



# *The Connection*

*First Presbyterian Church of Americus*

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

April 4, 2012

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### Class of 2012

Karen Gatewood  
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### Class of 2013

Tom Collins  
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Ronnie Greer  
Eddie Ward

### Class of 2014

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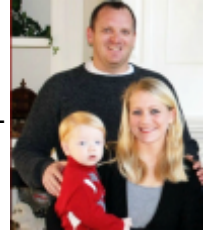
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Brothers and Sisters,

What a joy it is for me to celebrate my first Easter with you as pastor of First Presbyterian Americus. What an awesome responsibility and honor it is for me to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ and preach the Word of God this coming Easter Sunday. This Sunday April 8 will also mark my 6-month anniversary as your pastor. It seems like just yesterday that I stepped into the pulpit to preach on Sunday October 9, 2011. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you these first 6 months and I look forward to many more months and years to come serving as your pastor.



Please read over this week's Connection carefully as there are many pertinent events listed about Holy Week. This Wednesday I'll be preaching at United Holiness Church at their 12 p.m. Holy Week service, Thursday night at 7 p.m. we're going to celebrate Maundy Thursday here at FPC Americus with a Holy Communion worship service, and don't forget to bring your flowers and your cameras on Easter Sunday morning. I really hope the flower cross in front of the church looks gorgeous on Sunday morning and I hope y'all will take your Easter family picture in front of the cross after church. Heather, Joshua and I are planning on taking our picture in front of the cross.

This Sunday I'll be preaching from John 20:1-18. If you'd like to study Sunday's scripture passage ahead of time, open your Bible to John 20 or click on the link below:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john%2020:1-18&version=NIV>

I can't wait to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus with you on Sunday morning. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Danny



## April Birthdays

*Happy Birthday*

Apr 8.....HEATHER LOFFREDO  
 Apr 10.....SHARON McFARLAND  
 Apr 15.....CHRIS BROWN  
 Apr 16.....GLADYS GREER  
 Apr 19.....CATHY CLARK  
 Apr 22.....JOHN CULLISON

*Happy Anniversary*

April 3.....Susan Beger and Norman Race  
 April 30.....Malcolm and Anne Perry



## Maundy Thursday

Join us in the Fellowship Hall  
 for a very special  
 Communion Service on  
Thursday, April 5  
 7:00p.m.

## Decorating the Wooden Cross for Easter

The congregation is encouraged to bring fresh or silk flowers this Sunday, April 8, prior to the Easter service, to decorate the wooden cross at the church entrance.

*He is Risen!*



Be sure to check out the Holy Week schedule in *The Connection* this week.

Pastor Danny will be preaching on Wednesday, April 4, at the United Holiness Church, 901 Aaron Snipes Sr Road, Americus. Service begins at 12:10 p.m. Light lunch to follow.



## SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

The congregation is invited to eat a light breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:30a.m. before Sunday School. Volunteers will provide a light continental breakfast.

*Volunteer Schedule*  
**Elder of the Month**  
**Donna Minich**

**Apr 8: Easter Communion Prep (trays) Donna Minich; Servers: To Be Determined**  
Ushers: - Jim Buffaloe, Russ Childers, Lee Gibson, Ronnie Greer and David Rhyne  
Radio Announcer: Ronnie Greer;  
Bk: Ella Hawkins  
Greeters: Tom & Emily Collins  
Nursery: Victoria Herron  
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**Church League**  
**Softball Practice**  
**Sundays 3:00p.m.**

Sumter County Parks & Recreation Dept  
Hwy 19 Sports Complex  
Americus GA 31719

**Nate Herron**  
**Team Manager**  
**815-2914**



**WHAT:** Family Movie Night at First Presbyterian Americus featuring “*We Bought a Zoo*”. Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo.

**WHEN:** **Friday, April 20**

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**TIME:** 7 P.M. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**WHO:** Everyone is invited. This is the perfect event to invite your friends to. A great movie for the whole family!

**COST:** **FREE! FREE! FREE!**

**FOOD:** The Church will provide free soda and popcorn. Please bring candy and other sweets to share. Big bags of candy from the candy aisle at the pharmacy or grocery store are perfect for sharing!



## Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, April 4

12:10p.m. - Holy Week Service, United Holiness Church,  
901 Aaron Snipes Sr Drive (*Pastor Danny to preach*)  
5:00p.m. - PW Officers Meeting  
**6:00p.m. - No WNS**  
7:00p.m. - Choir Practice

### Thursday, April 5

12:10p.m. - Holy Week Service, Cornerstone Church  
**7:00p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service at FPC**

### Friday, April 6

*Good Friday*

Calvary Episcopal Church

4:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross  
6:00p.m. - Good Friday Services

### Easter Sunday, April 8

9:30a.m. - Easter Breakfast  
10:00a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
11:00a.m. - Worship

### Monday, April 9

*Pastor Danny begins vacation*

12 Noon - PW Noon Circle  
7:00p.m. - PW Night Circle

### Tuesday, April 10

12 Noon - SAMA  
7:00p.m. - Christian Education Committee

### Wednesday, April 11

2:00p.m. - PW Morning Circle (Pat Wohrley home)  
6:00p.m. - WNS  
6:50p.m. - Study Groups  
7:30p.m. - Choir Practice

### Thursday, April 12

12 Noon - Outreach and Evangelism Committee

### Sunday, April 15

9:30a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast  
10:00a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
11:00a.m. - Worship, Rev. Ted Worley, guest speaker  
3:00p.m. - Softball Practice

### Monday, April 16

*Pastor Danny returns from vacation*

7:00p.m. - Stated Session

## *Prayer List*





**Americus Holy Week Services  
will be held April 2-6  
12:10p.m. to 12:50p.m.  
Soup and Sandwich Lunch to Follow**

***Wednesday, April 4***

United Holiness Church  
901 Aaron Snipes Sr. Drive  
***(Pastor Danny to preach)***

***Thursday, April 5***

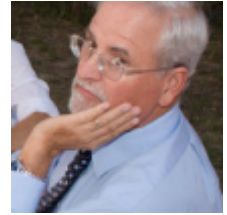
Cornerstone Church  
245 Southland Drive

***Maundy Thursday Service  
First Presbyterian, 7:00p.m.***

***Friday, April 6***

Stations of the Cross 4p.m.  
Good Friday Services 6p.m.  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
408 S. Lee Street

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
SUPPER**



## ***A Guided Tour of Heaven***

**By Rev. Ted Worley**

***On Sunday, April 15***, we will welcome Pastor Ted Worley to the pulpit as our guest preacher.

Beginning ***Wednesday night, April 18***, and continuing for three weeks, the WNS programs will be led by Rev. Ted Worley.

Pastor Ted will be teaching a 3-part series at WNS from his book "*A Guided Tour of Heaven*". His book will be available for purchase.

Ted's book will answer questions like:

- \* How do I get to Heaven?
- \* What will my body be like in Heaven?
- \* What will Heaven look like?
- \* What will I do in Heaven?

Pastor Ted's book is designed as a tour guide of Heaven, helping the reader look forward to the exciting adventure of an eternal future with the Lord.

From Ft. Valley, Rev. Ted Worley has pastored three churches in Georgia in the last 25 years. He has been a Young Life Leader and worked for a large publishing company. He and his wife Sara have been married for 33 years and have two adult sons.



## **Community Services Ministry**


is in need of 1-2 volunteers for the position of Intake at the front desk.

Can you help out 1-2 times a month, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.?

**Please contact the church office, 924-2162 or Rusty Mauldin at First Baptist, 924-9035.**

# April 2012

Presbyterian Women Group A is responsible for meals during the month of September. Call Sharon Parks, coordinator, 591-0369 or the Church Office, 924-2162, if you know of a need in our church family.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>9:30a.m.</b> - Breakfast <b>10:00a.m.</b> SS <b>10:00am</b> Choir <b>11am</b> Worship <b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group	<b>Every Mon</b> <b>GSW Pres</b> <b>House Lunch</b> <b>11-2pm</b>		<b>Every Wed</b> <b>GSW Pres</b> <b>House Lunch</b> <b>11-2pm</b>	<b>Every Thursday</b>  <b>6:00pm.</b> <b>Weight Watchers</b>		
<b>1</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>SFN 4:30pm</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>PW Officers 5pm</b> <b>No Supper</b> <b>Choir 7:00pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Maundy Thurs</b> <b>Service 7pm</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> <b>PW Noon Circle</b> <b>PW Night Circle 7pm</b> <b>Pastor Danny Vacation</b>	<b>10</b> <b>SAMA at Noon</b>  <b>CE 7pm</b>	<b>11</b> <b>PW Morning Circle 2pm (Wohrley)</b>  <b>WNS 6pm Choir</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Outreach &amp; Evangelism</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Rev. Ted Worley</b> <b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Session 7pm</b>  <b>TAX DAY</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Elegant Elders</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>WNS 6pm</b> <b>Pastor Ted Worley</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Personnel Mtg</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Movie Night</b> <b>7:00p.m.</b> 	<b>21</b>  <b>Arts in the Park</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>SAMA Mtg w/ Police Chief Gerbano 6pm</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Worship Comm 4:30</b> <b>WNS 6pm</b> <b>Pastor Ted Worley</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Flowers: Cullison Gibson</b>	<b>30</b>					

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**Apr 22:** Ushers: Bill Krenson, (Capt); Cathy Clark; Daniel Cullison, Pat Hill  
Radio Announcer: Norman Race; Bk: Ronnie Greer  
Greeters: Pat Hill  
Nursery: Victoria Herron  
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6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> SS: Bill Krenson  
Children's Church: Kathy Sheffield

**Apr 29:** Ushers: Christie Ward; Ronnie Greer; Eddie and Betty Anne Ward  
Radio Announcer: Ella Hawkins; Bk: Norman Race  
Greeters: Malcolm & Anne Perry  
Nursery: Victoria Herron  
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Children's Church: Hawkins Family