

COMING UP...
JULY 20 - JULY 27

Sunday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person &
Online & Children's Church
Back-to-School Blessing and Giveaway

Monday, July 21

11:30 a.m. Monday Ministry
Zumba (MMZ)

Tuesday, July 22

1:00 Grief/Caregiver Support Meeting
(Meeting at Longhorn on Whittlesey)

Thursday, July 24

Noon Prayer Team

Sunday, July 27

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



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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 DirectorVacant

Custodians.....Martha Conklin

Barbie Webb

Media TechTristan Campbell

Music DirectorBob 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.*

"WHEN THE DUST SETTLES," PART II

In our recent sermon, we continued in the text of Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, where Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples to spread the gospel. This mission emphasizes not only the urgency of sharing God's love but also the inherent dangers of venturing into a world that may not readily accept their message. Jesus prepares His disciples by instructing them to travel light, taking no baggage with them (Luke 10:4). This teaching serves as a reminder that carrying excess weight—whether material or emotional—can hinder our effectiveness in our calling. By sending them out in pairs, He provides not only protection but also companionship, ensuring they can support one another through the challenges they may encounter (Luke 10:1).

Last week, we celebrated our annual Vacation Bible School, ending in an exciting weekend finale at Urban Air. This event was not just an outing; it also illustrated the mission Jesus entrusted to His followers. One of the key lessons from our VBS study was from Mark, emphasizing how Jesus welcomed children and said, "Let the little children come to me" (Mark 10:14). Our children are important. As they navigated Urban Air in group teams with adult chaperones for safety, we were reminded of the importance of community in our spiritual journeys. Just as the disciples were sent out in pairs for protection and encouragement, our kids experienced the joy of fellowship and safety.

We also engaged in evangelism and shared kindness with those who served us at the outing. While the ministry was received in the peace it was given, Jesus warns that we will sometimes face rejection (Luke 10:16), knowing that we all would have challenges, just as He faced opposition from the Pharisees, Sadducees, and governmental rulers—figures of authority who challenged His message. We must be prepared for that reality as well. Therefore, it is vital to have ministry buddies—prayer buddies, spiritual battle buddies, accountability buddies, worship buddies, etc.—just as the people of Israel did during the time of Joshua (Joshua 6). They walked around the walls of Jericho for six days, and on the seventh day, the walls fell. This shows the power of building community and partnership and the activation of God's power through daily practices of worship and obedience to His instructions.

The sermon also highlighted the activation of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I likened salvation to a gift card given to us freely—an incredible blessing that requires activation to hold any value. Just as a gift card must be activated to unlock its purchasing and redemption power, our relationship with Christ calls us to engage actively with the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:19). Through prayer, study, and worship, we activate that power, allowing us to heal and perform miraculous works in Jesus' name. This mission is not solely about the acts we perform but about knowing God intimately and rejoicing that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 21:27).

As we walk our spiritual paths, we grow our awareness through spiritual disciplines. Regular prayer, devotion, fasting, and worship anchor us in our faith and help us discern when we are aligned with God's purpose (Luke 10:20). These practices keep us grounded, reminding us of the importance of being together in community. When we support one another, we can navigate our challenges with courage and faith, ultimately fulfilling the mission, our visions, and our call that God has set before us, creating new stories and fresh anointing. In this journey, may we always remember that while the road may be paved with difficulties, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to conquer every obstacle.

In Christ,
Earnestine

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: Nehemiah 6
Teacher: Bobby Smith

The New Connections Class
Study: Lessons From Luke
Teacher: Glenn Griffin

The Seekers Class
Study: Wired Word
Teacher: Donny Davis

THOSE WHO SERVE

July 20, 2025

Usher: Diona Bronson
Financial Secretary: Donny Davis
Acolytes: Children/Youth Ministry/Ushers

OUR STEWARDSHIP

July 13, 2025

Tithes & Offerings:	\$1,889.00
Received To Date:	\$107,355.38
Needed To Date:	\$138,768.00

Attendance:	
Sunday School	20
In-person Sunday Worship	60
Online Viewers	165
Total	225

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. 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
THANK YOU AND RECAP

What an awesome VBS we had this year! Our VBS study came from the theme "Magnified" from the Gospels of John and Mark, focusing on the bigness and greatness of God’s Word through the themes of Jesus’ love for children, ministry, and faith. We had approximately 17 children and adults come out! The children enjoyed biblical lessons, music, making tie-dye shirts, crafts, food, fun, and fellowship. We concluded with our annual Urban Air outing on Saturday and the children presenting during the Children’s Sermon moment with the song "Magnify the Lord." Thank you, Epworth's children and friends, for a fantastic ministry! Our Magnified stand-up banner is in the Welcome Center for memory pictures to be taken—stop by and have your picture taken.

Special thanks is given to Jas'Min Vontoure for spearheading this year's VBS and for your creativity in designing the banner and other VBS treasures. Our teachers: Quenton Brantley, Diona Bronson, Tristan Campbell, and Whitney Mennifee; Assistants: Ashja Hudley and Zion Sampson; Food Committee: Becky Britton and Belinda Lias for the delicious food. Registration: Janie Nellums; Photography: Michele Lancaster; Nursery: Martha Conklin; Security: Robert Campbell, Trustees; Office: Danielle Lamb. Outing: DeKara Berry and Patricia Bronson. Thank you to all who volunteered and served in some way. You are appreciated. I list the names of our ministries and God’s servants not only to thank them but also to illustrate and acknowledge that it takes a village to do ministry and do it well! (Luke 10:1-2) All are needed in the service of God and at Epworth! Where are you called to serve? It’s not just an opportunity—it’s a privilege and an honor unto God! (Names are listed only once even though persons may have served in different capacities.)

In His Service, *Pastor Earnie*

CHILDREN & YOUTH GAME NIGHT
AND UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Children & Youth Game Night - Our next Game Night will be August 1, 2025 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Annual Fall Festival

Kick off the Fall Season with Loads of Fall Fun! Our Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 25, 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!

MISSIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS
JULY MISSION

July Mission Opportunity - Our July Mission is non-profit, Chattahoochee Valley Imagination Library.

Over 4,500 children aged birth to 5 years old in Muscogee and Chattahoochee County in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama are already enrolled, receiving a new age-appropriate book each month. Epworth’s goal is to provide a year's worth of books for 25 children. Please consider making your donation to the "Imagination Library." Please mark your pew envelopes “Imagination.” Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

T-SHIRT SUNDAYS

Every fourth Sunday, you are invited to wear a spiritual T-shirt, your favorite team's T-shirt, etc. - a T-shirt that brings you joy in the Lord! Our next T-shirt Sunday is July 27.

GRIEF/CAREGIVER MEETING

Grief / Caregiver Support Meeting - Our next Support Meeting is Tuesday, July 22, 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.

USHERS NEEDED

Interested in Serving with our Ushers? The Usher Committee needs volunteers to provide ushering services during worship on the second and fifth Sunday's of each month. If you are interested in volunteering for either week, please contact David Hay.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED

Tuesday, August 19, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday, September 20, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS
& OPPORTUNITIES
QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

-Trustees Meeting, Chair, Glenn Griffin - Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.
-SPRC Meeting, Chair, Michele Lancaster - Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.
-Finance Meeting, Chair, John Grandon - Tuesday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m.
-Church Council Meeting, Chair, Donna Faircloth - Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

*Note: If you are a committee member and you are not able to attend, please notify your committee chair.

*Note: For committee chairs whose committees are not listed above, please schedule your committee meeting for planning and submit your meeting reports prior to the September 12 reporting deadline in preparation for the Church Council meeting. These meetings can occur in person, via the church's Zoom or other ways. We want to make it convenient for all to attend and participate in the great ministry that God is doing through Epworth.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference-Monday, October 27, at 5:30p.m. Presiding, Reverend Jeff Cook, Northwest District Superintendent.

65TH CHURCH HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar for Epworth's 65th Homecoming. Sunday, September 28, 2025
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Meal to follow and Games for Children
Please RSVP at church@epworthumc.com or (706) 322-6973. Further information forthcoming.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

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

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	
Roger Buterbaugh	Diane Propst	Amanda Kinsman Vines	
George Bowen	Martha Bone	Danny Snider & Family	Davis/Osborne Family

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!

<div>ORDER OF WORSHIP</div> <div>July 20, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.</div> <div>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div><i>The * Denotes to please stand if able.</i></div>		
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	
<div>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.</div>		
*PRAISE SONG	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	UMH 384 vv. 1, 2, 4 Susan Dunn, Song Leader
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Quenton Brantley and Children	
CONGREGATIONAL SONG	"Freely, Freely"	UMH 389 vv. 1, 2 Song Leader
OFFERTORY APPEAL/PRAYER	Worship Leader	
<div><i>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.</i></div>		

*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 LESSON	LUKE 10:25-37	Dekara Berry
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God.		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Amazing Grace"	Mandi Battle Praise & Worship Director CCLI # 2967303, Song #4768151
SERMON SERIES	"When the Dust Settles"	Pastor
SERMON	"Stop, Drop and Roll!"	Pastor
*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	Pastor	
<i>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.</i>		
*CLOSING SONG	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	UMH 133 vv. 1, 2, 3 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.