



# The Americus FMC Bulletin

January 26, 2025

## Sermon Series

### BE THOU MY VISION SERIES

Recovering From Taking the Wrong Road

Acts 9:1-3

1. Who was Saul and what was his occupation?  
What was Saul doing to those who followed the teaching of Jesus?  
Describe how Saul was an intimidator and bully to those who favored Jesus and opposed Roman authority.
2. Have you ever encountered a bully or someone who intimidated others?  
Describe your thoughts on helping those who have been bullied or intimidated.  
How would you help?
3. Describe your understanding of “the Way” mentioned in Acts 9:2.  
What was the impact of “the Way”?
4. What happened to Saul as he approached Damascus?  
What is the significance?  
Describe how Saul changed in his behavior and life.
5. How has “the Way” made an impact on your life.  
Do you faithfully follow Jesus?  
Describe your conversion experience.
6. What difference does Jesus make in your life today?  
What plans do you have to spend with Jesus this week?
7. What is one thing you can do this week to help someone see Jesus more clearly?

May God bless you and use you to share his goodness with others!  
Daryl

*Please welcome our new members to our church family,  
Chance & Caroline Jones, who joined last Sunday.  
Thank you for making FMC your church home.*

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# First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am  
January 26, 2025  
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

WORSHIP .....Sam Morris  
Come, Thou Almighty King (#61 UMC Hymnal)  
O Worship the King (#73 UMC Hymnal)

PRELUDE ..... Davis McArthur  
ACOLYTE PROCESSIONAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881) ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

GLORIA PATRI (#71) .....Sam Morris

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... Chancel Choir

ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir  
Down By the Riverside (arr. Mary McDonald)

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Sam Morris

OFFERTORY ..... Sylvia Roland

DOXOLOGY #95 .....Sam Morris

SERMON ..... Rev. Daryl Brown  
Be Thou My Vision  
*Recovering from Taking the Wrong Road*  
Acts 9:1-3

WORSHIP .....Sam Morris  
Be Thou My Vision (#451 UMC Hymnal)  
ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE ..... Davis McArthur

Audio/Visual: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Lisa Simpson & Willie Maxwell

Ushers: Ginger Starlin (Captain), Jan Bird, Karen Austin,  
Nancy Jones, Mara Durham, Judy Tott, Beth NeSmith,  
Jean Buchanan, Lisa Simpson, Sandra McNeill, Meagan Speegle,  
Lydia Ann Fowler, Penny Bolin, Pam Smith, MaryLen Walker

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**January 26th - 9:00AM - Social Hall**

## **Sermon Series**

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Acts 9:1-3

**Rev. Daryl Brown**

## **This Week's Worship**

John Cook, Jackson McSweeney, Rebecca Ferguson,  
Rev. Daryl Brown, Katelyn Thorpe, George Banketas,  
Paul Farr

## **Media & Sound**

Kacie Kitchen

## **Greeters**

Bob & Drenda Sternenberg

\*Join Us For Pre-Worship Refreshments

## **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 with your requests.

## **Please Be in Prayer**

Please be in prayer for the family of Jennifer Parks. Her Mother, Roni Aittama passed away peacefully on January 20th.

## ***Acts 9:1-3***

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

JANUARY 30TH, 2025

6-8PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
DINNER, DANCING, CRAFTS,  
AND MORE!



Happy Sunday! We have registration coming up soon for Summer and Fall sessions. Please contact me for any questions at [casey@fmcamericus.org](mailto:casey@fmcamericus.org).

- Current Student Registration: February 3rd-14th
- Church Members: February 17th-21st
- Waiting List: February 24th-March 7th
- Public Registration: March 10th-14th

Casey Pitts, Director

**FMC KIDS**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 16th- Easter Egg Hunt

June 16-20 True North VBS

## *Confirmation Class*

In the Foundry at 10 am every Sunday  
with Beth & Beth

## YOUTH NEWS

- Snow Skiing Trip-February 14-16, 2025, Hatley Pointe Resort, Mars Hill, NC. Please Contact Teresa for information on cost, registration ends January 31st.
- YARD SALE-Friday March 21 (10:00 AM-3:00 PM) and Saturday, Saturday (8:00 AM-2:00 PM) in the Social Hall. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteering will allow you to shop before being open to the public. If you volunteer to assist with the yard sale and are interested in being a Chaperone in the Mashulaville Mission Trip, you will be able to register for the trip at a discounted rate. This Yard Sale is to benefit Youth Missions, Children's Ministry, and Music Ministry. Please begin bringing any unwanted items to the church.
- Mashulaville Mission Trip: March 26th is the last day to register. Please contact Teresa ASAP if you are interested. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. CHAPERONES NEEDED



**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?**

## **JOIN OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!**

**TUESDAYS AT 5:45PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP ARTS FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AT (229) 924-3169 OR SMORRIS@FMCAMERICUS.ORG**

### **Gifts in Memory of**

**Jack Teasley**

**From**

**Riccardi General Dentistry**

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

John Argo, Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Diane Corning,  
Baby Evelyn Dean, Mary Davis, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton,  
Betty Ellis, Lydia Ann Fowler, Vicki Oliver Gilbert, Melanie Hahn,  
Janice Haugabook, Steve Hudson, Cameron Lowery, Robin Lowrey,  
Tyler Mazey, Floyd Martin, Brooks Starlin Mechler,  
Ted & Brenda McMillan, Kerry Moore Jr., Mollie Morris,  
Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry,  
Gene Pierce, Chris Revell, Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore,  
Jim Stanfield, The Stanfield Family, Susanne Stanfield, Connor Taylor,  
Jack Teasley Family, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Kaye Tye,  
Debbie Wall, Emily Waller, Karen Willis

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 5:15 PM  
IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

**MONGOLIAN BEEF, SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN, RICE,  
FORTUNE COOKIES**

**YEAR OF THE SNAKE**



## Events This Week

### Sunday, January 26th

9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall  
 10:00 am -12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Bright Beginnings Rm C  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Monday, January 27th

10:00 am WSC Circle Meeting in the Parlor

### Tuesday, January 28th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the Coffee Café  
 3:00 pm Americus Voices Rehearsal in the Music Suite  
 5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite

### Wednesday, January 29th

2:00 pm Stitches Meeting at Lee Street Parsonage  
 4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café  
 5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall  
 6:00 pm Children in God's Playhouse  
 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Social Hall  
 6:00 pm Small Group in the Game Changers' Classroom  
 6:00 pm Youth Worship in the Foundry  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

### Thursday, January 30th

6:00pm Daddy Daughter Dance in the Social Hall

### Friday, January 31st

Office Closed

### Up Coming Events

February 3rd - Mission Committee Meeting in Coffee Café  
 February 7th - Night to Shine at First Baptist Church  
 February 10th - WSC Board Meeting at 1:30 pm in the Coffee Café  
 February 10th - Trustee Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Coffee Café  
 February 20th - Men Serving Christ Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall  
 February 24th - Church Council Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall

## OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

**Total Sunday Worship Attendance for January 19th: 314**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship ..... 62    11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ..... 171  
 Sunday School..... 81

### **Giving as of January 19th:**

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	NA
YTD Budget Giving .....	\$	NA
YTD Budget Expenditures .....	\$	NA