

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month FRED RICHMOND

May 21: Ushers/Greeters: Schley Gatewood and Sharon Parks

Radio Announcer: Jim Griffith; Bk Ronnie Greer

May 28: Ushers/Greeters: Bill Krenson, Pat Hill, and Cathy Clark Reynolds.

Radio Announcer: Sharon McFarland; Jim Griffith

June 4: Communion Prep (Intinction) Beth Williams (Elder); Servers: Jim Herron, Bill Krenson, and Sharon McFarland

Ushers/Greeters: Tom and Emily Collins
Radio Announcer : Cara/Ella Hawkins; Bk Sharon McFarland

June 11: Ushers/Greeters: Russ Childers and Ronnie Greer

Radio Announcer: Ronnie Greer; Bk Cara/Ella Hawkins



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Listen to us every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on WISK radio. 98.7 on your radio dial.

Weekly sermons can also be downloaded from our web site.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:40 a.m. - Elders meet for prayer (parlor)
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Rev. Sommer Bower

Tuesday, May 23

2:15 P.M. - Historic Sign Committee
5:30 p.m. - Graduation Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Stated Session

Sunday, May 28

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:40 a.m. - Elders meet for prayer (parlor)
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Rev. Bower

Monday, May 29

Office Closed

Sunday, June 4

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:40 a.m. - Elders meet for prayer (parlor)
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Communion with Rev. Bower

Saturday, June 10

10:00 a.m. - Flint River Presbytery Meeting, hosted by First Albany

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Americus, Georgia

**A community of faith, responding to God's call
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.**



Welcome to Worship! We hope and pray that you are embraced by God's Love through our members, our pastor, and our staff this morning. If you are a guest, please fill out one of our guest cards so we can be in touch with you. We invite you to join us for Sunday School next week at 9:45 a.m.

May 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Order of Service

*All Are Invited to Stand in Body or in Spirit
The congregation is invited to respond at the **bold** print

PRELUDE

Lenard Martin, Jr., pianist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Why do you look up toward heaven?

Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN (Blue 469)**

Morning Has Broken

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends.

We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.

Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope peace to our world.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (B-579)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sommer

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9: 1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.

Prayer List

Please Pray For - Our Nation, Our Church; Our Pastor, Our Staff, Our Officers, Campus Ministry, Our Community and especially:

MEMBERS HOMEBOUND &/OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Bob & B.J. Bryan

Rev. Bill Gettys

MariAnne Griffith

Martha House

Mary Mackey

Nancy Miller

Ruby Nesbitt

Claude Rhyne

Kitty Williams

MEMBERS

Martha Ann Studstill

MEMBERS REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

May 21

Darryl and Cara Hawkins

Carrie and Ella Hawkins

May 28

Jim and Nancy Herron

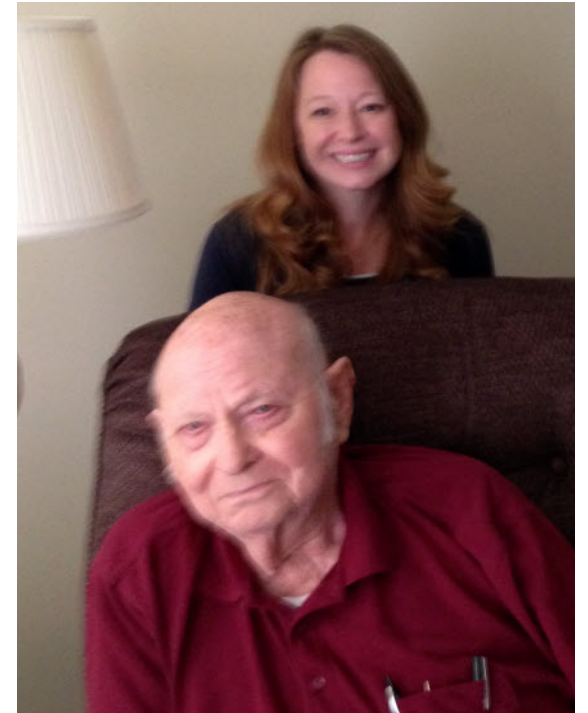
Nate Herron; Mitch and Riley

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

Benji and Esther Campbell, WBT

Anne D (India)

Please notify the church office at 924-2162 or office@americuspresbyterian.org if you would like to add someone to our prayer list and/or request a PrayerGram. Please have an address available for PrayerGram requests.



Pastor Sommer recently visited with Rev. Bill Gettys in Cordele. He was recently moved to Cordelia Manor. If you would like to send him a card, here is his new address:

Rev. Bill Gettys

Cordelia Manor Friendship Home

1307 Blackshear Road, Room 117

Cordele, GA 31015

We MISS You



Please *Welcome*

Marcia Seymour as the new Church Secretary. Marcia and her husband Keith have relocated to Americus from Atlanta. Keith is employed with Delta Airlines.

Marcia will began working in the office tomorrow, Monday, May 22nd. Come by and say hello to her



Denise will be working through the first or second week of June and then looks forward to spending a lot of time in Florida with her husband, six grandchildren, two sons and daughter-in-law.

She promises to return for the 175th Anniversary Celebration in August!

SESSION

The scheduled May stated meeting of Session will be held on **Tuesday, May 23rd , at 7:00 p.m**

Save the Date

Sunday, August 20, 2017
175th Anniversary Celebration
First Presbyterian Church
Americus, Georgia

June Elder
of the Month
BETH WILLIAMS

At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *“Two Worlds Colliding”* Rev. Sommer Bower

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended in to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

***HYMN (Blue 324)** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY (B-592)**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN (Blue 111)**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Lenard Martin, Jr., pianist



We invite you to find the black friendship pads, located on the inside end of each pew. Please sign your name and provide any other information you wish to share. Thank you.

The congregation welcomes all persons who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the membership and ministry of his church, solely on the basis of profession of faith. If you desire to join, have questions about the faith, or would like to get involved in the church, please see Pastor Sommer following the service or call the church office at 229-924-2162.

Graduation BANQUET

**Tuesday, May 23rd
5:30 p.m.**

Join us for dinner on **Tuesday, May 23rd** as we recognize our high school and college graduates:

Tyler Richmond - Tyler is graduating from Crisp County High School and has been accepted to The University of Georgia.

Lily Ingle - Lily graduated home school and will be attending Georgia Southwestern State University.

Justice Fedd graduated the nursing program at GSW and is working as an RN for Phoebe.

Dedravious Goober (grandson of Elizabeth Smith) is graduating from Americus High School and is headed off to college in the Fall.

***Fish Fry prepared by Fred Richmond. *Chicken Fingers Available
Please bring vegetables, salads or desserts to share.**

PLEASE NOTE

The 175th Anniversary Committee is hard at work with the office trying to confirm addresses of current, past members and friends of First Presbyterian.

Please look over the list of addresses on the Usher Table to confirm what we have. The master list shows who has been sent a reminder magnet and will receive an invitation.

If you know of a former member you would like to invite, please add them with their address to the list or email the office with their address. If you note an address that needs changed, please edit on the master list or add to the blank sheet of paper provided.