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THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

From worship services to special events and ministry opportunities, our weekly calendar gives you a snapshot of what's going on across our church campus! Visit our website's announcements page for more.

SUN.
Aug 10th

8:30AM: Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30AM: Sunday School
10:45AM: Worship Services/Blessing of the Backpacks
12:00PM: Back-To-School Bash
4:30PM: Sunday Night Youth Group
5:00PM: Sunday Night Worship & Dinner
5:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Walk at Northgate Mall
6:00PM: Oak Street Playhouse Rehearsal

MON.
Aug 11th

12:00PM: Executive Team Meeting
6:00PM: Oak Street Playhouse Rehearsal

TUES.
Aug 12th

10:00AM: Crafty Capers
10:00AM: Church Staff Meeting
10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00AM: Positive Christian Singles Coffee Talk
12:00PM: Mustard Tree Ministries Board Meeting
6:00PM: Oak Street Playhouse Rehearsal

WED.
Aug 13th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
5:15PM: Prime Time Wednesday Meal
6:30PM: Prime Time Wednesday Kick Off Concert

THURS.
Aug 14th

9:00AM: Garden Mission
10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
6:00PM: Oak Street Playhouse Rehearsal

FRI.
Aug 15th

No events scheduled

SAT.
Aug 16th

8:00AM: Oak Street Playhouse Practice/Set Reset



PRIME TIME KICK-OFF

Join us **August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary** for a special kick-off concert featuring Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass! Blending classics with innovative flair, this celebrated ensemble brings together brass, keyboard, and percussion to inspire worshippers of all ages. Don't miss this evening of music and praise to launch our Prime Time Wednesdays! To learn more about The King's Brass, visit their website at www.kingsbrass.org.



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Rev. Caroline Archer

CLERGY CORNER

Ryan and I met at Camp Glisson, the North Georgia UM conference camp in Dahlonega.

This was the first summer we've had the chance to introduce Rebekah and Thomas to the joys of overnight summer camp. Between Camp in the Community during Annual Conference, mini camp at Glisson, and evenings at Camp Lookout when I had the joy of serving as MIR for Celebration Camp, it has been so much fun to catch glimpses of the ways camp teaches us to love one another.

Also to remember how much of camp life is silly singing! I've been humming "He's my rock, my sword, my shield. He's my hub in the middle of the wheel. He's my Lily of the Valley; my bright and morning star" along with Rebekah all summer long.

Luke 12:27 - "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

This summer, as summer is wont to do, has flown by for the Archers. Back in late Spring, we planted native wildflower seeds in a patch of our yard that would otherwise be weeds. Just last week, we had our first bloom! It is clothed in glory, and that is enough.

With strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Caroline



PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

Meal: 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Children's Music: 6:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

Classes: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Children's, Youth, & College Programs: 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: 7:00 p.m.

THIS SEASON'S CLASSES

August 13th - October 22nd

The King's Brass Concert

August 13th in the Sanctuary

The Parables of Jesus

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Jason in the Prigmore Room

Methodism Deep Dive

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Will in The Vine

The Tears of Things by Richard Rhor

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Michelle in the Parlor

Eat - Pray - Move

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Brittany Eastridge in the Oak Street Center Room 101/102

First Things First Parenting Class

September 17th - October 8th

led by Gena Ellis in the Conference Room

Special Event

October 1st in The Vine

Life Must Go On by Bea Lurie & Dr. Steven Jacobs

October 15th

led by Bea Lurie & Dr. Steven Jacobs in The Vine

DINNER INFORMATION

Please make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday

Costs:

Adult Meal: \$10

Child's Meal: \$5

Family Meal: \$30

Menu:

August 13th

Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Classic Chicken Salad, and Banana Pudding

JOIN US **AUGUST 24TH** IN THE **OAK STREET THEATER** FOR A

FIRST KIDS PARENT MEETING

9:30AM: MEET & GREET WITH NEW DIRECTOR, ELLEN WARD

10:00AM: FIRST KIDS MINISTRY OVERVIEW

FALL LAITY RETREAT

with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett

AUGUST 22ND - 23RD

PIPESTEM RESORT





This month in First Kids K - 5th Grade, we are learning about Our Origin Story - Where Our Story with God Begins! We will look back at the beginning of God's Big Story and see how God kept His promises, and gives us confidence to trust that He will be with us now.

This month in First Kids Preschool our theme is "To The Moon and Back." Our bottom line this month is "God made everything." We will explore all the wonderful things God made and remember that, when God saw everything He had made, it was very good. And it still is!

Join us in the Children's Wing for our Sunday School and Worship Opportunities!

- Early Service Childcare: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- First Kids Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



CENTENARY SUMMER!

This summer 72 rising 1st to 12th grade students participated in the Centenary Summer Program. Thanks to your generosity we sent 39 students to Camp Lookout! As one student wrote:
"This was the best summer ever. I had the best time at camp because I made so many new friends and I love the pool. I learned how to do a front flip and I was not afraid of the high ropes course!"
 Thank you for making this a great summer for every student!



A NEW SEASON OF MUSIC

Fall is a great time to join one of our choirs! If you are interested in participating in our music ministry, I'd like to talk with you. Singing or ringing together is a terrific "team sport" with the very fulfilling goal of making music to enhance the worship experience. Please note that ringing handbells requires the ability to read music.

Our choirs will begin:

Wednesday, August 20th

Pre-School- 1 st grade Choir - 6:00 p.m.

JumpStart Children's Choir (grades 2-5) - 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Ringers - 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.

Chancel Choir - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 21st

Aldersgate Vibrations - 1:30 p.m.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Blessing of the Backpacks is **Sunday, August 10th during the 10:45 a.m. worship services!** ALL students (kids, youth, and college ages) are invited to bring their backpacks as we offer a special time of prayer and blessing over them. This meaningful tradition is a way for our church family to support and encourage students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year. We hope you'll join us for this uplifting moment!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

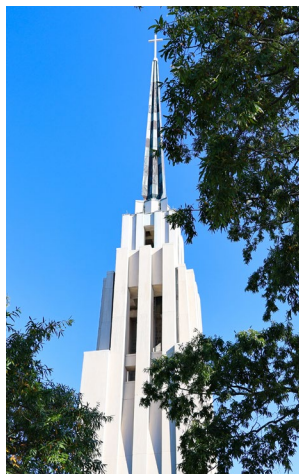
Join the Youth Ministry for our annual Back to School Bash on **August 10th at 12:00 p.m. at Chester Frost Park!** Let's celebrate the end of summer and kick off the new school year with food, games, and swimming. This is a great chance to reconnect with friends and welcome new faces to the youth ministry. Don't forget your swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen—we can't wait to see you there! For more information, contact [Tori Crook at tcrook@firstcentenary.com](mailto:ToriCrook@firstcentenary.com).



The Engage program is an opportunity to match your interests with ministry opportunities at the church.



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JULY'S MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: SHOUTING STONES YOUTH MINISTRY



"Youth is like a second family you can always depend on. No matter what day or time." - Sam Bean, youth student

Our Youth Ministry is made up of students in 6th-12th grades who are growing together in faith, friendship, and leadership. We are committed to nurturing young disciples both within our church and throughout our community. The Youth Ministry has Sunday School classes, Wednesday night Bible studies, and a never-ending stream of fun events. We always have something going on and the next big event is our Back-to-School Bash on August 10th at 12:00 p.m. at Chester Frost Park. Students and families are invited to join us as we celebrate the start of the new school year!

To get involved in the awesome ministry or learn more about it, email our director, Tori Crook at tcrook@firstcentenary.com. You can also visit our web page called ENGAGE! ENGAGE is an easy way to match your interests to ministry opportunities in the church.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 10th, 2025

August 17th, 2025

Sanctuary Services:

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

"God's Door is Always Open"

Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Jason Gattis

"Get Your Hands Dirty"

Matthew 13:3-23

Rev. Jason Gattis

The Vine Services:

10:45 a.m.

"God's Door is Always Open"

Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Dr. Will Lauderback

"Get Your Hands Dirty"

Matthew 13:3-23

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Mustard Tree Services:

5:00 p.m.

The Vine

Rev. Barry Kidwell

Lectionary Readings:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 14:8-17, 25-27

1 Kings 19:1-15

Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

WDEF-TV Televised Sermons:

11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays

"Forgiveness Hurts Sometimes (Usually)"

Rev. Barry Kidwell

"God's Door is Always Open"

Rev. Jason Gattis