

# Connection Card

## February 25, 2024

- Please Select  1stTime Guest  
 Regular Attendee  
 Member  
 Emerge  Traditions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I Prefer Contact By: text call email

I would like to sign up for the e-mail

news \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about Cordele First?

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**My Stage in Life is:**

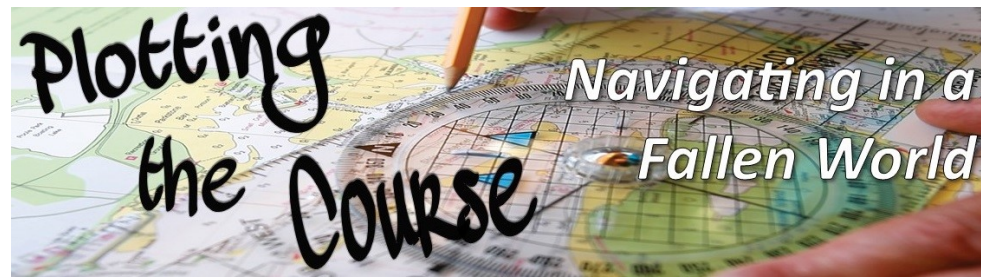
- College  Twenty-something  
 Single Adult  Young Couple  
 Family  Empty Nesters

**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



- The biggest obstacles to true discipleship are:
  - Our desire to make following Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with serving \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A fear of losing \_\_\_\_\_ and the things we truly \_\_\_\_\_ in.
- Christ helps us navigate the world's currents when we:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : I will engage in serious \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : I will look for areas where I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that are out of my \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ : Three things I will stop doing/give up in order to grow in my discipleship-
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> <b>This Week</b>          10:00 am Sunday School          5:00 pm Renovate Youth/Sunday Funday          6:00 pm Freedom Sings Concert in sanctuary</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b>          6:00 pm Handbells</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b>          6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery          8:00 pm Emerge Band Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b>          10:00 am AM Bible Study/ Basement          5:30 pm WNO          6:15 pm Bible Study, Youth &amp; Children's sm grps          6:30 pm Chancel Choir          8:00 pm NP Bible Study</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b>          8:00 pm NP Praise Band Rehearsal</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>Confirmation Retreat @ EBTS</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p>
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**Get In Contact With Us...**

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Barbara Eschmann   Pianist	Pamela Ellis   Organist

Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Appointments can be made by contacting the church office at 229-273-4586



## 9 AM Emerge Worship

### "Knowing the Currents"

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV) Rev. Larry Rollins

*Songs being played in worship this morning*  
 God of Wonders | Third Day  
 I Got Joy | Victory House Worship  
 Fear is Not My Future | Maverick City Music  
 Another in the Fire | Hillsong

## 11 AM Traditions Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent

<b>Welcome and Time of Fellowship</b>		
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Steal Away</i>	Pamela Ellis
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>My Lord, What a Morning vs 1,3</i>	No. 719
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>		No. 881
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>		No.70
<b>Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Celebrating Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>*Doxology</b>		No. 95
<b>*Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>I Want to Be Ready vs 1,3</i>	No 722
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>The Word Proclaimed</b>	<i>"Knowing the Currents"</i>	Rev. Rollins
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Nothing Between v 1,2</i>	No. 373
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	Pamela Ellis
<i>*Please stand, if able</i>		

# News & Events

**CORDELE FUMC**  
**FREEDOM SINGS**  
 A Musical Event Celebrating Black History, Black Musicians and Our Contribution to Western Music.  
 Join us to enjoy the sounds of Gospel, Musical Theater, Classical Music, and Negro Spirituals, with a focus on Black Performers and Composers. Come Celebrate the Spirit of Freedom!  
**FEBRUARY 25TH, 6PM, SANCTUARY**  
 302 E 12th Ave, Cordele GA

## Prayer Concerns

### New Prayer Requests

**Billy Rodgers**  
**Claire Williams** (Melton Culpepper's sister) Home on Hospice  
**Charles Clark**-Stephanie Marchant and Russ Clark's dad)  
**Sympathy to:**  
 Macy and Kyle Young and family in the death of Macy's mom, Diane Hobbs  
 Alicia Parker and family in the death of her husband, James.

### Previous Weeks

**Charles & Joyce Miller**  
**Melton Culpepper**-recovering from knee surgery  
**John Herzog**- doing PT in South Carolina.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT**  
 DINNER STUDY FELLOWSHIP MUSIC  
 Dinner & Fellowship 5:30 | Classes 6:15-7:00  
 Adults \$7 | Children (under 10) \$3 | Family maximum \$25

Scan for reservations



## 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 Rm 102  
**Insignia of Newnan** | Ann Mitchell  
**The Phoenix @ Lake Joy**  
 Sandra Duckworth  
**Military members serving**  
 Stuart Peebles Layne Taunton Pilcher Thornton

# Daily Devotions & Scriptures

## Monday, February 26 Read Psalm 22:23-31

The theologian Karl Barth talked about “cheap grace” wherein we become so used to God’s love and grace that we simply expect it and fail to be amazed, like the psalmist, at God’s incredible generosity. The end result is a stagnant, self-centered and empty religion that merely goes through the motions.

## Tuesday, February 27 Read Genesis 17:1-7;15-16

Abram’s uniqueness is found in God’s call on his life, not from anything he does or does not do. Yet he does do one thing: he *responds* to God, despite his age and uncertainty. As the old saw goes, “God is not looking so much for ability as availability.” Prayerfully reflect on this thought- how available are you, honestly- to God’s call to go and be about His Kingdom purposes? What are those purposes as you see them before you today?

## Wednesday, February 28 Read Romans 4:13-25

Our walk of faith is not built on what we do for God, but rather how we trust God to care for us in all situations as we seek to respond to His call. Abraham’s “righteousness” came from steadfastly staying on the right path and direction because that’s where God will be and where God is going. Does your path exhibit real trust and how? If not, what would it take to grow in trusting faith?

## Thursday, February 29 Read Mark 8:31-38

How does the challenge Jesus gives his disciples in v.34 relate to the rebuke he gives Peter in v.33? In your life, what do you stress and worry about and what takes the lion’s share of your energy and effort? In what ways might Peter’s rebuke apply to you? What “things of this world” might you need to give up if you were to grow in your discipleship? Write these down and discuss them with God in prayer today.

## Friday, March 1 Read Philippians 3:17-4:1

According to this passage, what is the difference between true disciples of Jesus and those who are either in opposition or just going through the motions? What does it mean that “their god is their belly (3:19)” and what does that look like in modern society? How can we as a church hold strongly against these tendencies?

## Saturday, March 2 Read Psalm 121

From this psalm, what can you learn about God? What can you learn about yourself? How personal are the words of this psalm to you and how applicable is its message for your life? If it is not, why do you think that’s so? How does this psalm define your own relationship with God?

# By The Numbers

**EMBRACE 577**

**Total Attendance in Worship**

Emerge: 314 | Traditions: 94

Nuevo Pacto: 22

**Total Missions Attendance**

SOUL Food: 147

Outreach Communion:

**INVEST 540**

**Total Groups and Classes**

Adults: 420

Youth: 56 | Children: 64

**ADVANCE**

Given this week:	\$28,912.00
Budget Receipts:	\$26,566.00
Weekly Needs:	\$21,615.00
Designated Gifts:	\$2,346.00

### Year to Date

Non-Budget Giving	\$14,741
Budget Needs	\$151,305
Budget Giving	\$137,301

For Electronic giving:  
 Scan the QR code below



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