

**2019 FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, call the office or email Shantae at [shantae@douglasfirst.com](mailto:shantae@douglasfirst.com). Available dates are May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ANGELS OF PRAISE** meet on Wednesdays (May 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 4:30 p.m. in Robertson Hall. For more information please contact Loreli Rogers at 904-556-1136, Patti Vick at 706-455-0559 or Robin Clemmer.

**ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!** Sewing/Prayer Shawl Ministry at DFUMC in The Refuge Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact Vicki Pridemore (912-389-6322) or Jackie Greene (912-393-4429) if you are interested.

**GIVEPLUST<sup>+</sup>** is an on-line giving app for those who would like to begin giving financially to Douglas First UMC. We invite you to download the app and put in 31533 (zip code) and Douglas First will come up. You will be required to put in your home address, debit/credit card information or checking account. Any questions contact Chris Tuten or church office.

**PROJECT MUNCH** – We meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays (May 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>) in The Refuge. We serve elementary schools with over 500 munch bags for students each week. We need volunteers to pack bags weekly. Contact the church office for more information.

**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MAY 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Our Church provides a brief communion opportunity for shut-ins on Sunday afternoons after regular communion services. If you know of members who are unable to attend church and desire this service, please call Shantae at the church office with the name, address, and phone number.

**WORSHIP PLANS FOR MAY**

- May 5 Confirmation and Communion
- May 12 Mother’s Day
- May 19 Youth Sunday
- May 26 Memorial Day

**NEW!!! SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP (STARTING MAY 5<sup>th</sup>):** Sing! Sermon! Social! The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel and will be led by Pastor Walker.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES: 6:20 P.M.**

- Don Griffin – The Coming Judgment!
- Doug Walker – Making Healthy Choices (Beatitudes)

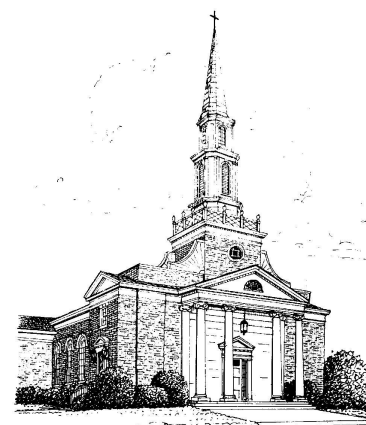
**Monthly Meetings & Upcoming Events**

- May 5<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. New Sunday Night Worship Service begins – Chapel
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. Circle 7 – Pennell
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Mother’s Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup>: Newsletter deadline
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Emily Eastin – Robertson
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Youth Sunday
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10:30 a.m. Preschool Cruise Drawing and End of Year Program
- May 24<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. Youth Half-nighter – The Refuge
- May 27<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- May 28<sup>th</sup>: Card Ministry – Pennell
- June 2: Bobby Bowden will be our guest speaker at 11:00 a.m. service 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Lunch – Robertson

Doug Walker	Pastor	Tania Myers	Organist
Dana Calhoun	Financial Secretary	Clara Hayes	Preschool Director
Josh McLemore	Youth Director	Norman Dockery	Facilities Manager
Shantae Dockery	Sec./Receptionist		CCL# 1585573
Sloane Cliett	Children’s Director		

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**May 2019**

**What will people say at your funeral?**

Interesting thought! Will some preacher have to make up stuff to make it sound like you were a nice person? Recently, we said farewell to one of our members who probably was not the richest in earthly wealth, but I believe he was rich in other ways! He was known as the “custodian” for one of the elementary schools of Douglas! When he was able to come to church, he was helping with clean up! He brought joy and happiness to everyone! It was not hard for Chris Calhoun and Frank Littleton to find the right words at his funeral! Why? Because he was focused on others!

Jesus once said, “when you do for the least of these you have done unto Me.” Jesus always had a way of saying the right thing at the right time! John 8, a person caught in adultery, the Pharisees wanted to stone them. Jesus simply said, “you who are without sin, throw the first stone.” Powerful words!

Our congregation has many great opportunities to be God’s instruments in Douglas. Already our people are ministering to homeless, outcast, less fortunate with compassion. This Summer our facilities will be used for feeding school children! Our Camp 151 will be rebuilding homes for those in need. We will be going to El Salvador on a mission trip.

God’s people are happiest when we are serving others! Our confirmation group that will joining the church next Sunday (May 5) are being asked to be faithful to God and His church with their prayers, presences, gifts, service and witness!

Hopefully, all of us will be renewing our own vows to God and His amazing body called the Church. During the next few weeks our worship themes will be on “Outwardly Focused Church.” Please consider your future, Jesus did ask in Matthew 25 when his followers got to heaven, when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was in prison, you visited me; when I was hungry and thirsty, you cared enough to provide nourishment.” God bless you in your service to God’s people! You will find true joy!

*Pastor Doug*

	OUR STEWARDSHIP			
<b>Attendance</b>	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Sunday School	99	97	102	82
8:30 AM	35	30	40	
11:00 AM	125	125	247	127
Easter Sunrise			30	
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>127</b>

**Our Prayer Concerns:** Laurence Day, Marlene Baldree, Cam McMillan, Doris Peterson, Paul Tarver, Mike Brawner, Expectant Mothers, Debbie Koeppler, Bob Cation, Brett Williams, Paige Davenport, Staci Warren, Dallas Suttles, Jan Adams, Cole Suttles, Lora Riner, Anne Peterson, Peggy Guthrie, Jenifer Raulerson, Kathy Howard, Harry Cohen, Meg Minchew, Mary Clyde Scott, Wesley Adams, Judy Hall, Tony Fletcher, Manor House & Lakeside Residents, Sheryl Youngblood

**IN MEMORIAM**  
*Venita Joan Paulk Milhollin*  
March 19, 1927 – April 5, 2019

**IN MEMORIAM**  
*Cheryl Dockery Polk*  
December 3, 1944 – April 14, 2019

**KEENAGERS ACTIVITIES:**

- Cedar Lane Supper - May 16
- Don't forget our monthly gathering at Flying Cowboy on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** Thank you, thank you for supporting the preschool efforts with the Disney cruise! We are almost there with a few envelopes remaining. If you still need an envelope or just a ticket, see any Preschool Staff or Advisory Group members. The drawing will be live @ 10:30 am on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Year End Program at 11:00 am. Look for it on Facebook!

**Free Movie Event!!**  
**INDIVISIBLE**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Rockin' 8 Cinemas

Sponsored by Hebron Baptist Church

For more information and to get your name or group on the guest list, contact Ginny Carver at 912-381-8972 or [g.i.his.Name@gmail.com](mailto:g.i.his.Name@gmail.com) or on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/GatheredinHisNameBibleOutreach](http://www.facebook.com/GatheredinHisNameBibleOutreach)

**CHILDREN'S NEWS:**

**Wednesday Whirl Warriors - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Choir Practice, Whirl Bible Lesson, Snack and Craft

**The children will be singing on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 a.m. service.**

**Epworth by the Sea "Children's Camps for the Summer"**

Rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Elementary 1: July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Elementary 2: July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Deadline to register is June 24<sup>th</sup> and cost is \$315

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**Vacation Bible School**

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Half nighter: May 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm-12:00am

Join us in The Refuge for movies, games, food, and fellowship!

**Epworth Middle School Summer Camp**

Entering 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Middle School Camp 1: June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (Deadline to register is June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Middle School Camp 2: June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> (Deadline to register is June 10<sup>th</sup>)

Cost: \$315

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**Epworth High School Summer Camp**

Entering 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (Deadline to register is May 28<sup>th</sup>)

Cost: \$315

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**Beach Retreat: July 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>**

Sign-ups for our beach retreat in Panama City Beach will be coming soon! Go ahead and save that date!

*Join us for a bridal shower in honor of*

*Emily Eastin*

*Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Douglas First United Methodist Church*

*Robertson Hall*

*Hosted by friends*

*Registry: Becky's, Belk, and Target*

**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS ~ Cost for each stem is \$2.00 and deadline to order is May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Number of carnations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

**SPRING BANQUET**

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

featuring Charlie Ward

Please contact Pastor Doug Walker if you are interested in attending.

**This summer we will be partnering with the Coffee County School Nutrition Program and will be a Feeding Georgia's Kids Summer Meals host site again.** The school board will make and provide free lunch Monday through Thursday to everyone under the age of 18 and we will distribute them at the church from 12-1 pm. The program is for the month of June and the second week of July.

We need your help. Please share the word and let people know of this great resource. We also need 2 people per shift (11:45-1:15 pm) to help distribute the food and clean up afterwards. If you are interested in signing up to help, please contact Loreli Rogers at 904-556-1136 or the church office.

**Bobby Bowden, former coach of the Florida State Seminoles football team, will be our guest speaker on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.** We will also have a covered dish luncheon following the service. The church supplies the drinks and paper products. **Meat is not provided**, so please include that in the thought process about what you are planning to bring. Please plan on joining us. (The 8:30 a.m. worship service will be in the Chapel on this day.)

Dr. & Mrs. Griff Lindsey  
& Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Carver invite  
you to share in the joy of the marriage  
uniting their children

**EMILY  
BLAKE EASTIN**

at  
**2:30  
PM**

reception  
following

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**22**  
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