



# The Americus FMC Bulletin

October 5, 2025

## THE FIVE SOLAS

### *SOLA SCRIPTURA*

#### *“By Scripture Alone”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17

This week we begin a new sermon series, a theological journey of taking a biblical and practical look at the five foundational theological principles from the Protestant Reformation. These five principles summarize the core of salvation and Christian life.

1. Discuss your understanding of Sola Scriptura. Do you see scripture as authoritative in your life?  
Why and/or how?
2. Discuss John Wesley’s “Quadrilateral”. What do you know about it and how is it relevant for our conversation with Sola Scriptura? Does this strengthen the authority of scripture or diminish it?  
Why?
3. How does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Romans 10:17 relate to the principle of Sola Scriptura?  
What makes the Bible authoritative for your life?
4. What steps can believers take to better focus on The Word of God and cultivate a hunger for it in their daily life?
5. How does scripture serve as a tool for learning, and what does this involve in a believer’s life?
6. How does the idea of scripture being profitable for all aspects of Christian living change your personal approach to reading and studying the Bible?

I look forward to our discussion and study on Wednesday night at 6:00 pm.

Join us as we grow together in Christ!

**Daryl**

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# First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am  
October 5, 2025  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#139 UMH)  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#140 UMH)

PRELUDE ..... Dr. Ken DiNella  
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (arr. Mark Hayes)

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... Chancel Choir

ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir  
Come, Come to the Table (arr. Joshua Metzger)

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Sam Morris

OFFERTORY ..... Mollie Morris  
No More Night (Walt Harrah)

DOXOLOGY #95 ..... Sam Morris

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

SERMON SERIES ..... Rev. Daryl Brown  
THE FIVE SOLAS  
*Sola Scriptura*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17

WORSHIP ..... Sam Morris  
Thy Word Is a Lamp (#601 UMH)

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Daryl Brown

POSTLUDE ..... Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Sammy & Myra Bledsoe; Janis Webb  
Ushers: Carson Walker (Captain), Greg Austin,  
Andrew Austin, Herschel Smith, Jim Gatewood  
Randy Jones, Sam Hunter, Mark Pace,  
Leon Holloway, Jim Buchanan

Communion Servers: Dylan and Whitney Brown  
Justin & Rachel Arnold

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

October 5th - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

## This Week's Worship

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

### Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

### Greeters

Danny & Sallie Minick

### Communion Servers

Smitty and Linda Eason; Danny Drinkwater & Tera Flynt



## Operation Christmas Child

We need: tennis balls, marble sets, jacks,  
small notebooks, tambourines, card games.

You can search "Operation Christmas Child" on  
Amazon for other ideas. We also accept donations.

Let's gather everything before our November packing party!

**Help Us Reach Our Operation Christmas Child Goal!**

4th Annual  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 PM

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE?**  
Register for the chili cook-off  
competition online  
[www.fmcamericus.org/events](http://www.fmcamericus.org/events)

**Men Serving  
Christ Meeting**

Join us for fellowship  
and inspiration

FMC Social Hall: 6pm  
Speaker: Andy Robinson

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, The family of Mike Bledsoe, Christina Brown,  
Mary Tom Byram, Diane Coming, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan,  
Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, Lydia Ann Fowler, Vicki Oliver Gilbert,  
Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Steve Hudson, The family of Anne Hunter,  
Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Lynne Knecht, Tyler Mazey, Floyd Martin,  
Brooks Starlin Mechler, Ted & Brenda McMillan, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle  
Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gail Price, Chris Revell, The family of Ashley Rhodes,  
Jerry Rowland, Jennifer Sizemore, Jim Stanfield, Susanne Stanfield, Connor Taylor,  
Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Ben Williams,  
Karen Willis



Fire Safety is this week! We will have a special visit from the Sumter County Fire Department. We are excited for a fun week!

Casey Pitts, Director



## FALL FESTIVAL

October 15<sup>th</sup> | 5PM - 7PM

Games - Food - Bounce House  
Music - Chili Cook-off - Ice cream

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR AN  
EVENING OF FUN!



### Confirmation Class Begins

**The Confirmation Class will commence on Sunday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m. with a breakfast for students and their families in the Youth Foundry. We are grateful to Beth NeSmith and Beth Carroll, who will be leading this important time of instruction and spiritual growth.**

**"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."  
— Proverbs 22:6**



## ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

COME JOIN IN!



**AWAKENING COLLEGIATE FELLOWSHIP (ACF)**

Every Tuesday at 5:45 PM in the FMC Foundry- Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship and Biblical learning. Gatherings are such a meaningful way to connect, reflect, and grow spiritually with others who are navigating college life.



**WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP MEETING**

Every Wednesday- 4:15 PM in the FMC Foundry



**Join us for a special afternoon of music!**

Teresa Walters,  
Internationally Renowned Pianist

**Sunday at 3:00 PM**

in the Sanctuary

Come and enjoy an inspiring performance  
you won't want to miss.

All are welcome!



### **Flowers on the Altar**



The flowers on the altar today are given by  
Tin Roof Florist to the glory of God.

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth!" — Psalm 8:9

### **Gifts in Memory of**

**Anne Hunter**

From

Angelyn Tripp

Elaine Smith

Leon Holloway

Jim & Jean Buchanan

Smitty & Linda Eason

Joyce Buchanan

Keith & Teresa Tzasley

**Ashley Rhodes**

From

Leon Holloway

Jim & Jean Buchanan

Keith & Teresa Tzasley

Joyce Buchanan

**Bill Bird**

From

Leon Holloway



### **Family Night Supper**

**Loaded Potato Bar, Salad, Bread and Dessert**

Please make your reservations by

**Monday at Noon**

to the office or on Communication Cards

**October 8th**

5:15 pm in the Social Hall

***Come Enjoy the Food and Fellowship!***



## Events This Week

### Sunday, October 5th

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  
 3:00 pm Steinway Piano Concert in Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals outside of Chapel

### Monday, October 6th

1:00 pm FMC staff Meeting in the Coffee Café  
 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting in the Coffee Café

### Tuesday, October 7th

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, October 8th

4:00 pm Stitches Meeting in the Parlor  
 4:15 pm ACF Women's Small Group in Youth Foundry  
 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, October 10th

Office Closed

### Upcoming Events

October 13th 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café  
 October 15th 5:00 pm Fall Festival Event  
 October 16th 6:00 pm MSC in the Social Hall  
 October 18th 10:00 a.m. -1:00 pm Bread Making Class in the Social Hall (Closed/Full Class)  
 October 27th 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting in the Social Hall  
 November 9th 3:00 pm Duo Fuerza– Piano Concert

## OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

### Total Sunday Worship Attendance for September 28th: 240

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship .....	65	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship .....	97
Sunday School.....	78	Wednesday Night Activities.....	87

### Giving as of September 28th:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	7,696.10
YTD Budget Giving .....	\$	542,952.45
YTD Budget Expenditures .....	\$	596,041.97