

COMING UP...

OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 11

Sunday, October 4
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
In-person & Online & Children's Church
World Holy Communion

Monday, October 5
11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry Zumba

Wednesday, October 7
1:15 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Zoom (EPEC) Bible Study

Thursday, October 8
Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, October 11
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
In-person & Online & Children's Church
Pastor Appreciation Sunday



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CONTACTING YOU

Most of the church's communication is through e-mail. We send three e-mails each week—a newsletter on Monday, an email from the pastor and an email reminder of Sunday worship. We also use e-mail to send important meeting reminders and other information. Help us contact you by ensuring the church office has your current e-mail address.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

*Epworth's members are our ministers.
The professional staff who assist us are:*

Administrator Assistant.....	Toni Thomas
Children's Ministry Director	Jas'Min Vontoure
Children's Ministry Assistant	Whitney Mennifee
Custodians.....	Martha Conklin
	Barbie Webb
Media Tech	Tristan Campbell
Music Director.....	Bob Lee
Nursery Worker	Martha Conklin
Pastor	Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship Director	Mandi Battle

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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October 4, 2026

"RECAP OF HOMECOMING CELEBRATION"

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our **66th Church Anniversary and Homecoming celebration** was a **powerful, wonderful, and spirit-filled milestone of faith, fellowship, and divine reflection!** We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate this special day with us. We are grateful for everyone who served in connection with the worship service, including our Children's Ministry, as it was Children and Youth Sunday. Our church historian also led us in a meaningful sharing of our **66-year Church History Poem**. We also extend a special expression of gratitude to Homecoming Chair Becky Britton and our dedicated Homecoming Committee team for coordinating the delicious food brought in by our members and worshipers, and for the beautiful decor that set the stage for an afternoon of joyful conversation, relationship-building, and growing with one another through faith and fellowship. Special thanks to the United Methodist Men for the groundwork and others, and to everyone who contributed in any way to make this celebration possible. What a blessed day it was, with 82 people in worship together!

Now, to the **blessing of the message**. We were blessed to have **Retired Bishop James King Jr., of The United Methodist Church** deliver a powerful and prophetic message rooted in **Jeremiah 29:10-14**, titled **"The Plan."** Bishop King explored the text of the Israelite exile and captivity in Babylon, reminding us that even when circumstances are unplanned by us, God works through alternative plans to build up houses, relationships, and futures. He shared his own prophetic journey, revealing how God gave him prophecy plan to be a preacher at a very young age, a calling that manifested throughout his ministry serving churches in different capacities—including a multi-thousand membership congregation—before he became a Bishop.

Drawing from his Hello Beautiful People podcast and his theme statement, "The Medicine in the Message," Bishop King concluded by taking us into a powerful framework for navigating life's detours using the acronym **LPE: Learn, Practice, and Examine**. He challenged us to **Learn** what God is teaching us through life's unexpected detours, just like it did for the Israelites, providing a powerful teaching opportunity. We must then **Practice** by walking out the life application of the word, even when the path shifts. Finally, we **Examine** our spiritual and life standing for inspection, testing and self-revelation, allowing us to correct our course, keep navigating, and grow to be better disciples and also to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, as Matthew 28:19 teaches us.

As we transition from celebrating our rich history, we prepare to gather around the Lord's table this coming **Sunday, October 4, at our 10:30 AM Worship Service for Holy Communion as we observe World Communion Sunday**. This sacred day calls us to break bread in global solidarity with Christ's universal church, reminding us that no matter our background, we are all one body. Come with open hearts ready to pray, partake, and reflect in this holy sacrament as a world communion!

We hope to see you in church on Sunday and you are welcome to invite someone to come with you!

In Christ,
Pastor Earnie



Epworth connects and equips all kinds of people
to SEEK, SERVE, and SHARE Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

The Nathan Patterson Class
Study: Proverbs 5
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: The Seasons of God by Richard Blackaby
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

October 4, 2026
Usher: David Hay
Financial Secretary: Donny Davis
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

September 27, 2026
Tithes & Offerings: \$3,025.00
Received To Date: \$168,531.63
Needed To Date: \$183,202.08

Attendance:
Sunday School *NA
*No classes last week due to Homecoming service
In-person Sunday Worship 82
Online Viewers 119
Total 201

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

Ephesians 6:17-18: "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Commitment to Tithing- As we embark on our stewardship journey, we recognize the importance of our giving and how it connects us to God and our church community. Here are three essential points to consider: 1. The Word of God: Our giving is rooted in Scripture. By honoring God with our wealth, we align ourselves with His purpose and provision. 2. The Power of Prayer: Every pledge begins with prayer. Seeking God's guidance allows us to make informed and faithful decisions about our contributions. 3. A Step of Faith: Pledging requires us to trust in God's provision. When we step out in faith, we open ourselves to His blessings and the work He can accomplish through us. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED

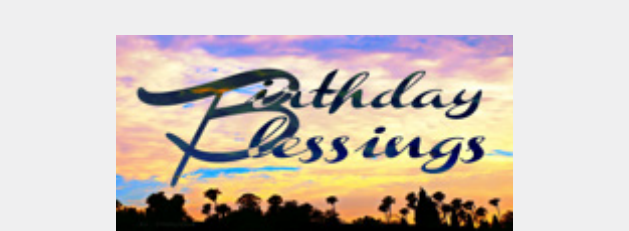
In-Person & Livestreaming Worship -
Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Options for worshipping by livestream are: Put the name epworthumc first: facebook.com/epworthcolumbus or youtube.com/channel/UCZJhDYHDeeE-dnv5a5nQKjA as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible or as close to the time of other livestream services.

BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays for Bible Study at 1:15 p.m. and on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at noon. 6:30 p.m. EPEC Bible study classes will still take place every Wednesday. We are studying from the book "Revelation (Life Change)." Visit the church office to purchase a copy for \$15, or include it in your offertory envelope. Be sure to mark Bible study book on the envelope.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Debra Johnson
- Darlene Shirley
- 4 Leslie Morris
- 5 Blaire Willis
- 11 Deborah Cooper
- 12 Alexzandra Mobayyeni Gordon
- 14 Kristii Daniel
- 17 Cora Buchanan
- 19 Ginny Dozier
- Brittni George
- Scott Stokes
- 21 Bob Lee
- 23 Ann Smith
- 26 Steve Sawyer
- 27 Conover Swofford
- 30 Julie Friend



MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MISSION

October/November Mission Opportunity - Our October/November Mission is the Thanksgiving-themed dinner grocery bag for Wynnton Neighborhood Network. This family-oriented mission gift will provide an entire Thanksgiving meal (minus the turkey) for a food-insecure family. Each paper bag contains a list of needed items, as well as a coloring page. The bags are available in the Welcome Center and need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 15! Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark your pew envelopes "Thanksgiving". Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!
- Bobby Smith, Missions President

UMM MEETING

UMM will meet immediately following worship service on Sunday, October 11. All male members and worshippers of Epworth are invited to attend.
- Frank Karastury, UMM President

GRIEF/CAREGIVER MEETING

Grief/Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. All Epworth members are invited and encouraged to invite friends to come out for support and encouragement. For more information, contact Martha Conklin at 706-329-0629 or Vonna Franks at 423-902-6134.

NATHAN PATTERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Ever wondered why someone hasn't written a practical guide for effective living? The good news is someone did - his name was Solomon and the book of the Bible is Proverbs! We will be taking a deep dive into it, chapter by chapter, on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Nathan Patterson Sunday School class. Please join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Kick off the Fall Season with Loads of Fall Fun! Our Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 24, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We'll have fun, food, and Trunk or Treating! Volunteers are needed. Inflatables, games, face painting, popcorn/cotton candy and more! Further information upcoming.
- Contact person is Jas'Min Vontoure.

FELLOWSHIP HALL & CLASSROOMS RESERVED

- QUESTORS CLASSROOM RESERVED
Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
Tuesday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WING RESERVED
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Support the Epworth UMC Children's Ministry by purchasing a raffle ticket for just \$5! Prizes are as follows: The 1st prize will be a \$30 gift card and an EUMC tumbler; the 2nd prize will be a \$30 gift card and an EUMC tumbler; the 3rd prize will be a \$30 gift card and a \$30 voucher toward a custom hand-painted banner from Hand Painted Banners by Jas'Min. Tickets are available from any Children's Ministry child or volunteer through 12:30 p.m. on October 24; winners will be announced at 1:00 p.m. and do not have to be present.



EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

Lloyd Britton	Cheryl Jandreau	Annette Taff
Rebecca Britton	Natalie Kernodle	Michael Taff
Deborah Cooper	Bob Lee	Sue Vining
Buddy Dunn	Linda Lee	Marjean Waters
Susan Dunn	Mildred Rodgers	Lillian Wooldridge
John Grandon	Ann Smith	
Jeanne Guilbeault	Susan Stark	

Mary Lee Crews & Family	Ron Sawyer & Family
James and Donna Faircloth & Family	Ann Smith & Family
Frank Karastury & Family	Barre' and Steve Whittington & Family
Earl & Melonie Phillips & Family	Family of Myra Tucker
Family of Harold Morris	

Extended Church Family

Patricia Waldo	Steve Guilbeault	Robbins Family	Kuester Family
Dora Spires	Willie Ryles	Judy Patterson	Cassie Prochaska
Billy Hill	Kim Jordan	Grier Family	Bruce Chapman
Carol Hall	Charles Holmes	Marilyn Buck	Danny Chidester
Beth Goodwin	McDaniel Family	Stephanie Bryan	Adams Family
Hattie Campbell	Robin Grantham	Dana Thurston	Diane Wiggins
Cristina Mattocks	David Garner	Kathy McClintock	Amanda Kinsman Vines
Ann Mitchell	Patricia Jefferson	Susan Land	Aundre Smith
James & Sue Flowers	Robert Wagers	Sarah Browder	Mary Kennedy
Maggie Smith	Hazel Dullin	Family of Neil Gergun	Janna Family
Roger Buterbaugh	Diane Propst	Ralph & Sandy McGough	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family
Tammy White	Sam Wilson	Michelle Slappy	Linda Walker
Bertha Robinson	Nona Robinson	Rev. Tim Paulk	Chester Jakes

Independent/Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Oaks @ Maple Ridge - Helen Pharris	The Lodge (Bessemer, AL) - Lorene Carlisle
Kings Bridge (Atlanta, GA) - Blount King	Wesley Glen (Byron, GA) - Nancy Hiller
River Place - Anne Wilson	
Oaks @ Grove Park - Ron Sawyer	

Tree of Life Memorial
for Epworth UMC and Hamp Stevens UMC

Given by The Friendship Class in memory of Jean F. Morris
whose generosity and caring spirit made this world a better place.

You may remember a family member or friend, now deceased, on the lasting Tree of Life Memorial that graces the entrance of our Sanctuary. Consider commemorating their life with a leaf placed on this handcrafted piece of art.

Memorials can be made for members of the Epworth United Methodist or Hamp Stevens United Methodist churches. Initiated by the Friendship Sunday School to honor Jean’s life, it is carried forward by Epworth’s Board of Trustees.

Complete the section below and return it with your gift made out to Epworth UMC. With limited space, we will only be able to include names on the leaf-no other messages. The minimum donation for an engraved leaf is \$50.

Name of Donor:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Donation Amount:

Names to be Engraved: 5 rows of up to approximately 12 characters on each row

SAMPLE

Sebastian
Williamson

Jim & Jean
Williamson
& Family

Please continue to pray for our homebound people. They would love a call or text!
If the prayer list needs to be updated, please call, email, or leave a note with updates at the church office. Thank you for your help!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday

The * Denotes to please stand if able.

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Marguerite Hay, Worship Leader

*CONFESSION & PARDON UMH No. 12

People: Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*PRAISE SONG "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593 vv. 1 & 3
Led by Susan Dunn, Song Leader

OFFERTORY APPEAL/PRAYER Worship Leader

During the offering, please place your offering in the collection plates as they are passed or text the word "GIVE" to (706) 655-6768.

For our Online Worshippers, text or go to epworthumc.com and select "Donate."
On Communion Sunday, please place your Communion Offering in the basket near the altar.

OFFERTORY SELECTION "The Prayer" David Hay
RESPONSE Doxology

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.

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Rev. Earnestine W. Campbell, Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

MISSIONS APPEAL, FALL FESTIVAL APPEAL Bobby Smith, Jas'Min Vontoure

*SCRIPTURE PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14 Patricia Bronson
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Goodness of God" Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song #7201044

SERMON "The Day After Yesterday" Pastor

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Pastor
You can become a member of Epworth by either professing your Christian faith for the first time or
by transferring your existing membership from another Christian church.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Pastor & Congregation
(See screen)

Invitation UMH No. 12
The Great Thanksgiving UMH No. 13-14
Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 14-15
The Giving of the Bread and Cup

*CLOSING SONG "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Praise & Worship Director
CH 334 vv. 1 & 2

*LIGHT OF CHRIST BROUGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

*BENEDICTION Pastor

*POSTLUDE Music Director

COFFEE BAR ON SUNDAYS

Coffee Bar in the Welcome Center:

Enjoy coffee and refreshments for the Sunday School and Worship Service hours every Sunday.
~Donations are appreciated.