

It is Good to Baptize Our Children

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PROFESSION OF FAITH OF PARENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed 881

PLEDGE OF PARENTS

BAPTISM OF WATER

PRAYER OF BLESSING

HYMN OF BLESSING “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” 611

It is Good to Give to God With a Thankful Heart

CALL TO GIVING 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NLT)

¹Now regarding your question about the money being collected... You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. ²On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”
Avery Wallace, Solo

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

It is Good to Hear God Speak

SERMON Pastor Aaron Ankeny

It is Good to Depart and Serve

***HYMN** “Something Beautiful” (x2) 394

***BENEDICTION**

We are Easter people!

Our lives are founded on the resurrection truth.

Go and live by the Hope God gifted to us in Easter.

Every morning has the Hope of Easter for us.

Share that Hope in the world.

We go as Christ’s ambassadors.

POSTLUDE

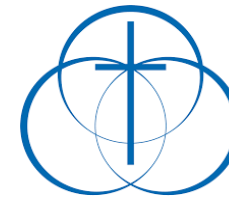
“Duke Street”

“Jesus Shall Reign”

***(Please stand where indicated)**



First Methodist Church
of Lake City



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL

“that no child sleeps on the floor in our town.”

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APRIL 21, 2024
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

It is Good to Gather for Worship

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Blaine Wheeler, Liturgist

It is Good to Seek God's Presence

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God's Presence

PRELUDE "Festive Prelude on Hydrydol" Bish/Malone
"Alleluia, Sing for Jesus"

It is Good to Give God Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has invited us here today in this Sanctuary,

And we have come seeking sanctuary in His Presence.

Indeed God is our best help and hope from the troubles in this world.

We look to no other but God. The Lord alone is worthy.

To rest in God's help and comfort we must give up seeking control.

We are ready to surrender and commit to God's Will.

First that means to stop living in the past.

We can break away from the past through forgiveness and Grace.

Secondly we must start living in the Truth.

God's Word and Spirit guide us to the Truth.

With that attitude we are in the right mind and the right place—right now!

We join in praise and worship to the God of our salvation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O God Our Help In Ages Past" 117

It is Good to Affirm God's Help in Our Lives

GOD'S PROMISE TO HELP

Psalm 72:12-13 (all)

¹² For He delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

GOD'S HELP IN SIN AND GUILT

Isaiah 43:25 (men)

²⁵ I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Romans 8:1 (women)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

GOD'S HELP IN FEAR

Deuteronomy 1:29-30 (all)

²⁹ I said to you, "Have no dread or fear of them.

³⁰ The Lord your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes,

GOD'S HELP IN WORRY AND TROUBLE

Psalm 50:15 (women)

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Psalm 34:17 (men)

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

GOD'S HELP IN SUFFERING

Isaiah 43:2 (all)

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

HYMN "God Will Take Care of You"

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GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Shoeboxes for kids are collected in mid November as an outreach by local churches and communities in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. FMC is working on collecting items for the boxes now through October. Each month will focus on certain things but you can bring items at any time even if it's not something listed in that particular month.

Please visit the table in the narthex and pick up an information sheet with ideas that may be dropped off at any time. Monetary donations are also appreciated to help with shipping. Just make sure to write 'Christmas Shoebox' on your check on offering envelope.

In April, we are focusing on wash cloths, combs and brushes as well bar soap and bar soap storage boxes.

WEEKLY GIVING 4/14

Offering \$ 5,748

Gifts/Pledges \$ 5,214

Flowers \$ 50

Children's Home \$ 70

Miscellaneous \$ 54

Sleep in Heavenly Peace \$ 50

Revenue through March \$ 62,372

Expenses through March \$ 62,064

Vanco \$ 660

Men's Fellowship \$ 121

Memorials \$ 25

Fish Fry \$ 164

Attendance 83



Prayer Concerns



Homebound:

† Dot Pitman † George & Cookie Richardson † Sallie Rae Williams

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Terry Reiter † Bill Poplin † Glenn Jones, Sr.-VA Hospital, Gainesville

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Nancy Hunter-Solaris † Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Willowbrook † Helena Powers-Solaris

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Sandra Buck-Camp's friends, Alice G. St. John & Joan Crawford, veteran, WSMC † Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Sandra Buck-Camp's sister-in-law, Dottie Henne † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Sandra Buck-Camp's friend, Ottolie S. Glickman † Susan Lagoni † Bill Lagoni † Bailey's friend, Jason Harry † Lorene Douberley's granddaughter, Sarah Geer † Bailey's friend, Angie Ulsh and Joyce Ulsh † Dave Field † Steve, Brian, & Sam Berryhill † Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Gracie Howell † Katrina Counts † Reya Chauncey and the King Family

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Riley Martin † Suzanne Melton † Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off along the perforation and put this card in the offering plate.

We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

Please Print your name (s) in this space:

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Notes/Prayer Requests

[] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS


- 2 Dorothy Pitman
- 3 Witt Register
- 5 Kyle Stevens
- 6 Susan Woodard
- 7 Joan Williams
- 8 Bob Breyer
- 11 Bob Shaw
Patti Summerlin
- 12 Christopher Costello
- 13 Julie Davis
- 14 Joel Barber
- 17 Claire Walsh
- 18 Jule Reiter
- 21 Hillary Bailey
- 22 Tim Hembree
- 25 Quincy Barber
- 26 Nancy Hunter
Ken McCall



If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Ankeny
Director of Music: David Malone
Pianist: Amelia Tompkins
Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith
Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober
Custodian: Heather Crawford
Grounds Keeper: Austin Reiter



The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my granddaughter, Ivie May's Baptism from Joan Williams.

Allier Flowers

NEWS and EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 27-Ladies' Spring Luncheon

All ladies are invited. Meet at the church @ 10:30 am and carpool to Joyce & Billy Ogden's Rive Home on the Ichetucknee River.

Wednesday, May 1-First Wednesday Family Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm-Cookout and Ice Cream Social

Thursday, May 2-National Day of Prayer

BACKPACK MINISTRY

There are still several weeks left in the school year and FMC continues to feed 35 children on the weekends (breakfast, lunch and dinner along with snacks, milk and juice). Funds are running low so donations to this wonderful ministry would be helpful. The goal for funds needed is \$2,000. Please write "Backpacks" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope if you would like to donate.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

SHP is in need of new blankets, heavy quilts or heavy comforters to meet the needs of bed requests received so far. The items must be in the original packaging.

	2023	2024	Total
Beds built :	102	64	166
New Beds requested:		43	43
Beds Delivered:	55	60	115