

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar Wetternek (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Jim Ross (Jane Mayhew's nephew), Mary Burr, Mike Starling, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Jim Murray, Sammy Boan (Amy Lewis' cousin), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Chris Thraikill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Lib Eddins (Scott Eddins' mother), Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Reese Rayfield (Brenda Rayfield's grandson), Brother Redfearn (Pam Humphries' friend), Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Jessica Arant (Jenny Keefe's niece). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

1:00pm Staff Lunch

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)  
5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm UMKF (Kid's Nook)  
6:30pm WATF Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, February 4 2018**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** A flower calendar for 2018 has been placed in the lobby by the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to go by and sign up for a Sunday or two to put flowers in the church.

**WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST:** Our study in *"Anxious for Nothing"* by Max Lucado will be "Cling to Christ", John 15:4-10. We all have busy schedules. I know that many of you still believe that church is the Wednesday night place to be. We have been missing some of our regulars and hope you can get back into the routine. Meal at 5:30pm. The menu is: roast beef, mashed potatoes, butter beans, rolls, fat back, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family.

**WAYS TO GROW A CHURCH:** In the next several weeks, we will share some ideas on how to grow a local church. We hope this will provide some food for thought.

1. A local congregation must grow into close harmony. People look for churches where love is seen.
2. Good rapport between the pastor and people is highly important.

**CHOIR NEEDS:** We continue to look for eight more voices to complete our need of thirty choir members. If you have a voice, please come and use it to God's glory. The music of the church is so vital. Pray about it and offer to participate.

**CONDOLENCES:** The Pastor, staff, and congregation express deepest sympathy to Pam Baker and Jan Rogers upon the death of their mother, Mrs. Connie Covington.

**EPIPHANY AND SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY:** Liturgical Color: Green. The word Epiphany means "Manifestation" or "aha." This season celebrates Christ's being revealed to the world and the visit of the wise men, the first Gentiles to whom he was made known.

**MISSING COLLECTION PLATE:** A brass collection plate has went missing from the Kinsey Mulloy classroom. It is engraved on the bottom of the plate "in memorial to Mrs. Ollie Fisher". If you have this plate or know where it may have been placed, please contact Lib Norton or Henrietta Kollitz.

**TRUSTEES MEETING:** The Trustees Board will meet on Monday, January 29 at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Evangelism Committee will meet on Monday, January 29 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

#### FUMC STAFF

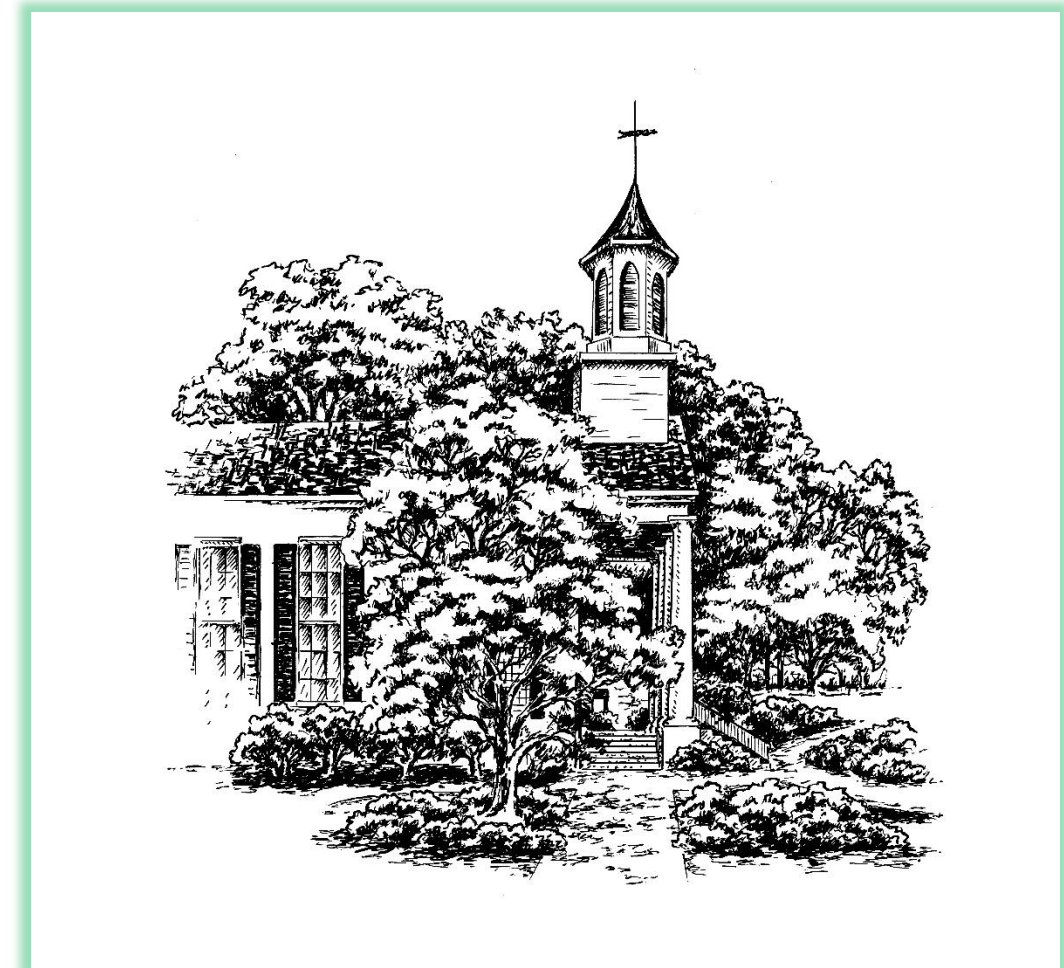
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**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**JANUARY 28, 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN**

## PARSON TO PERSON

I like Josh McDowell and the way in which he writes and thinks. Recently, he wrote a devotion that lifted up the idea of learning new things. What would you do if you learned:

- That God created giraffes just, so he could make fun of their long necks?
- That God threw Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden because he wanted the garden for himself?
- That God once kicked a dog for no reason at all?
- That when David sang Psalm 23 for the first time...God said, "Get some voice lessons"?

Josh declares that many would respond to such information by saying, "That's bogus! I don't believe that God would ever do those things." I believe Josh is right. We would respond in this way because we do not believe God would do such things as listed above because we know they go against God's nature and character.

In like manner, the same truth would apply when people today declare that it doesn't matter to God whether we "go to church" for worship. Our Bible teaches us not "to forsake the assembling of ourselves for worship." God wants his people to come to worship because God's people need to express their corporate love for the Savior.

Let's "dare" to believe that it matters to God about people coming to church. Let's make an effort to invite our unchurched friends, our neighbors, friends, and those who are inactive in church. There's a chance for new beginnings and a fresh imparting of the Holy Spirit available in the worship services we have. Let's "dare" to offer rides to our invitees and to sit with them and even introduce them to others. Let's "dare" to do what is in complete harmony with God's spirit. Let's invite "All God's Children" to church and expect blessings to descend.

And by the way, "daring" to invite people every Sunday is our mission.

Ken Timmerman



Last Sunday Annsleigh Morgan Xi Lan Becker, daughter of Allison and Todd Becker, was baptized during the morning worship service by Reverend Timmerman.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Joey Mills

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Herbert Watts

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Sara Sanderson

**Flowers Next Sunday:** OPEN

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

**Alternate Counter:** Doug Marsh

**Worship Attendance, January 21 - 157; Sunday School Attendance, January 21 - 89**

**Received to Date:** \$56,684.49; **Expenses to Date:** \$37,220.38

**Needed Weekly:** \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday Jan. 21:** \$1,692.01

**Head Usher:** Anthony Harris

**Acolyte:** Lawton Harris

**Cross Bearer:** Margaret Jean Harris

**McArn Items:** Breakfast foods

**Hostess:** Ruth Ann Jones

## 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. 545** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**We thank you for every gift you have instilled in us, O God. By human nature, we are not kind and loving, yet your Spirit inspires us to do so. Our vision is often inward, and you call us to let it be outward. Thank you that you give us eyes and hearts to see human need and to answer the calls for help. We praise you that your Spirit will not leave us to ourselves. We thank you that you provide direction for our living, according to Heaven's expectation rather than our culture. Inspire us to help make right some of the things that are wrong in this world. Inspire us to do it by example rather than by ranting and debating. Fill us with your love and build humility within us. For we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to be humble. AMEN**

### Special Music

Child Development 3 and 4-year old children  
**I am a Promise, Zacchaeus, B.I.B.L.E, Jesus Loves Me**

### Life Lessons for Young Learners

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 850** Psalm 133 Lib Norton, Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881** "The Apostles' Creed" Lay Reader

### \*Gloria Patri

### Morning 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. 558** "We Are the Church" PORT JERVIS

**Scripture** Acts 9: 36-42

**Sermon** "Servant by a Stitch" Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 430** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The greenery is placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God.*