly theme.

On Friday, we have Doughnuts with Dad from 8-9 drop in. We look forward to seeing our special guests and eating some yummy doughnuts!

We will be starting registration for the upcoming Summer/Fall sessions soon. Please see the dates below. If anyone has any questions or would like to register your child, please contact us at casey@fmcamericus.org or give us a call! Thank you!

Current Student Registration: February 2nd-13th

Church Member Registration: February 17th-20th

Waiting List Registration: February 23rd-27th

Public Registration: March 2nd-6th

Casey Pitts, Director

A blue-themed promotional graphic for volunteers. On the left, large white text reads "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!". Below it, smaller text says "CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE CHILDRENS MINISTRY". On the right, a stylized illustration of several hands reaching upwards, each accompanied by a blue heart. In the center, a white cloud shape contains the AFMCKIDS logo, which features a building icon above the text "AFMCKIDS". At the bottom left, a white cloud shape contains the text "Serve once a month", "Help children learn about God in a safe, fun environment", "No experience required!!", and "(training and support provided)". At the bottom right, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text "Email Whitney@fmcamericus.org if interested".



Confirmation

In the Foundry at 10 am every Sunday with
Beth & Beth
young people learning about faith
and God!

Youth & College Ministry

***Sunday Gathering**

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Foundry

***Prayer Breakfast**

Tuesdays at 7:45 AM Chick-fil-A on Forsyth Street

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All ages welcome!

***Bible Study**

Bible Study Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry

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Bring a friend — snacks provided!

Bring a friend — snacks
***Georgia Mission Trip**

Georgia Mission

May 23-29, 2026
***Awaking Collegiate Fellowship (ACE)**

Awaking Collegiate Fellowship (ACF)
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the EMC Foundry

***Women's Small Group Meeting**

Women's Small Group Meeting

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in EMC Foundry (Starting 2/5/2026)



O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING 1739

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!*

Though John Wesley is called the father of Methodism, his brother Charles Wesley (1707-1788) may be called the father of Methodist congregational singing.

The hymn was first published in *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists* (1780). The significance of this hymn in the Methodist tradition is symbolized by its appearance as the first hymn in the *Methodist Hymnal* (1989).

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), an early contemporary of the Wesley brothers, introduced hymn singing as a common experience. Watts bridged the era between rigid metrical psalm singing and the freer expression of hymns, and is often called the father of English hymnody. However, the Wesleys emphasized the nature of human experience within a hymn rather than the more objective perspective of Watts.

Wesley's poetic response to his conversion is replete with literary elegance and beautiful control of language. In the text set in the Methodist Hymnal, Wesley employs hyperbole right from the start with "O for a thousand tongues to sing," to heighten the emotional impact of the poem. According to several scholars, this famous opening line may have been inspired by Charles' spiritual mentor, German-born Moravian missionary Peter Böhler, who said, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise him with them all!"

To further heighten the emotional nature of the poem, Wesley punctuates words like "Jesus" and the last words of phrases with an exclamation point. Other poetic devices used to express the incredible nature of salvation include the oxymorons present in stanza six: "Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy."

Wesley uses antithesis throughout to contrast the darkness of sin with the light of the atoning blood that heals and humble our hearts, and replaces our fears with the rejoicing for a new life.

The original hymn had 18 stanzas. The seventh stanza became the first stanza of the hymn that we now know.

Gifts in Memory or Honor of

Reggie Comer

From
Jo Jones
Robin Lowrey
Virginia Watson
Wes & Jean Wheeler

Johnny Burnette

From
Smitty & Linda Eason
Donald & Elaine Smith
Steven Shellhouse & family
Jay Franklin

In Honor of Margaret Moye

From
Brian & Sheila Commons



Family Night Supper BBQ, Buns, Baked Beans, Chips Pimento Cheese, Coleslaw, & Dessert

January 21, 2026

Please make your reservations by
Monday at Noon
to the office or on Communication Cards
at 5:15 pm in the Social Hall
Fun & Fellowship Together

Events This Week

Sunday, January 18th

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, January 19th

Bright Beginnings Preschool Closed for MLK Day
1:30 pm FMC Staff Meeting in the Coffee Café
6:00 pm Wesley Epworth Class Homeless Meal at Friendship Baptist Church

Tuesday, January 20th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
5:45 pm ACF Meeting in the Youth Foundry

Wednesday, January 21st

11:00 am BB Lunch in the Coffee Café
3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
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
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Friday, January 23rd

8:00 am Bright Beginnings hosts Donuts With Dad in the Social Hall
Office Closed

Upcoming Events

January 26th at 10 am, WSC Meeting in the Parlor
January 26th at 5:30 pm, Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall
February 2nd at 5:30 pm, Missions Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café
February 9th at 5:30 pm, Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café
February 17th at 5:30 pm, Missions Committee invites you to a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper in the Social Hall

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for January 11th: 311

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	66	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	163
Sunday School.....	82	Wednesday Activities	80

Giving as of January 11th:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	8,230.14
YTD Budget Giving	\$	13,884.69
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$	21,786.48