



Newest Request 1st: Jan Truax, Cheryl Clifton, Danny Edwards, Sheldon Smith, Billy Willet, Betty Jo Thompson, Aries Haygood, Fred Brogdon, Eddie Wright, Johnny Jones, Charles Lee, Rachel

Thompson, Jim Kight, Mousie, Dianne Avret, Pam Griggers, Bowen Family, Merle Wilkes, Fran Williams, Charles James, Mary Ann Kavakos, Jess Inman, Eugene Joyner & Family, Connie Anderson, Marion Franklin, Betty Gray, Betty Grimes, Kate Kennedy, Marilyn Salem, *We are honored to be in prayer for the needs of our people. If you would like to add your request to our prayer list, please call the office or fill out the prayer request slip on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive additional prayer from our prayer chain, please call Jane Benton at (912) 293-6543.*

Dear Friends: Thank you for your prayers and concern; I am through with my treatments and your prayers and concern help me to get there. I've still got a ways to go. The recovery has been slow and tedious but with your continued prayers I will make it through. Macky Bryant

The Wings of Hope Thrift Store is in need of gently used items such as jewelry, linens, kitchen items, household goods, and furniture. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them by the Thrift store during store hours. If any of the youth or men are available to help us move furniture to the store on an occasional basis please let us know. Randi - 912-246-0253 Terri - 912-293-0488 or Debbie - 912-326-7901. God Bless!

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June 21, 2017

3 Reasons I am Excited about Returning as Your Pastor

At the close of each Annual Conference session, our bishop fixes the pastoral appointments for the year. It is an honor for me and my family to be appointed to serve a 4th year as your pastor! It seems like just yesterday that our moving truck pulled up to the church. At the same time, the love that we share together feels ageless. Amanda and I are so glad that we can continue to serve alongside you and live life with you!

I want to share 3 reasons in particular that I am excited about returning as your pastor (though there are many, many more!).

1. **We get to be a part of a growing and loving church!** A place where God is at work is exciting! I am so grateful that God is allowing me to be in such an exciting place. People are continuing to grow in faith and profess Jesus Christ. People are actively inviting friends, stepping into new ministries, and serving others. In the middle of it all, people are loved at Lyons FUMC. No matter who they are. They're loved in the sanctuary. They're loved in Sunday School. They're loved in their homes. They're loved at Wings of Hope. Do you remember how Jesus said the world would know that we are his disciples? By our love.



2. Our church is living the mission and growing in it every day. What I love about our mission, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, love each other, and love outside the walls," is that our church has committed to keeping the main thing the main thing. It's all about Jesus! It's not just a statement for our church. It is our guide and our way of life. It is amazing to be a part of a church where people in every sphere of the congregation take this mission seriously. Helping children and youth love God. People caring for each other in love and welcoming new families in love. Dedicating an amazing amount of time, resource, and energy into the Wings of Hope Mission Outreach Center. That's what it's about. And I'm glad I get to do this with you!

3. The third is a deeply personal reason. You love and honor my family. I cannot express to you how moved I am by how you love Amanda, Jack, Dean and Nora Mae. It brings tears to my eyes. Thank you for loving my children. They'll only be kids for a while and we only have a season to raise them into Christian adulthood. In the life of pastoral ministry, how the church will love your children is always an "x-factor." We hit the jackpot. I couldn't do this without your loving support of my family. I can't thank you enough. And I know that we're not the only family that feels this way.

I could keep going, but this newsletter only has so much room! Just know this: I remain deeply committed to Jesus Christ, to serving alongside you with my fullest conviction, and to living in great expectation about what God will do in and through our church in the coming year and years to come!

With love and joy,

Pastor Jim

Announcements

God and Country Service. Sunday, July 2nd at 11 AM, our chancel choir will lead us in a special service including the cantata, *In God We Trust*. *A covered dish luncheon will be served in the social hall immediately following the service. Wear your red, white, and blue!*

Assisting on Sunday, June 25, 2017

Ushers: Brandon Bowen, Pacer Joyner, Bill Hammock
Jimmy Brandenburg
Nursery Volunteers: LaWana Smith & Debbie Johnson
Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kavakos, Teddy Kavakos
Loraine Robbins
Given By: Mary Ann Kavakos

Assisting on Sunday, July 2, 2017

Ushers: Jay Mosley, Kevin Hill, Mike Lothridge
Kim Stephens
Nursery Volunteers: Amanda Morrow & Jamie Winge
Flowers: In Memory of Rosalie & Bobby O'Neal
Given By: Diane & Melvin McBride

Assisting on Sunday, July 9, 2017

Ushers: Scott Tuck, Charles Nobles, Powell Collins
Mike Calhoun, Gil Williams
Nursery Volunteers: Lawana Smith & Debbie Johnson
Flowers: In Memory of Bill Salem
Given By: The Family

Attendance & Stewardship

	6/4/2017	6/11/2017
Morning Worship	123	155
Evening Worship	No Service	21
Sunday School	80	99
Budget Received	\$9,744.00	\$6,657.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$150,662.88	\$157,213.44
Actual Receipts YTD	\$136,211.79	\$142,868.79
Bldg Fund	\$105.00	\$85.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00	---
Youth	\$25.00	\$5,025.00
Local Mission	\$220.00	---
Capital Campaign	\$100.00	\$294.00



Offering: Simply place your offering in the offering plate as an act of worship during each Sunday.

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