

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Allison on her birthday by Roger and Margaret Wolfe and Drew Copeland.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Carl Li, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Meg Redlin, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Pete Hendrix (Sue McManus' brother), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, Elisabeth Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz's sister), Bill Edgeworth family (Jennifer Tomberlin's brother) Dot Hendrick family (Amy Lewis' mother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SYMPATHY – Our congregation expresses sympathy and love to Jennifer Tomberlin upon the death of her brother, Bill Edgeworth, of Florence, SC; and to Amy Lewis upon the death of her mother, Dot Hendrick.

THANK YOU – A HUGE thank you goes to all volunteers and all participants of VBS!!! What fun we had while learning about the underground church, and about Paul while he was under house arrest. We also learned what a difference it makes when Jesus' light shines through us. We are truly blessed...

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, June 25, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, June 26, 2017

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers
6:00pm Child Development
Board Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 29, 2017

5:30pm Trustee Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 1 – July 8, 2017

Salkehatchie Mission Trip

Sunday, July 2, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JUNE 25, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

FUMC STAFF

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PARSON TO PERSON

Several years ago at a Special Olympics track meet, nine contestants, all physically or mentally challenged, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. As the gun sounded, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with an excitement to run the race to the finish and win.

All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry. The other eight children heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. Then they all turned around and went back. Every one of them. One girl with Downs Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line. (*Denny Mog, Touched by an E-mail, page 195*)

The vision of those children is the church's vision of what the Kingdom of God means. It's one of the reasons I love the church so much. We live in a world that preaches: "Everyone for themselves!" "Watch out for number one!" "If you're not the lead dog the scenery never changes." "Climb the ladder of success no matter what you have to do and no matter who you have to hurt." Our world often advocates that our interest should be singular and inward. The church preaches otherwise. I, for one, am glad that Jesus comes and turns life upside down.

His example and truth "honors" those who "help the weak, encourage the fainthearted." Jesus values those who "do not repay evil for evil," but instead seek to do good to one another." It's good when we take prayer seriously rather than trying to use our wisdom to figure out situations and circumstances.

That's one of the reasons I "run" to the church each chance I get. In the church, God's people care for one another. It is the place where when someone falls...others will stop their journey and pursuits...turn around and come back to help. In the church, it is the goal that we win everyone to the Kingdom.

As we celebrate our Love for America this afternoon...let's rejoice that it will be performed at the church. Let's fill this place at 4:00pm and with one heart, thank God for our country and our faith.

Ken Timmerman

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Norma Cobb
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Erika Kollitz
Next Week's Lay Reader: Bonnie Cundiff
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Head Usher: Heath Ruffner
Acolyte: Zachary Carabo
Cross Bearer: Alayna Carabo
McArn Item: Paper products

Worship Attendance, June 18 —140; **Attendance in Sunday School, June 18** — 82
Received to Date: \$196,441.04(Includes \$5,000 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$198,334.23
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week June 18:** \$3,628.28

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.
This is a sacred time when God communes with His people.**

Prelude Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.

Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 154**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Commissioning of Salkehatchie Missionaries

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community begin their work among the people of the upstate, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

Congregation: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of the upstate and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

Missionaries: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 834

Psalm 113

Sarah Allen, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

"The Apostles' Creed"

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 77**

"How Great Thou Art"

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

As we open the Scriptures this morning, give us receptive hearts and minds that we might hear the Truth and respond to it. Teach us your Word, O God. AMEN.

Scripture

Acts 12: 1-9

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

"God Overcomes Wrong"

***Hymn No. 2215**

"Cares Chorus"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**