

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804. 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."

Attendance

Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the pew pad.

Newcomer Orientation

We invite you to learn about the life of our church, ways you can get involved, and how to become a member by attending Newcomer Orientation, which is held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 2 through adult each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children

At Athens First United Methodist Church, we invite families to worship together. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through grade 2 most Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Financial Report

Budget for 2016 | \$2,789,339 Amount Given YTD | \$1,726,837 Goal for July | \$180,306 Amount after 4 Sundays | \$160,526

Attendance on July 31

Total Worship | 766 Communion Service | 57 Sunday School | 226 9:45 a.m. | 314 11:00 a.m. | 304 Online | 91

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The Worship of God

Flowers

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 GATHERING MUSIC

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

TFWS 2272 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" | HOLY GROUND

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORY OF GOD | 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.

Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Betsy Butler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Chuck Hodges

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.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | NETTLETON

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Falling Deeper in Love (Hosea 2:14-20)" | J. Caldwell Sung by the Worship Team

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:37 | p. 70 New Testament

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

THE SERMON

"Blessed Are Those Who Are Awake" | Chuck Hodges

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please turn to page 6 in the bulletin for the Communion liturgy.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

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Anthem Lyrics You call me out into the desert. You take my hand and You promise me forever. With tender words, You allure me. Your faithfulness, You assure me. I'm falling deeper in love with You. In this world, there's no one but You there's no one but You. You give me back all that was taken. You restore all of me that was forsaken. You give me a name I could not imagine. You say, "My love, I am your husband."

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Standing on the Promises" | R. Kelso Carter

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

* THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Psalm 150" | Wagner

Sermon Notes

The Worship of God

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Clement by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thurmond, Jr.

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

"Prelude on ST. ANNE" | Fedak

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Be Joyful in the Lord" | John Yarrington
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | AZMON

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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. Amen.

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Proclamation of the Word

Anthem Lyrics When I gaze into the night sky, and see the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space. But what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor. And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, oh, what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise

Him perfectly. And so would we, and so would we. Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name!

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" | Fettke Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

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Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

When we gather to praise God and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to the will of God. Accepting God's power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. 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. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. 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. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin.

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. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he 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." 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." On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. 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 Father, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

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THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

Generous God, you have given yourself to us and made us yours. You prepared a table before us, led us to it, and fed us abundantly. Thank you, great God, for your life-giving gifts. Thank you for uniting us with you and with each other, for giving us new life and new hope, and for preparing us to live as your people. May our lives joyfully display our hope in you. In the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Sending Forth

* THE HYMN

438 "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" | DUKE STREET Verse 1

*THE BLESSING AND 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

"Toccata on Psalm 150" | Wagner

The Steeple

2016 Children's Consignment Sale

August 12 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. **August 13** 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

***August 11** 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.







WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our greatest needs are cashiers, greeters/stock replenishers, and clean-up crew members. If you know that you are planning to volunteer and you have not signed up, please sign up online or contact Mary Claire! Childcare will be provided for volunteers Friday, August 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 13, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*All volunteers get to shop the sale early on August 11.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale



Open church is an invitational experience to explore fall opportunities here at Athens First United Methodist Church. We hope you'll come and see all that we have to offer and find new ways to participate in the life of our church.

Wednesday Night Meals Preview

Enjoy a sample of our Wednesday Night meals in Hancock Hall anytime from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner is FREE this night, but please register online for us to get a head count. Barberitos, Taziki's Mediterranean Café, Fox's Pizza Den, Weaver D's, and Dawg Gone Good BBQ will each have samples available. This is the perfect time to preview the fall menu for Wednesday Night Meals.

Faithful Growth | Adult Small Group Preview

This fall we are offering many ways to connect with God and with others through sharing our faith walks and by studying the Bible together. You are invited to preview any of our small groups and Bible studies in Hancock Hall from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Materials will be available for you to review. Come find the right small group for you this fall!

Adult Sanctuary Choir

The choir will rehearse on Wednesday, August 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the choir room. New members are welcome as we start a new year of music making. Auditions are not required for the sanctuary choir.

Engage | Grades 7-12

Engage is our Wednesday evening youth Bible study. We meet in the youth area for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m., then we have middle school (grades 7-8) and high school (grades 9-12) Bible study until 7:30 p.m.

Route 56 GPS | Grades 5-6

GPS (God's Positioning System) is a small group Bible study designed for students in grades 5-6 to go deeper into the scriptures and learn how these words are His voice in our daily lives. We meet in the Route 56 room 120, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. A light snack is provided.

Passport to Worship | Kindergarten through grade 4

Children in kindergarten through grade 4 are invited to experience "Passport to Worship" in the Sanctuary to see worship behind the scenes with clergy and staff members. From 4:30-5:15 p.m., grades 1-2 and parents will meet in room 151, while grades 3-4 and parents will be in the Sanctuary. From 5:15-6:00 p.m., kindergarten through grade 2 and their parents will be in the Sanctuary, while grades 3-4 and parents will meet in room 151.

Kids Music and Arts | Age 3 through Kindergarten

During Open Church, KMA programming will work in conjunction with Passport to Worship. Dance (4:30-5:15 p.m.), Cherub Choir (5:15-5:45 p.m.), and Sonshine Choir (5:15-6:00 p.m.) will kick off their regular classes on August 17. Children in kindergarten through grade 4 are encouraged to join us for Passport to Worship; their choir rehearsals will begin the following week.

Fun Gym

Recreation will be offering Fun Gym on Wednesday nights from 3:30-7:30 p.m. for all who are involved in the Wednesday night programs of the church. The purpose of this program is to allow your children time to get out energy as they begin their evening of different programs throughout the church. All children grade 4 and under must be accompanied in the gym by an adult. We will be offering Fun Gym throughout the school year; hope to see you and your children on Wednesday nights!

Fun Gym | 3:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Passport to Worship | 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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

GPS | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Engage | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Adult Small Group Preview | 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Thank You from WYC

The Wesleyan Youth Choir would like to sincerely thank the congregation for your full support during our summer choir tour to San Francisco. Your financial support, your many prayers, and your love sustained us during a most wonderful experience. We sang in worship and concerts, we saw everything there was to see, and we had an amazing day with Half Moon Bay Community UMC. While there, we helped them do their very first Stop Hunger Now, had an afternoon of fellowship and food, and sang our final concert for their congregation. Please check the church website for pictures from our trip! We look forward to our upcoming season and covet your prayers for another great year!

Give a Hymnal

Quite a few of our hymnals in the sanctuary are showing wear and tear and need replacing. If you would like to give a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete our online form or contact Stephen Mitchell. Every hymnal purchased will receive an honorarium/memorial bookplate on the inside cover. The cost is \$25 per hymnal. Place order | athensfirstumc.org/musicministries
Stephen Mitchell | smitchell@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Early Book Group | Potluck

The Early Book Group will have a potluck on Monday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Cindy and George Kuhlman's home. This gathering is a time for the group to fellowship, plan their meetings, and select books as a group. All are welcome! Please contact Cindy Kuhlman if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.

Cindy Kuhlman | gckuhlman@charter.net | 706-543-9511



Newcomer Orientation | Next Sunday

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation next Sunday, August 14, in the Hospitality Room. 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.

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org 706-543-1442



Youth Parent Night | August 18

On Thursday evening, August 18, we will hold a Youth Parent Night in two locations. There will be a Clarke County gathering and an Oconee Country gathering. Each gathering will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and it will include a provided light supper. We encourage you to join us for this time of fellowship that will include discussion of our youth vision, the youth calendar for the year, and parent involvement with the youth program and Sunday school/small group classes. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

SUPER SUNDAYS tart Sagn!

The first floor is about to get busy on Sunday nights! Sunday night programs for Route 56 (grades 5-6) and Youth (grades 7-12) will begin meeting again on Sunday, August 14. These groups are open to all students and their friends—we hope that you will join us this year! For more information about any of these programs, contact Kayla Calloway.

Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal

Grades 7-12 | Room 148 | 4:30-5:45 p.m. Find your voice with us this year! Auditions are not required.

Open Road and Octane

Grades 5-6 | Room 120 | 4:30-5:45 p.m. Join us each week for fun, food, missions, and music!

Encounter

Grades 7-12 | Room 119 | 5:45-7:30 p.m. Our Sunday night program is focused on fellowship, praise, prayer, service, and thanksgiving!

Kayla Calloway:

kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442









Men's Softball

Come join our men's adult softball team! We play with the Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services church league from August 18-October 27. Games are on Thursday evenings at Bishop Park and the cost is \$25. Please visit our webpage to register by August 12, and contact Rusty or Mary Claire if you have any questions.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/adultrecreation Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Charge Conference

There will be a called charge conference on Monday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to consider recommending Lisa Sheppard for candidacy as a minister in the United Methodist Church.



Children's Flag Football

Our flag football league will be August 20-October 22 for boys and girls in Kindergarten through grade 2. Games and

practices will be held on Saturdays (no games or practices will be held on UGA home games). The teams will be co-ed and led by volunteer coaches. Children will learn the fundamentals of football while growing together in a Christian atmosphere that is both fun and competitive. All games and practices will be held at Chapelwood UMC. For more information, contact Rusty or Mary Claire. Register | athensfirstumc.org/flagfootball Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org



Connect & Grow Groups Interest Meetings

We will have five interest meetings for you to learn more about our new Connect & Grow Groups that will start this fall. The first meeting will be Sunday, August 21, from 12:00-12:30 p.m. On Wednesday, August 24, and Wednesday, August 31, we will offer two different meeting times. The first time frame will be from 5:15-5:45 p.m. and the second meeting opportunity will be from 6:30-7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. All of the meetings are identical; therefore, it does not matter which meeting you attend. These meetings will give you the opportunity to get an overview of what Connect & Grow Groups will offer and ask questions. All meetings will be in room 222. No need to let us know you're coming; all you have to do is show up!

Young Families

Young Families is a new Sunday School class offered to married couples with elementary and nursery school age children. The purpose of this class is for couples to grow in their walk with God through study and fellowship. This class is a self /video taught class focusing on personal

growth, marriage, and parenting. Young Families will meet at 9:45 a.m. in room 151 for the first few meetings and then will meet in room 145 for the remainder of the classes. The first meeting will be on, August 21, and will be a breakfast social. We are asking all couples that would like to attend the breakfast to bring a dish. Please register and RSVP if interested. For more information, contact Kayla Calloway. Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration

Kayla Calloway | kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Pickleball

Please join us in a fun new program called pickleball!

Pickleball is a great sport that consists of ping pong, tennis, and badminton all in one. Instructors will teach the game.

This is a great game for adults young and old. Pickleball will take place Tuesday afternoons beginning August 23 from 1:30-3:00 p.m., and will be free for anyone interested.

Contact Rusty or Mary Claire if you have questions.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/adultrecreation

Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org



Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals will resume on August 24! Our vendors this year include Barberitos, Weaver D's, Dawg Gone Good BBQ, Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe, and Fox's Pizza Den. Since we have five vendors this year, our schedule is different from past years. However, dinner will still be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall at \$6 per meal. All meal orders must be placed by Tuesday at noon before Wednesday's meal. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal.

We have two semester registrations open for you to pick the best option for your needs. One is from August-December and the other is from September-December. The only difference is one includes the two dinners in August and the other does not. If you do not want to purchase the entire semester, we have the options to purchase meals by the month or by the week. Registration is now open for both semester options, the month of August, and also August 24 and August 31. For more information, contact Kayla Calloway.

Kayla Calloway | kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Senior Fun Luncheon | August 25

This month's Senior Fun Luncheon is on Thursday, August 25, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. The University of Georgia head basketball coach, Mark Fox, will be our featured program speaker. For the entertainment portion, we will hear Rachel Holmes of the UGA Opera group, one of the finest soprano vocalists in the south, sing four Broadway hits. Call the church office by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, to register.

Church office | 706-543-1442



Girls' Volleyball this Fall

Our fall volleyball clinic will be August 29-October 24. This league is open to girls in grades 5-8. The program will teach the fundamentals of volleyball in a positive atmosphere and will include technique and game play in our gym. Please visit our webpage or contact Rusty or Mary Claire for more information.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/youthvolleyball Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org



Churchwide BBQ | August 28

You don't want to miss the Churchwide BBQ! We will enjoy excellent music, great barbecue, and fellowship with our church family. We hope you've marked your calendar to join us Sunday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park.



Sack Lunch Ministry

If you think you would enjoy providing sack lunches for people in our community in need of a meal on Sundays, please consider volunteering for Sack Lunch Ministry. This is a great way to serve our community with your family, friends, or small group, and occurs on Sunday mornings while you are at the church for worship. If you would like more information about how to get involved in this ministry, please contact Mary Young or Mary Claire Wills. Dates are available beginning August 28 through October 30. Please check the website, dates go fast!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/sacklunchministry
Mary Young | young.macy@gmail.com
Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Route 56 Retreat | September 16-18

Walk in It is the Route 56 fall retreat that will pave the way for a year of growing in the Lord. Walk in It will be a weekend for students in grades 5 and 6 to deepen friendships as we study God's Word, worship, have fun, relax, eat s'mores, pray, and encounter Christ together on our spiritual journey. This retreat will take place on September 16-18 at Look Up Lodge in Traveler's Rest, South Carolina. This event will cost \$140. Registration is open online and the deadline is August 22. Only 50 spaces available! For more information, contact Kayla Calloway or Leslie Rogers.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/route56/fallretreat Kayla Calloway | kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 Leslie Rogers | rt56afumc@gmail.com

This Week

	SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 LUKE 12:35
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
9:00 a.m.	
	Families on the Fifth HANCOCK HALL
	Communion Service CHAPEL
9:45 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
	Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
	Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
10.00	Youth Sunday School: First Word FIRST FLOOR
10:00 a.m.	Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
2:00 p.m.	Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
2:00 p.m.	Athens Area walk to Elilliaus board of Directors Meeting Holl Conference Room
	MONDAY, AUGUST 8 ISAIAH 5:1-4
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 ISAIAH 5:5-7
5:30 a.m.	Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
10:00 a.m.	Our Daily Bread first baptist church downtown
5:30 p.m.	Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 Luke 12:49-53
5:30 p.m.	66 Love Letters Women's Bible Study HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group ROOM 226
6:30 p.m.	Pilot Connect & Grow Groups ROOMS 222 & 224
0.50 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
	Suitetuary Chair Renears at Room 140
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 LUKE 12:54-56
5:30 a.m.	Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
10:30 a.m.	Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry PANERA BREAD
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	FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 Hebrews 11:29-40
0.00	Children's Consignment Sale GYM
8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	CBS Athens Evening Class Leadership Training HANCOCK HALL
2.20 p.iii.	CDS ACTIONS EVENING CLASS ECAUCISTIP TRAINING HANCOCK HALL
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 HEBREWS 12:1-2
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