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## The Vessel

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### Regathering Updates: Open Seating in the Sanctuary!

***Big news! Beginning this Sunday, we are relaxing seating restrictions in the sanctuary! We have removed the ropes that designated seating in certain areas, opening up the sanctuary to provide more comfort and flexibility in our seating for our indoor services.***

Our Church Council, the leadership body for our congregation, continues to faithfully provide hospitable and safe opportunities for worship and ministry. Together, we have monitored our needs, opportunities, and circumstances over the past year. Thankfully, COVID-19 cases have drastically decreased over the past month. Many people have been vaccinated and others are planning to do so. We've seen an increase in the number of people attending worship in-person, particularly inside the sanctuary. We were at near capacity inside the sanctuary over the past month. Additionally, Governor Brian Kemp's recent executive order ("Empowering a Healthy Georgia," issued on March 31, 2021) removed gathering restrictions for organizations like ours effective on April 8, 2021.

After careful and prayerful consideration, our council made the decision to open the remaining seating in our sanctuary for those who are comfortable and ready to worship inside. We will continue to provide sanitizer, gloves, and masks around the building. We will continue to provide no-touch worship aids such as lyrics and liturgy on the screen and offering stations. Masks will still be more than welcome, but not required. For the time being, we are still refraining from congregational singing, but we will have more flexibility to provide special music with groups of people who are comfortable doing so. (A side note: I can't wait to sing "It is Well with My Soul" with all of you at the top of my lungs! And then "Come Thou Fount!" Oh, and then "Church in the Wildwood!" Soon. I'll be patient, but I'm getting these rusty pipes ready.)

**We continue to offer a variety of options and venues for worship** to welcome as many people as possible. Seating in the fellowship hall during the 11:00 AM service will remain set up for social distancing for in-person worship with the live feed. We continue to offer our outdoor 9:00 AM service and our online service at 11:00 AM.

**The Church Council also invites Sunday School classes and other small groups to reconvene.** Our Sunday School Superintendent, Andy Whiten, has been connecting with Sunday School teachers and other leaders to make plans that for reconvening in comfortable ways. One class is already meeting in-person. Others can begin as they feel comfortable. Our goal is to have our classes reconvened in some fashion by the Sunday after Labor Day. As always, we want every individual to feel perfectly at peace doing whatever they feel is best for them. We trust your judgement and respect your decisions.

I am thankful to God for providing relief from the pandemic thus far. Join me in continuing to pray for an end to the pandemic and comfort for our world.

I'm excited to enter a new phase of regathering in-person. I hope you'll join us on Wednesday, April 21st for our church-wide cookout! (See inside for more info). I also look forward to seeing you in worship. Come join us!

# 2021 5 Day Bible Reading Program

## Week 16: April 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

- Ruth 1 - 2; Acts 3
- Ruth 3 - 4; Psalm 37; Acts 4
- 1 Samuel 1 - 2; Psalm 120; Acts 5
- 1 Samuel 3 - 5; Psalm 23; Acts 6
- 1 Samuel 6 - 8; Acts 7

## Week 17: April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

- 1 Samuel 9 - 10; Acts 8
- 1 Samuel 11 - 13; Psalm 38; Acts 9
- 1 Samuel 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10
- 1 Samuel 15 - 16; 1 Chronicles 1; Psalm 39; Acts 11
- 1 Samuel 17; 1 Chronicles 2; Acts 12



Dear Church Family,

Over the past several years we have had the wonderful opportunity to provide backpacks of food for a group of needy children at Glennville Elementary School. This year we have provided 45 children with backpacks every weekend while school has been in session. The backpacks supply a variety of food items for the children to eat over the weekend. It cost about \$4000 per year for this ministry. We purchase most of the food at a significant discount through Second Food Harvest in Savannah. Thank you to those who have supported this ministry through their designated donations over the past years and those who have packed and delivered the backpacks each week.

As this school year closes, we have depleted the special giving's for this ministry. If you would like to donate funds to start the 2021-2022 school year, please mark your contribution to go to the Backpack Ministry.

If you are interested in helping pack the backpacks, please contact me at 912-237-0433.

Thank you for all of your support,  
Sharon Durrence

## PRAYERS & CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our prayers and Christian sympathy are extended to the friends and family of Rhonda DeLoach. Rhonda is the sister of Rebecca Woolard, wife of Michael Woolard. Rhonda passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church with burial in the Church cemetery.

A sympathy card was sent from the church congregation.



Bring a chair and join us at the church on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship.

The men will be cooking hamburgers, sausage dogs, french fries and providing a canned drink. The meal will be served in take out plates with sealed utensils & condiments.

The meal will also be available in drive thru for those who would be more comfortable participating in that way.

We hope to see you there!

## CELEBRATING BAPTISM AND PROFESSION OF FAITH!



Mr. Graham "Gray" Gowen Porter  
1083 Durrence Rd.  
Glennville, GA 30427

Gray is the son of Jonathan & Ashlan Porter and brother of Drummond Porter. Gray is the Grandson of the late Eddie & Libby Durrence and Alan & Johnna Porter. He is also the Great Grandson of the late Edsel Coy & Wynell Durrence.

# Remembering You on Your Special Day!



## April 18 – May 1

|    |                     |    |                |
|----|---------------------|----|----------------|
| 19 | Milli Anderson      | 27 | Lindsey McLeod |
| 20 | Bella Brisley       |    | Cole Weitman   |
| 21 | Jennifer Grooms     |    | Cade Weitman   |
|    | Emma Grace Rogers   | 28 | Renna Helman   |
| 22 | Angelynne Sheffield | 30 | Ansley Rogers  |
|    | Anna Kate Dutton    |    | Madeline Kim   |
| 25 | Mary Kathryn Banks  | 1  | Carlene Fravel |
|    | LeAnne Durrence     |    | Carson Becton  |
| 26 | Ezra Dunham         |    |                |
|    | Hamilton Whiten     |    |                |



## April 18 – May 1

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 18 | Henry & Carol Strickland |
| 19 | Caughey & Julianne Hearn |
| 21 | Evan & Melissa Fisher    |
| 30 | Alan & Angie Whiten      |

If we do not have your family's birthdays and anniversaries, please call the Church office at 654-2587.

## Prayer Concerns

### CRISIS

#### •✠Rhonda DeLoach Family

#### •Sharlene Randall

Kannon Harrell  
Anna Dean Sapp  
Deborah Durrence  
Cindy Sheffield  
Mary Todd  
Matt Rogers  
Michael Mitchler

#### •✠Logan Porter Family

#### ✠Nancy Mann Family

Pam Dasher  
Richard Kemp  
Joy Tyre  
Kristi Kaiser  
Bytha Durrence  
Michael Groover  
Monica Howard

#### •Kaycee O'Neal

#### ✠Jerry Dasher Family

Wendell Johnson  
Jeanine Lamb  
Westley Bland  
Michelle Bland  
Eddie Banks  
Angela Folsom  
Stanton Browne

#### •Danette Brannen

#### ✠Jimmy Parker Family

Glenda Johnson  
J.R. Crumpler  
Linda Ellis  
Doug Williams  
A.J. Harris  
Jesse Bradley

### GENERAL

Jon Dasher  
Arthur Downs  
LeAnne Durrence  
Tragester & Barnickel Families  
Charlie & Sheila Tinch  
Emerson Todd

Michael Browne  
Nell Thompson  
William Anderson  
Threlkeld Family  
Eunice & Lucy McIlwain  
Logan Bonin

Randy DerBaum  
Connie O'Neal  
Billy Lane  
Margaret Danner  
Faye Burkhalter

Sonny Morgan  
Daniel Richey  
Milli Anderson  
Brad Lane & Family  
Miles DeLoach

### MILITARY

Jeric B. Heflin (Deploying)  
Chad Jordan  
Duston Mancel

Angela Belding  
Alex Santacruz

David White  
Justin Dean Coleman

Jeremy Chase  
Tyler Gillette

#### • New Names / ✠ Hospital

#### ✠ Families of Deceased

Names will remain on the Crisis List for 2 weeks then will be moved to the General List for 2 weeks.  
Once remaining on the General List for 2 weeks they will then be removed unless the church office is otherwise notified.



## Glennville United Methodist Church Worship Attendance

|                             | <u>April 4</u> | <u>April 11</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 a.m.:                  | 99             | 61              |
| Children's Church:          | 0              | 14              |
| 11:00 a.m.:                 | 46             | 22              |
| *Online:                    | 42             | 61              |
| Total in Person Attendance: | 145            | 97              |
| Total Attendance:           | 187            | 158             |
|                             |                |                 |
| Youth Group:                | 0              | 0               |
| Upper Elementary:           | 0              | 0               |

*\*The South Georgia Conference uses a formula to determine the number of online viewers: # confirmed viewers x 2.65 = number to report as attending.*



### Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders & Youth...

Come join us for an evening of good food, games & s'mores at the home of Charlton & Anna Rogers (1557 Hencart Rd.) on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Youth will meet at 6:00 p.m.

***We hope to see you there!***



We are once again taking orders for bricks to be placed in our Memorial Sidewalk.

If you would like to order a brick In Honor of or In Memory of a loved one or to represent your family, please contact the church office by Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The cost for bricks will be \$50.00.



## Nursing Home Ministry

The following are members or family of members that are residents in nursing homes or assisted living homes. Please take time out of your schedule to pray for, send a card to or visit these loved ones. It will be a blessing to their day as well as yours!

### Glenvue Nursing Home

Betty Jackson      Edsel Thompson      Velma Salter

### North Springs

Claxton, GA  
Shirley Hearn

### The Fountains in Cartersville

Cartersville, GA  
Richard Flournoy



## Graduate Recognition Sunday

Join us on Sunday, April 25th to celebrate and bless the high school class of 2021 at our 11:00 AM service! We will also have a special time of prayer for them at our 9:00 AM service.

Our known graduates are: Ella Marie Anderson, Alicia Ann Quarles, Thomas Charlton Rogers, III.

If you or your student are graduating this year, we want to celebrate you! Please contact the church office to let us know so we can recognize everyone's accomplishments!

*"God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates as they now finish their course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen." -- Blessing for Graduates from the United Methodist Book of Worship, #536*



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## 5 Ways You Can Connect:



1. **Worship.** Join us for worship on Sunday mornings. We have 3 services: 9 AM on the Front Porch (bring a chair and enjoy!); 11AM in the sanctuary with extra seating in the social hall; and 11AM online at [www.glennvilleumc.com/worship-online](http://www.glennvilleumc.com/worship-online); [youtube.com/glennvilleumc](https://youtube.com/glennvilleumc); [facebook.com/glennvilleumc](https://facebook.com/glennvilleumc); and [twitter.com/glennvilleumc](https://twitter.com/glennvilleumc)

**2. 5-Day Reading Plan.** Continue to read scripture in community with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Our 5-Day Reading Plan will help you read the entire Bible in a year in only 5 days per week. The reading plan is available on our website and the weekly readings are in The Vessel.

**3. Call a Member.** Call a church member. Check on them and spend some time chatting. Consider calling someone you don't know as well. If you are a member of the church, we can get you a copy of the most up-to-date contact information for our church membership.

**4. Giving.** Your giving matters to God and the church! If you are able, please continue to give. You can give at any of our in-person worship services. You can also mail your tithes and offerings to the church. If you use online banking, you can also instruct your bank to send a check to the church.

**5. Serving the Community.** Jesus said we are the salt of the earth. Salt isn't meant to stay in the shaker, it's meant to be poured out. If you are able, find a way to serve. Help someone who can't get out; write a note to residents in assisted living; assist someone with technology. Find a way to continue making a difference for Christ in our community!