

COMING UP...
OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 02

Sunday, October 26
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person &
Online & Children's Church
T-Shirt Sunday
Charge Conference directly following
our 10:30 a.m. service

Monday, October 27
11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry Zumba

Tuesday, October 28
1:00 p.m. Grief/Caregiver Meeting
3:00 p.m. Rose Hill
7:00 p.m. EPEC Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29
Noon Bible Study

Thursday, October 30
Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, November 02
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person &
Online & Children's Church
All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion



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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.....Danielle Lamb
Children's Ministry DirectorJas'min Vontoure
Children's Ministry Assistant.....Whitney Mennifee
Custodians.....Martha Conklin
Barbie Webb
Media TechTristan Campbell
Music Director.....Bob Lee
Nursery Worker.....Martha Conklin
Pastor.....Rev. Earnestine Campbell
Praise & Worship DirectorMandi 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 26, 2025

"THE FAITH FACTOR!"

Sunday we explored the profound teachings of Jesus in Luke 17:1-10, and our Sermon Title, "The Faith Factor." Jesus begins with a powerful message about the inevitability of offenses and the necessity of forgiveness. He instructs His disciples that if someone sins against them, they must forgive, even if it happens repeatedly in a single day. This call to forgive can feel overwhelming, leading us to recognize our own limitations. In response, the disciples cry out, "Lord, increase our faith!" This moment captures our human struggle—a realization that we need divine help to live out the teachings of Christ. Here, we see that the faith factor plays a turning part in our ability to forgive and serve, reminding us that growing in faith is essential to fulfilling our calling.

Understanding Faith's Potential: In verses 5-6, Jesus emphasizes that even faith as small as a mustard seed can produce extraordinary results. The mustard seed, though tiny, represents the potential for our faith to grow and transform our lives. The faith factor lies in recognizing that this small faith can uproot even the deepest bitterness, unforgiveness, issues, and conditions. The disciples' plea for increased faith reveals their desire for spiritual growth and shows the importance of nurturing our faith through obedience. Hebrews 11 reminds us that "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." This assurance is essential when we face challenges that test our faith, reinforcing that it's not just about asking God for things but growing in our relationship with Him.

Faith in Adversity: As we reflect on the nature of faith, it's clear that it's not about how much faith we have but the quality and sincerity of our trust in God. Jesus illustrates that faith acts as our superpower, enabling us to navigate the complexities of life and relationships. The disciples recognized that to forgive as Jesus commanded, they needed divine assistance—a reminder for all of us when we encounter difficulties. James 1:5 encourages us, stating, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all." In those tough moments, we must remember that faith often requires us to be placed in challenging positions, pushing us to lean on God's strength. The faith factor teaches us that our struggles can be the catalyst for spiritual growth and empowerment in the Lord. Every storm brings an atmospheric shift. Allow the wind to change your situation into the powering of your faith, drawing you closer to God.

Living Out Faith: In verses 7-10, the theme of servanthood appears prominently in this passage. Jesus uses a parable to illustrate that faith is demonstrated through our actions. True faith isn't just about asking God for more; it's about living out what we already know through service and obedience. Jesus tells us to serve not for accolades but from the heart, recognizing that we are fulfilling our duty as disciples. Our service should be rooted in gratitude, reflecting the same spirit of selflessness that Jesus exhibited in His ministry. We're called to serve cheerfully, making a difference in the lives of others, and doing so with a heart aligned with God's purpose. Philippians 1:6 reassures us, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." The faith factor empowers us to act with purpose, reminding us that our faith is meant to be lived out in every aspect of our lives.

Elevating the Faith Factor: As we close, let's focus on elevating our faith factor in our daily lives. This journey of faith challenges us to rise above offenses and to embrace forgiveness, not just as a duty, but as a transformative act for ourselves. When we choose to forgive, we unlock the freedom to heal and grow, creating space for God's grace to fill our hearts. The faith factor is about cultivating a thankful heart that drives us to serve others selflessly, just as Christ did. By increasing our faith through action and gratitude, we can impact our church community and the world around us. Let's commit to seeking God's guidance daily, empowering us to live out our faith authentically and to reflect His love in all we do.

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: Job 1
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Life Lessons From ACTS
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

October 26, 2025

Usher: Donny Davis
Financial Secretary: Steve Sawyer
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

October 19, 2025

Tithes & Offerings:	\$1,986.00
Received To Date:	\$142,355.63
Needed To Date:	\$193,284.00

Attendance:	
Sunday School	16
In-person Sunday Worship	40
Online Viewers	121
Total	161

2025 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. Amen.

A THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

With heartfelt gratitude, thank you, Epworth congregation, for the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary and the wonderful expressions of appreciation given to me during Pastoral Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness is truly a blessing. It is an honor to serve and care for such a wonderful congregation, following Christ's example together. Thank you for your journey of faith and support!

Pastor Earnie

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/UCZJhDYHDDeE-dnv5a5nQKjA as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible or as close to the time of other livestream services.

Likes, Shares & Reviews Matter - Take time to like the Epworth Facebook and Youtube pages to become a follower of these social media platforms, like the posts and/or videos, share, or comment. It only takes a few seconds and only a few minutes to write a review of your experience at Epworth through Facebook, Google, or Yelp. This is a way to let our community know about us.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, the staff here at Epworth would like to raise awareness by encouraging early detection through regular mammograms and screenings. We support those affected by the disease, and encourage you to learn about your risk factors and prevention. Early detection can significantly improve treatment outcomes, and a proactive approach to health includes knowing your risk factors and family history, staying physically active, and discussing your screening schedule with a doctor. Join us in supporting those who are fighting, celebrating those who have survived, and honoring those who have passed on. We know with confidence that no one fights this fight alone; God is always in control.



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 Whitehurst Welcome Center and need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 16! Monetary donations are also appreciated; mark your pew envelopes "Thanksgiving". Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

CHILDREN & YOUTH GAME NIGHT AND UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Attention all Epworth members, there will not be a game night in October due to the Fall Festival. Game nights will resume in November with scheduling information to be announced.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

The entire staff and congregation of Epworth are thankful that God has blessed this event; more details to come in next week's bulletin.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Attention all new members!

You are asked to join the New Members' Class on Sunday, November 16, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you became a member of Epworth in 2024 or 2025, this class is specifically for you and for all other interested persons. It's a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of our Christian faith through Biblical principles and the United Methodist Church's practice and application of the interpretation of the Biblical texts and spiritual disciplines. This class will help you continue developing and maturing in your faith journey. Also, if you have not returned your new member's packet, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received one, please notify the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

NATHAN PATTERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why is there so much calamity in the world? What do we know about Satan? For the answers to these questions and more, join us as we study the Bible and explore the book of Job in the Nathan Patterson Sunday School class at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference- Today, Sunday, October 26, directly following 10:30 a.m. worship service. Presiding, Reverend Jeff Cook, Northwest District Superintendent. All church council members and leaders are asked to attend and any interested persons.

PLASTICWARE NEEDED

Epworth needs plasticware packets (with napkin) for use in our Rosehill Ministry. A collection box will be available in the Whitehurst Welcome Center. Thanks and God bless you all!

GRIEF/CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING

Grief / Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 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.

PODCAST: INTERNSHIP & SOCIAL MEDIA - COMING SOON!

We are excited to introduce the Epworth Podcast, a platform designed to not only evangelize but also to engage in meaningful dialogue around holistic well-being, spirituality, societal issues, justice causes, and ministry and mission work. The podcast will feature relevant subject matter experts and special guests—creating space for individuals to inform and share. If you're interested in helping create the podcast room or know someone who would like to intern for the podcast, setup, etc., and digital marketing specialist, please contact the pastor at earnestine@epworthhumc.com.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED

Tuesday, November 04, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 08, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

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

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

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	Ralph & Sandy McGough
Diane Wiggins	Cristina Mattocks	David Garner	Kathy McClintock
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	Amanda Kinsman Vines	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family
Tammy White	Sam Wilson	Michelle Slappy	

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 26, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
*The * Denotes to please stand if able.*

PRELUDE Bob Lee, Music Director

ENTER THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Children/Youth Ministry

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Worship Leader

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAISE SONG "Blessed Be the Name" CH 52 vv. 1, 2, 3
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.

*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 Pastor

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*SCRIPTURE LUKE 17:11-19 Margaret Gosden

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "King of Glory" Mandi Battle
Praise & Worship Director
CCLI # 2967303, Song #7135918

SERMON "Healed Health, Faith Well" 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.

*CLOSING SONG "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" CH 21 vv. 1, 2, 3, 5
Led by Praise & Worship Director

*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.

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