

The background features a stylized design with three fish in grey outline, swimming in a clockwise direction. They are framed by thick red lines that form a partial square and a large 'C' shape. Small red circles are placed at the corners of the square frame.

# ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*The Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

AUGUST 2, 2015  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome

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We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and all of our services are live-streamed on our website at [athensfirstumc.org/webcast](https://athensfirstumc.org/webcast).

## *Nursery*

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

## *Children*

Worship activity bags (age appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through second grade and follows the Children's Message during 11:00 a.m. worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays.

## *Sunday School*

We offer Sunday School for all ages, kindergarten through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit [athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool](https://athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool).

## *Connect*

We are blessed to have a large congregation. Because of this, we offer many programs and ministries. It can be overwhelming trying to decide where to get involved. If you would like someone to guide you along this process, please contact Martha Aenchbacher.

Another great way to learn about the life of our church is through attending a Newcomer Orientation held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, [athensfirstumc.org](https://athensfirstumc.org), for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit [athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples](https://athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples) to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the eSteeple. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athens\_firstumc on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

# The Worship of God

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\*Please stand as you are able.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

## Gathering

*The flowers on the  
altar today are  
given to the glory  
of God and in  
loving memory of  
Martha Jim, and  
John Thurmond  
and Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Clement by  
Mr. and Mrs. John  
W. Thurmond, Jr.*

### THE PRELUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | Manz

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. “Come, Christians, Join To Sing”  
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

### THE WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beth Dickinson

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” | ANGEL’S STORY

### \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do, but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when it is frightening or uncomfortable. All this we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Betsy Butler

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day**

**our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## *Proclamation of the Word*

### THE OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” | Littlepage

Sung by the Worship Team.

The words to this anthem can be found on page 480 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. “A Communion Invitation” | Martin

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

*Gentle Pilgrim, come and eat, all who hunger, all who need. Bread is broken for the feast, come and all will be received.*

*Come ye trav'ler in the night. All who thirst for life divine. Jesus bids you come and dine. Fill your cup with heaven's wine.*

*Bread of comfort, hope of glory, wine of promise, come fill our empty hearts. Come ye weary to the Lord. Bread is served and wine is poured. All your strength will be restored, one in Christ for evermore.*

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

JOSHUA 24:14-15

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

### THE SERMON

“We Make Choices and Choices Make Us” | Chuck Hodges

# *Response to the Word*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

At Athens First United Methodist, all are invited to commune at Christ's table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the center station with the acolytes.

## *Sending Forth*

### \* THE BLESSING

### \* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"We Receive Your Blessing"

**We receive your blessing, we receive your grace as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.**

### \* THE POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross" | Manz

# Sermon Notes

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## AUGUST USHERS

8:30 a.m. Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowrey, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and Sharon Broun

9:45 a.m. Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseeter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill  
11:00 a.m. Al Hawley, Henry Folsom, Tom Henson, Henry Garrard, Jim Lyons, Jake Riley, Frank Thornburg, Mike Scott, Tom Dean

## OFFERING STEWARDS

Bob Booth, Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

## GREETERS

Scott and Kristen Williams, Steve and Susan Greer, Vic Armstrong and Mason McWhorter, Mary and Henry Folsom, Kelli and Wayne Dean

## FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Campbell Cona, Joseph Mahoney, Charlotte Knight, Trent Nesbit  
9:45 a.m. Joseph Frierson  
11:00 a.m. Matt Moseley, John Knight, Sydney Bell

## ATTENDANCE ON JULY 26

**Total Worship | 690**

**Sunday School | 296**

9:45 a.m. | 257

11:00 a.m. | 357

Online | 76

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,664,440

Goal for July | \$170,070

Amount after 3 Sundays | \$147,539

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"You are the body of Christ and  
individually members of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27

**In order to love one another, we must know one another.** Our goal is to provide you with a comprehensive directory that you may turn to for information about our church body. In order for this tool to be a reliable source of information about our members, we are aiming for 100% participation from each person in our congregation. Please sign up to have your photo taken for our family album.

**Sign up in the library**

Now until August 9

**Photo sessions**

August 25–September 15



## Memoriam

Walter White  
July 21, 2015

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Charlotte White and family in the loss of her husband, Walter White, on July 21.



## Promotion Sunday | Today

Today is Promotion Sunday. All children age 2 (on or before September 1) through students in grade 12 are promoting to their new grade/age level. Room locations are posted in the Galleria, youth hallway, and third floor for reference. Children under age 2 by September 1 promote developmentally throughout the year.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/promotionsunday](http://athensfirstumc.org/promotionsunday)

## Photo Directory Greeters Needed

We need greeters to help greet and check people in during photography sessions. Please contact Rachel if you would be willing to share your time as a greeter.

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## Holy Ground | Today

We are excited to announce a new Sunday morning routine for grades 1-4. Beginning August 2, children in grades 1-4 should be dropped off Sunday school in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Children will participate in a unique faith experience through singing, creating, and learning how the Bible can come alive in their world. After Holy Ground, children will

walk to the third floor with their shepherds. Parents should pick up their Grade 1-4 students from the third floor at the end of Sunday school.

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## Kids Music and Arts

"Come and Follow Me" to Kids Music and Arts this year! This Wednesday night program is choir and more for children age 3 through grade 4. Every child who is 3 years old by September 1, 2015 through fourth grade is invited to participate. This year we will learn about trusting and following God through singing, ringing, moving, playing, acting, and creating. Registration is now open online and families will receive an information packet in the mail. Information and registration cards will also be available at the Kids Hub in the Galleria and on the third floor children's Sunday School bulletin board.

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## REACH | Service Opportunities

On August 5, there will be an opportunity to serve dinner

to new students at UGA's International Student Orientation on campus. The meal will be catered, but our church will supply homemade desserts. We are in need of 25 donations of cakes, cookies, brownies, or cobblers for this evening. The desserts can be dropped off at the church by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5. We also need six volunteers to come to campus and serve the students that evening. Please sign up online to donate a dessert, and contact Lynn if you would like to serve and greet. The deadline to register to serve and/or provide dessert for the August 5 opportunity is Monday, August 3.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/reachinternational](http://athensfirstumc.org/reachinternational)

Lynn Bryant | [athens1stism@aol.com](mailto:athens1stism@aol.com) | 706-202-9017

## The Ark Golf Tournament | August 8

The Ark, a mission partner of our church, invites you to their 23rd Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing for Hope." The Golf Tournament will be Saturday, August 8, at the UGA Golf Course. There is a registration fee of \$100 per golfer, and mulligans are \$10 per player or \$70 per team (limit of 2 per player). All proceeds benefit The Ark. Contact Marty Webb if you have any questions.

Register | [athensark.org](http://athensark.org)

Marty Webb | [martin\\_webb@bellsouth.net](mailto:martin_webb@bellsouth.net)



## Newcomer Orientation | August 9

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation on Sunday, August 9, in the Hospitality Room (on the Adult Sunday School hallway). Two sessions are offered, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. You can learn more about Athens First United Methodist, including ways to get involved and how to become a member.

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## Early Book Group | August 11

The Early Book Group will meet on Tuesday, August 11, for a potluck supper and planning session at 6:00 p.m. at the Kuhlman home. Interested persons who have not participated before are invited to call George and Cindy Kuhlman to attend.

Cindy and George Kuhlman | [gckuhlman@charter.net](mailto:gckuhlman@charter.net)  
706-543-9511

## Children's Consignment Sale August 14-15

If you would like to help us get ready for the Children's Consignment Sale, we would love your help at a time convenient to your schedule. We need help with sorting, screening, tagging, and organizing items for the sale. Between Monday, August 3, and Friday, August 7, please contact Mary Claire or Betsy to set up a time for you to help. To volunteer the week of the sale, please register online.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale](http://athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale)

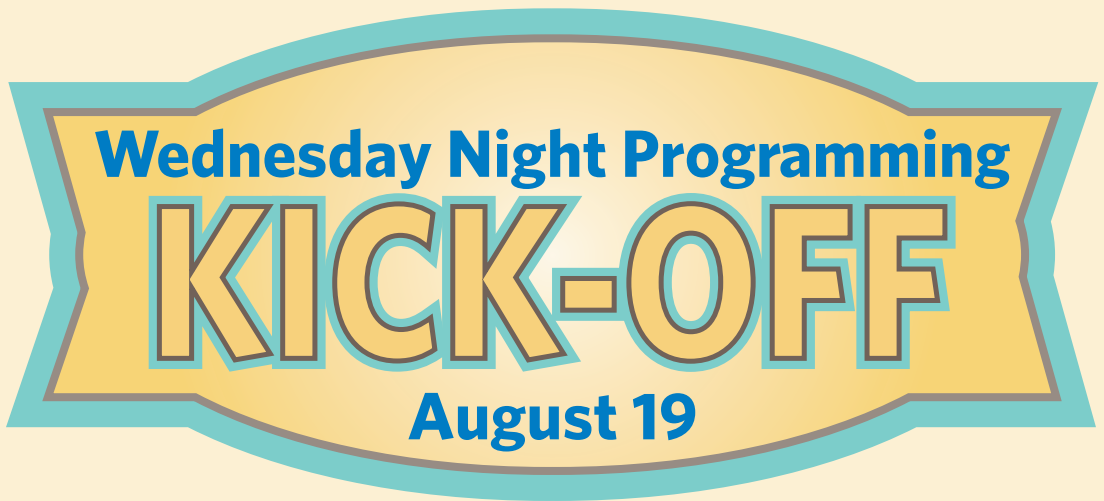
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## Churchwide BBQ | August 30

If you enjoyed the worship last month during Summer Worship, you won't want to miss the Churchwide BBQ. We will enjoy more excellent music along with great barbecue and fellowship with our church family. We hope you've marked your calendar to join us August 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park.



## Join Us!

On August 19, we will kick off our Wednesday night programming for the fall. Wednesday Night Meals will begin with all of our caterers present for a preview of this year's selection. We will also offer a preview of many of the adult small groups that will be offered this fall. Children and youth are off to a grand start as well as Kids Music and Arts, Route 56's GPS, and ONE Student Ministry's Engage all begin activities on Wednesday, August 19. We hope to see you there.

**Kids Music and Arts | 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**GPS (Grades 5-6) | 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Engage (Grades 7-12) | 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday Night Meals | 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**Connect to Community Preview | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

## Disciple 3: Remember Who You Are

Disciple 3, “Remember Who You Are,” looks at the major and minor Old Testament prophets and the apostle Paul as they continually called people back to their God and to a sense of who they were as a people “set apart.” The Disciple series goes deep into the word of God, and as small group members journey together, they develop deeper relationships with God and one another. The cost of the workbook is \$40. This study will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 26, and is led by Don Griner and Mary Lynn Lane. You can preview Disciple 3 on August 19 at Wednesday Night Kick-off.

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## Freeway

*Freeway: A Way to be Free* is an eight-week coed experience that is built upon God’s amazing grace, conversations with friends, and a personal exploration of our life story. Past participants rave about this study that takes them on a grace-filled journey toward the life God dreams for them. Freeway will be a great place to connect with others if you have not found a place to connect at Athens First United Methodist Church. This study will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 26. The cost of this study is \$20. Please register online to facilitate planning and ordering materials. If you are interested, plan to preview this class on Wednesday, August 19.

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## Living Fully, Dying Well

Led by Dianne Morrison, this study will guide participants to learn how to face openly and unafraid the benefits and limitations of aging and end-of-life decisions. The group will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the John Wesley Parlor beginning Wednesday, August 26. The cost of the book is \$11. This study will be available to preview on August 19. Make plans to join us for more information.

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## Experiencing God

*Experiencing God* is a classic Bible study that looks at what it is to know and do the will of God. As a small group, participants will examine Biblical and contemporary

illustrations to understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. This study meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning on August 26 and is led by Alan Cannon. The cost of the participant book is \$17. A preview is available on August 19.

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## Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University will be offered Tuesday nights this fall, September 1 through October 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Materials for this course cost \$100; couples share one set of materials. Childcare is available with registration. This group will meet in room 222. Please join us for Wednesday Night Kick-off, August 19, to preview Financial Peace University.

Joy and Jack Davis | [joydavis1561@gmail.com](mailto:joydavis1561@gmail.com) and [pjackdavis53@gmail.com](mailto:pjackdavis53@gmail.com)

## Comeback Boys of the Bible

*Comeback Boys of the Bible* by Neal Jeffrey is a Bible study encouraging men how to get up from the knockdowns of life. Neal Jeffrey, a former NFL quarterback and current associate pastor, looks at the stories of Moses to David to the thief on the cross and many in between. The cost of this study is \$10 and it will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning August 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please register online to facilitate ordering materials.

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## Covenant Bible Study Groups

The Covenant Bible study consists of three modules of eight weeks each: Creating the Covenant (C1), Living the Covenant (C2), Trusting the Covenant (C3). Each module of this series builds upon itself as participants read, study, and discuss the Bible together and learn how to love God—and each other—better. Covenant Bible study shows the interconnectedness of scripture while demonstrating how the covenant relationship between God and people is woven through the entire Bible. Covenant represents a relationship—a living, breathing conversation.

One session of Creating the Covenant (C1) will be offered on Wednesdays beginning August 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Numerous Trusting the Covenant (C3) sessions will be offered.

- Tuesdays | Beginning September 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Led by Beth and Keith Dickinson
- Wednesdays | Beginning September 9, 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
Led by Alice Deal and Debbie Whittemore
- Sundays | Beginning August 23, 4:45-6:15 p.m.  
Led by Beth Dickinson and Mark Graham

Childcare will be available by registration for all sessions except Wednesday morning. Individual books are \$20.  
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## Mercy Health Center

Mercy Health Center, a mission partner of Athens First United Methodist Church, is in need of volunteers! Through a community of volunteers, Mercy Health Center provides whole-person, quality health care in a Christ-centered environment to our under-served neighbors. The greatest needs are Prayer Partners, specifically Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m., and an MD to volunteer once per month or every other month on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00 p.m. is the most critical need). Please contact Virginia McKenna if you would like to volunteer with this ministry. Virginia McKenna | [vmckenna@msn.com](mailto:vmckenna@msn.com) | 706-338-3688



## Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals will resume in Fall 2015! We're kicking off dinner on Wednesday, August 19, with all of our vendors being present. Dinner is free on August 19, but advance orders are required. Our vendors this year include:

**First Wednesday**—Barberitos | Soft shell turkey tacos with

toppings and chips

**Second Wednesday**—Chonell's | Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread

**Third Wednesday**—Dawg Gone Good BBQ | BBQ pork sandwich, mac and cheese, cold slaw

**Fourth Wednesday**—Brixx Pizza and Fox's Pizza | 1/2 turkey sandwich and side salad (from Brixx) OR personal cheese or pepperoni pizza and apple slices (from Fox's Pizza)

Dinner is served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall at \$6 a meal. Advance orders are required. Order by Tuesday at noon; orders accepted online only. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. To reduce food waste and keep costs low, no walk-up meals are available. Save five percent when you order and pay for a month in advance; get a free meal when you order and pay for an entire semester in advance. Volunteers eat free! Please sign up to work one (or more) Wednesdays. Sign up online to serve; there's no need to order a meal if you sign up to serve.

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## Join the Greeter Team

The Greeter Team is looking for new members! Members of this active and friendly ministry area serve two to three times a year by greeting at an assigned door for two brief shifts on a Sunday morning and by volunteering at special events, such as the Churchwide BBQ. Marty Mitchell, a long-time greeter, says that she enjoys greeting because "it is a way to welcome people to a church that is so warm and accepting, and where there is a place for everyone to be involved." If you can share a smile and hold open a door, you can definitely be a greeter! We would love for you to be a part of this growing team. To sign up, contact Rachel Skinner.

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# This Week

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 | EPHESIANS 4:11-16

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Adult Sunday School** SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING  
**Elementary Sunday School** THIRD FLOOR  
**Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** FIRST FLOOR  
**Youth Sunday School: First Word** FIRST FLOOR
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Young Professional Adult Sunday School Class** ROOM 224
- 2:00 p.m. **Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3 | 2 SAMUEL 18:5-9

- 9:00 a.m. **REACH International Airport Pick-up** YOUTH AREA

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 2 SAMUEL 18:15, 31-33

- 5:30 a.m. **REACH International Airport Pick-up** YOUTH AREA
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | PSALM 34:1-8

- 7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD ON ATLANTA HIGHWAY
- 4:30 p.m. **REACH International Orientation Dinner Preparation** SERVING AREA
- 5:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Leadership Meeting** ROOM 148
- 5:30 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 307
- 6:00 p.m. **REACH International Orientation Dinner** UGA CAMPUS
- 6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | EPHESIANS 4:25-32

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 8:00 a.m. **Senior Fun Trip** FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE IN NORTH CAROLINA
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | EPHESIANS 5:1-2

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Adult Pick-up Basketball** GYM
- 5:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class Training** HANCOCK HALL
- 6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study & Dinner** YOUTH AREA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 | JOHN 6:35

- 5:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class Training** HANCOCK HALL

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