

# Connection Card

April 14, 2024

- Please Select  1stTime Guest  
 Regular Attendee  
 Member  
 Emerge  Traditions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

I Prefer Contact By: text call email

I would like to sign up for the e-mail news \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Cordele First?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### My Stage in Life is:

- College  Twenty-something  
 Single Adult  Young Couple  
 Family  Empty Nesters

### I am interested in:

- Baptism  
 Joining the Church  
 Info on Small Grps & Sunday School  
 Getting involved and serving  
 Contact from one of the Ministers  
 Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday Night Supper

\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_ Permanent



1. Healthy prayer is less about \_\_\_\_\_ and more about \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." -Romans 8:24-25*

2. What to do when God seems distant:

A. Keep \_\_\_\_\_.

*"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." -Luke 11:9*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ what God has \_\_\_\_\_ for you in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me." -Psalm 13:5*

C. Place \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." -Psalm 42:5*

## This Week

### SUNDAY

10:00 am Sunday School

### MONDAY

6:00 pm Finance Committee  
Handbells

7:00 pm Church Council

### TUESDAY

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery  
8:00 pm Emerge Band Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 am AM Bible Study/ Basement

5:30 pm WNO

6:15 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm NP Bible Study

### THURSDAY

8:00 pm NP Praise Band Rehearsal

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

## Get In Contact With Us...

Rev. Larry Rollins | Lead Pastor

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Brandon Nipper | Emerge Worship

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Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Appointments can be made by contacting the church office at 229-273-4586



The Week of April 14, 2024

## 9 AM Emerge Worship

"The Mailbox is Full at This Time"

Luke 11:5-13 (The Message)

Rev. Larry Rollins

*Songs being played in worship this morning*

Protector | Kim Walker Smith

My Pursuit | Lydia Ingegneri

Even So Come | Passion

Fierce | Jesus Culture

## 11 AM Traditions Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Handbells

### Welcome and Time of Fellowship

#### \*Opening Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation* vs 1,3,5

No. 529

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

#### \*Gloria Patri

No. 70

### Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Celebrating Our Tithes and Offerings

#### \*Doxology

No. 95

#### \*Offertory Hymn

*Sweet Hour of Prayer* v 1

No. 496

### Anthem

*Hymn of Worship*

Chancel Choir

### The Word Proclaimed

*"The Mailbox is Full at This Time"*

Rev. Rollins

#### \*Closing Hymn

*Take Time to be Holy* vs 1,4

No. 395

#### \*Benediction

Rev. Rollins

### Postlude

Barbara Eschmann

*\*Please stand, if able*

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## News & Events



## Daily Devotions & Scriptures

### Monday, April 15 Read Psalm 13

All of us have, at some time or another, felt like the psalmist here-lost and perhaps abandoned, certainly we sometimes feel like God isn't listening to us. How does the psalmist find hope in his situation and what might that say to us in our own dark times? What has God done in the past for you that helps you hang on?

### Tuesday, April 16 Read Ezekiel 5:5-11

This is a scary prophesy, especially at v.11 where God promises to leave Israel. But note that it is Israel that left God long before (vv.6-7). Certainly when we feel God's absence it is not always because we have left and rebelled, but are there time when we have, perhaps unconsciously, separated ourselves from God? Yet note also that God does relent and offer grace and in Christ we have experienced the ultimate act of forgiveness. Are you feeling separated from God and if so, do you know why that might be? Talk to God about it in prayer today.

### Wednesday, April 17 Read Luke 11:5-13

When our prayers are not answered we often feel as if God is ignoring us or perhaps is angry at us. Why does Jesus use a parental metaphor here (especially in vv.11-13) to encourage us to be persistent in our prayers? Think of times when someone has loved you enough to say "no" and reflect on times when God has responded the same way. How does that help you in moments when you feel you are not being heard or mistreated by God?

### Thursday, April 18 Read Romans 8:18-25

Sometimes, even in our most faithful moments, we become frustrated that God doesn't seem to be acting fast enough or that He can't come to us soon enough. Paul agrees but reminds us that we need to persevere and trust that God's plan is unfolding. What do vv.24-25 mean to you right now? What sort of hope strengthens your faithfulness and your prayer life. Go back and read 8:1-6 to get a full picture of the basis for a hopeful life. How can you have hope in challenging times?

### Friday, April 19 Read John 16:5-22

One way to make sense of God's seeming absence might be to reflect on it as a loving way to help us grow. Like learning to walk, sometimes a parent lets go of our hand, but is still there nonetheless. Reflect on this illustration as you read this passage, particularly at v.7. Note too at v.13 the guiding hand of the Spirit in our maturation. How would Jesus words at this time and later bring comfort to the disciples? What is he saying to you in this right now?

### Saturday, April 20 Read Psalm 42

Before you read this, think of a time when you felt God had abandoned you or at least didn't feel as close as you wished. Now read the psalm and reflect on it as if it were your personal prayer in a time of challenge. How does it speak to you? What is God saying that you need to hear right now? How can you respond and deepen your relationship. Quietly listen for God's response to you.

## By The Numbers

**EMBRACE 408**

**Total Attendance in Worship**

Emerge: 264 | Traditions: 75

Nuevo Pacto: 15

**Total Missions Attendance**

SOUL Food:

Outreach Communion: 54

**INVEST 537**

**Total Groups and Classes**

Adults: 414

Youth: 47 | Children: 76

**ADVANCE**

Given this week: \$32,203.63

Budget Receipts: \$28,097.63

Weekly Needs: \$21,615.00

Designated Gifts: \$3,906.00

**Year to Date**

Non-Budget Giving \$29,683

Budget Needs \$302,610

Budget Giving \$271,476

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## Prayer Concerns

### New Prayer Requests

**Ed Eschmann**-surgery is Tuesday, April 16 at Navicent, and will be there a few days.

**Blake Hobbs**-back home

**Elbert Terry (Tater)**-CRH

**Linda Osborne**

**Marilyn Williamson**- back at Assisted Living in Milledgeville, will continue PT /OT

### Previous Weeks

**Joanne Clark**-is having surgery April 8

**Melton Culpepper**-doing PT

**John Herzog**- HOME PTL!

## Pray for Our Shut Ins

### At Home

Joe Cook Melody Whitaker Angie Greer

Bea Swinney

**Blackshear Villa** Stella Bridges Rm#8

**Cordele Health & Rehab**

Patti Hunt Rm 109 ; Eddie McLemore Rm 403;

Marcy Burke Rm 202

**Cordelia Manor-Fellowship Home**

Linda Bennett 215

**Magnolia Manor** | Hester Price Rm 531

**Magnolia Manor Moultrie**

Jack & Sandra Windham Apt 115

**Carlyle Place** | Tish Haley Stafford Suites Rm102

**Insignia of Newnan** | Ann Mitchell

**The Phoenix @ Lake Joy**

Sandra Duckworth

**Military members serving**

Stuart Peebles Layne Taunton Pilcher Thornton