



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.

Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIPSam 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 #71Sam Morris

PRELUDE Alwen Yeung

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Daryl Brown

ANTHEM..... Chancel Choir

Open the Eyes of My Heart *with* (arr. Mark Hayes)

Be Thou My Vision

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Sam Morris

OFFERTORY Alwen Yeung

DOXOLOGY #95Sam Morris

SERMON SERIES Rev. Daryl Brown

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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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This Week's Worship

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

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Bob & Drenda Sternenberg

Women Serving Christ
WSC

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE
CHILDRENS MINISTRY



Serve once a month

Help children learn about God in a safe,
fun environment
No experience required!!
(training and support provided)

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

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

*Awaking Collegiate Fellowship (ACF)

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the FMC Foundry

*Women's Small Group Meeting

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in FMC 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 Burnett

From

Smitty & Linda Eason

Donald & Elaine Smith

Steven Shellhouse & family

Jay Franklin

In Honor of Margaret Moyer

From

Brian & Sheila Emmons



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