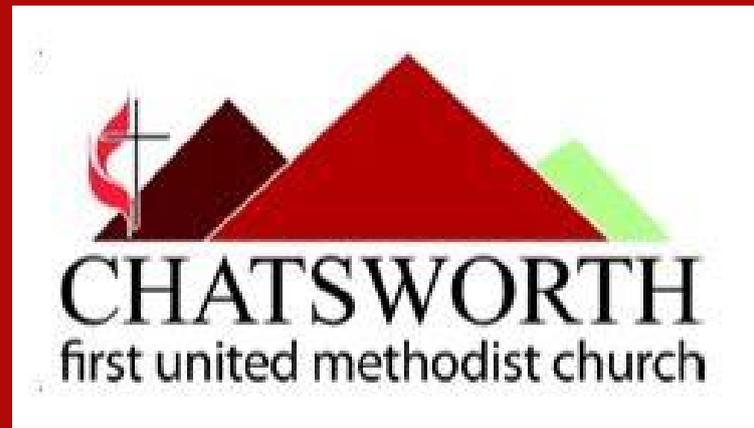


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# August 2020



## A Letter from the Pastor

By **Graham Arp**

I just wish it would all end. I want it to go away. Everything is turned upside down and I want God to turn it right-side up again. That is what I want. Maybe you have some of these same feelings about the pandemic we are in and what it has done to our lives. But none of that has happened just yet. So, maybe I should focus less on what I want and focus more on seeking God's will in this time. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b)

We should expect difficulties in this world. We should also hold on to faith because Jesus has overcome the world! Jesus is victorious! Amid this crisis, amid any crisis we face, and in all times in life, our primary concern is to remain faithful to God. That's it! Just remain faithful to God knowing that He will always be faithful to you. Our job is to remain faithful to God and leave the results up to Him. So, I am going to concern myself less with when this pandemic will end and more with remaining faithful to God, knowing that victory will come in time. Will you join me?

Blessings,  
Graham



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### *Sunday*

9 AM In-Person Worship Service  
11 AM In-Person Worship Service  
11 AM Facebook Live Worship

#### *Wednesday*

7 PM Youth Meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS

-Aug. 9 UMM Meeting 8 AM

-Aug 12 UMW Meeting 11:00 AM

-Aug. 15 UMM Pancake Breakfast



# MINISTRIES

## Upcoming Sermons

- **8-2 Genesis 39:1-23**      **The Lord was with Joseph**
- **8-9 Genesis 41:1-40**      **Some Dreams Do Come True**
- **8-16 Genesis 43:1-30**      **Will Anyone Think of Someone other than Himself?**
- **8-23 Genesis 44:18-45:15**      **Rightly Interpreting God's Role**

### Children's Ministry

Our children are invited to attend the regular worship services with their families at this time. When a decision is made to resume Sunday School and Table Talk, we will let you know. In the meantime, Deborah would like to invite you to meet on Zoom. Please contact her at 706-671-7169 by phone or text to set up a time for your children. Table Talk lessons will continue to be mailed out weekly, and August lessons will be about the prophets Elijah & Elisha. Talk about Super Heroes!

### Mission Committee/King's Clothesline/United Methodist Women

The response to our ad on Market Place was huge, and as a result we have been able to give away a lot of clothes. Where our racks were running over, there is now space for more. Clothing and shoes for all ages and sizes are once again being accepted.

In the last month, we were able to provide clothing for 18 families. Generous donations from members of our church were able to completely furnish the home of one family new to our community, and so far, our food drive has supplied food for 3 families in need. The UMW also provided prayers shawls to 3 ladies to encourage them during a difficult time in their lives. Those receiving these blessings were so appreciative & thankful for our help.

### United Methodist Men

The UMM Pancake Breakfast has been rescheduled from its original March date to August 15. All necessary precautions will be taken for the safety of all involved. This is intended for those who already purchased a ticket. They will drive around the Family Life Center and we will place the meals in their car using gloves and masks. We strongly encourage them to wear a mask when they pick up. They do NOT need to get out of the vehicle. Hours are 7:30 until about 11:00.

### United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met for the first time since our March 11, 2020 meeting. It was a pleasure to see members of the UMW that day, we all enjoyed fellowship together.

UMW next meeting is on **August 12, at 11:00**, we will be meeting in the FFLC. Lunch will follow for those who would like to go at Pizza King. All ladies of the church are welcomed to join us. The UMW will be putting together bags for our homebound members when we meet August 12th.

Alternative giving is one of UMW special times when we choose those whom we honor by making donations and sending cards. The UMW recipients this year will be honored at our UMW annual meeting in November. Hopefully and prayerfully we the UMW will be able to meet in person for this November meeting. We of the UMW would like to honor all these people chosen for our 2020 Alternative giving.

**Gifts to Mission: Laura Sparks & Deborah Yarbrough**

**Congratulations: Ansley Ingram, John Allen Kendrick, Michael Loughridge (College Graduates), Tucker Dailey & Sam Long (High School Graduates)**

**Gifts in Memory: Bill Keith, Ray Swanson, Jerry Breeman, Maurine Davis, Bobbye Weaver**

**Candle Burning: Bill Woods & Doug Griffin**

**Special Mission Recognition: Kim Dailey**



# MINISTRIES

## Youth

After hosting youth group virtually for many months, our youth group was finally able to meet in-person on July 19th for our "back to youth party." We are continuing the good times with game days on Sundays at 2:00 pm. All students from 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join! Whenever school resumes, we will meet in-person on Wednesday nights at 7:00 for youth Bible study.

Although times are uncertain, my prayer is for our church and our youth at large to come into a season of worship and fellowship. Even though Covid-19 turned much of the world upside-down, I pray the quarantine may help us to value what is most important of all: our relationship with God. The goal of youth group is to help young people realize their faith in light of the challenges our world brings. Especially as our culture drifts further and further away from God, Christian fellowship and teaching can help us grasp and guard the truths of God in our hearts, so we can go against the flow of the world and live in the light of Christ.

## Music

We have seen some changes in the recent past to accommodate the social distancing guidelines from the general conference. COVID-19's effects on the music department of CFUMC have been drastic, but we are still here to bring musical elements to our worship services. Unfortunately, right now it is not safe for us to come together to sing as a group choir, but what we can do is worship together in our services, on our own in our homes, and around in our communities. We can all sing, hum, whistle, etc. while we go about our daily lives. I regularly hum tunes while walking through the grocery store, and encourage you to do the same!

I know it has been hard to change how we have been doing things, but in times like these, it is crucial to stay healthy. It is imperative that we follow CDC guidelines and observe social distancing. Practicing social distancing and following these guidelines can help our nation fight the virus, and it will help us get back to our normal lives. Just know that I miss every one of my choir members and my handbell choir members. You all are like my extended family, and I want to see every one of you sooner rather than later.

It is very important to me that we stay as safe as possible. It is well-known in the music community that singing in confined spaces is one of the most dangerous things we do. We must do our part to make sure our community and our congregation are safe and healthy. Each of you hold a special place in my heart, and I wish you all good health.

## Preschool News

Hello Church Family,

I want to give you an update on upcoming plans for our Preschool/Kindergarten program. After prayerful consideration, we have decided to reopen our school on Monday, September 14th. We will, of course, be doing things a little differently. We will make every effort possible to have a healthy, safe, environment for all our students, parents, and staff. Please be in prayer for us as we open our doors and our hearts to these children, and give them the opportunity to develop their minds, spirits, and bodies, as God has directed us to do.

Chatsworth First United Methodist Preschool has been an important part of our church's ministry to the community for 25 years, and we will continue with God's help, to keep going even in these unsettled times. Our parents and children are anxious to begin anew and move forward. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

In Him,  
Mary Margaret Howard  
Preschool Director



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tobias Arp** (Graham Arp) recovering from broken tibia (largest bone in the leg)
- Herbert, Barbara, & Randy Blackstock** (Deborah Yarbrough) have Co-Vid. They are from Resaca. Herbert's nephew was killed in the tornado last May. The family is currently home fighting the virus. Randy is one of Ted's train friends.
- Leigh G. Dunn** (James Adams) is doing better. Please pray that her husband, Keith, and her son, Jace, do not contract the virus and pray for a complete and Godspeed recovery for Leigh.
- Keith Dunn & Jace Sanford** (Leigh's husband & son) as they have been exposed to the Coronavirus, too. Please pray that they do not contract the virus as they are Leigh's caretakers.
- Dian Green** (James Adams) recovering from Co-Vid at home
- Gary Green** (James Adams) recovering from Co-Vid at home
- Shea G. Hopf** (Gary & Dian's youngest daughter) has also been exposed to the Coronavirus. Please pray that she doesn't contract it. Still waiting for surgery to be scheduled.
- Ruth Ann Holcomb** (Melissa Sneads) is currently immobilized due to cellulitis (infection) in her right foot and is having to rely on others for help. Please pray for a Godspeed healing as she is normally very active and likes to do things on her own.
- Rochelle Holloway** (Ted Yarbrough) is at home recovering and doing ok.
- Filbert Lewis** (Rev. Graham Arp) home recovering
- Sydney Massey** (Paige P. Massey Pollock's daughter/Carlton & Betty Peebles's granddaughter) shunt surgery went well and she immediately felt some better. Please pray that the shunts continue to drain the collected fluid from her brain and relieve the pressure that is causing her the pain in her eyes and her eyesight problems. The doctor said that it will be another month before she feels better so please pray that God heals her in Godspeed so that she won't have to suffer for another whole month.
- Rev. Shannon Mayfield** (Jolynn Green's nephew) who has had multiple myeloma cancer for 7 years has been accepted into a trial at Emory that involves many things including starting today a week of testing, a week of chemo to kill his immune system next week and then a procedure to replace blood cells that have been engineered into cancer-fighting cells back into his body. He will be isolated after that for a minimum of 2 weeks. While fighting this terminal cancer for 7 years, Shannon went to seminary at Emory and became a Methodist minister. Please pray that he will have the strength to endure the trial, that everything goes well for him, and that it will give him more precious time here on earth to be with his family and friends.
- Kirby Patterson** (Rev. Graham Arp) ongoing health issues. Please pray for Sherrie Patterson (Melissa Sneads) Kirby's wife and caregiver.
- Clarence Ridley** (owner of Paul's Drive-in in Eton) recently suffered a major stroke. I was told that the memory part of the brain was affected.
- Rachel Ridley** (Rev. Graham Arp) She has a cast now, but needs continued prayer for her arm to set properly to avoid having it re-set.
- Don Thomas & family** (Steve Hawkins) suffering w/ COVID
- Jeanette Weems** (Cindy Flanigan) (Aunt) She is a heart patient and has several serious episodes the last several years. On Wed. June 17th, she will be having an extensive heart cath, and possibly open heart to repair some previous damage to the heart and her circulatory system. She is my mothers' Sister in Law. Her husband, Wayne Weems; Barbara Benford's youngest brother passed last September. Thank you so very much for thinking of her during this time, and remembering her while she continues to grieve the loss of my sweet Uncle.
- Josie Wilbanks** (Melissa Sneads) has contracted the Coronavirus. She's my cousin's step-granddaughter who is at NHC Health Care in Fort Oglethorpe, GA
- Bill Woods** (Ruth Woods) still dealing with ongoing health issues.



# PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE/WELCOME/SYMPATHY

## Praise

Congratulations to **Sarah Loughridge and Brice Baker** who are now engaged to be married!

**Jerry Davis** (Cat) (Deborah Ausmus) Covid-19 test was negative. Hopefully, antibiotics will work and he won't need hospitalization.

**Ricky Babb** (Sheree McEntire's uncle) home recovering from open-heart surgery. He is very sore and will be for a long while. Please pray that God will have mercy and will heal him completely in Godspeed.

**Bill Woods** (Ruth Woods) his surgery went well and he is home recovering. Thank you all for your prayers!

## Christian Sympathy is Extended to

**Griffin family** as they mourn the passing of their patriarch, Mr. Doug G. Griffin: wife: June Griffin, son & daughter-in-law: Rhett & Sandy Griffin, and daughter and son-in-law: Anne & Billy Childers

**Adams family** as they mourn the passing of Mrs. Virginia Adams: husband, James H. Adams of Chatsworth; daughters and son-in-law, Paula Jo Adams of Chatsworth, Dina A. and Brian Kozloski of Flowery Branch, GA; sisters, Paulette Lilley of Lilburn, GA, Bobina Hewell of Monroe, GA;

**The family of Skylar Grace Headrick:** father, Tony Headrick; mother, CeeCee Dowis Headrick; sisters, Kirsten Taylor Headrick, Stormi Renea Headrick, and Summer Addison Headrick; half-brother, Michael Headrick; paternal grandfather, Cotton Headrick; paternal grandmother, Lawanna Dunagan Headrick; maternal grandfather, Leon Wayne Dowis; maternal grandmother, Barbara Ellen Chewning; very special friends, Shane Carroll, Wesley Robinson, and Samuel Carroll; and special family friends, Stacy, Buffy, Ada, and Annie Mosteller.

**Edna Poole & Family** (Carolyn Martin): As they mourn the passing of Edna's husband (Former CFUMC pastor), Oscar Poole. I googled Oscar and Edna and found the following addresses: 25645 Shad Road; Astor, Florida, 32102-3516 and P.O. Box 690; East Ellijay, GA 30539-0012. The only address I have for their son, Darwin, is Poole's BBQ, P.O. Box 727; East Ellijay, GA, 30539, the current owner of Poole's BBQ.

**Brad Ridley & Family** - Brad's brother recently passed away. Please pray for them as they mourn his death.

**Greta Lawless & the rest of the Walker family** (Melissa Sneads) as they mourn the recent passing of her brother, Charles Allen "Dink" Walker.

**Kaydee, and the whole Ogle family** (Melissa Sneads) as they mourn the loss of Melody's husband Donald. Donald fought a long hard battle with cancer and this past Saturday he gave up that fight.

**Richard, Geneva, & the entire Bell family** (Melissa Sneads) as they mourn the passing of Richard's mother, Sallie Ruth Prince "Ma Bell"



## Remember our Family/Friends in Service

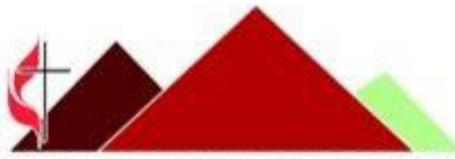
### Welcome to the World!

Congratulations to **Ted & Cantey Smith** on the birth of their grandson, **Layton Lee Smith**! Baby Layton was born on 7-10-2020, weighing 8lbs, 15oz, and measuring 21-1/12 inches.

Proud parents are **Ian and Adrienne Smith**.

Congratulations!!! **Breann & Nathan Young** welcomed their daughter, **Blakeleigh Kate Young**, to their family yesterday. Their firstborn, Ryker Young is Blakeleigh's BIG Brother. Blakeleigh Kate Young is also **Mike & Judy Young**'s first granddaughter and their second grandchild. Congratulations to you ALL!!! 7lbs 13oz. 20in long.

She is healthy and beautiful. Breann is doing well also.



# MEMORIAL GIFTS/DONATIONS

Bill & Mary Ann Black  
 Ruth Ann Holcomb  
 Ted & Deborah Yarbrough  
 Rhett & Sandy Griffin  
 David & Gayle Bean  
 Fred & Mary Etta Jennings

Playground Fund  
 Roof Repair Fund  
 Operations  
 Sheila Rich Memorial King's Clothesline  
 Stained Glass Window Repair Fund  
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Virginia Adams  
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Judge Jim E. & Rhonda Wilbanks  
 Mr. & Mrs. Hayden L. Wagers  
 Ted & Deborah Yarbrough  
 Tom & Cyndi Peeples  
 Bill & Mary Ann Black  
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Terry Langford  
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Rhett & Sandy Griffin  
 C.U.C. Sunday School Class  
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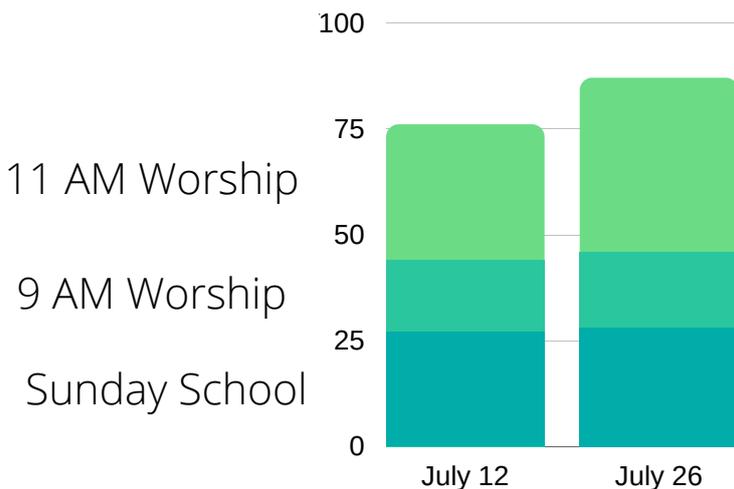
Billy Ledford  
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Ralph Ausmus  
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Saturday Sacks  
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July Passing of: Earl Ausmus  
 July Passing of: David Ausmus  
 July Passing of: Pat Ausmus

## Attendance



## Tithes/Offerings

Operations  
 MTD  
 \$26,040.00  
 YTD  
 \$163,687.00



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## United Methodist Men

### Pancake Breakfast

**When:**

August 15, 7:30-11:30 AM



**Where:**

Delivery to your car @ The Fincher Family Life Center



The Shower Committee would like to announce the birth of **Carter Allen Townsend**, infant son of **Chad & Stephanie Townsend**, and grandson of **Chris & Lori Townsend**. Due to the rising numbers of COVID cases, Chad, Stephanie, and Carter will be sheltering in place; therefore we are planning to shower this family at home by mailing them gift cards. If you would like to Congratulate this couple and celebrate the birth of their firstborn son, you can mail a gift card to their home (at the address below).

\*Registered at Walmart and Amazon.

**Chad & Stephanie Townsend**  
**1860 Spring Place Resaca Rd**  
**Resaca, GA 30735**

## Food Drive



- Donations may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or brought to the church office.
- Non-perishable food items (cans of veggies and soup, boxes of cereal, mac-n-cheese, etc.)
- We will distribute these as families make appointments to visit the King's Clothesline.

# BIRTHDAYS

- August 1 Mr. Greg Howard
- August 2 Mr. Frank Ward
- August 2 Mr. Ted Yarbrough
- August 7 Mr. Rhett Griffin
- August 12 Mrs. Debbie Adams
- August 13 Mrs. Cynthia Flanigan
- August 13 Mrs. Amy Petty
- August 15 Mr. Thomas Petty
- August 17 Mr. Ray Catoe
- August 22 Mrs. Marilyn Bennett
- August 23 Mrs. Cheryl Owens
- August 29 Mrs. Virginia Greeson
- August 30 Mrs. Marilyn Martin
- August 31 Mrs. Judy Young



The Adams family. Paula, Dina Kuzloski, and I want to **THANK** all of our church family and friends for all the prayers, food, flowers, gifts, cards, and phone calls. We thank you for all you have done for us these past few weeks of grief. It is such a good feeling to belong to a church with so many caring people.

We love you all.  
James Adams

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the drive-by for Bill Black's 80th birthday! It was a very nice surprise and thank you very much!  
Bill Black and Family