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ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2017
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

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. Our next orientation is Sunday, August 13, at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room.

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 2017 | \$3,038,381
Amount Given YTD | \$1,776,271
Goal for July | \$192,268
Amount after 4 Sundays | \$186,474

Attendance on July 30

Total Worship | 1039
Holy Communion | 43
9:00 a.m. | 388
11:00 a.m. | 488
Online | 120
Sunday School | 269

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

Flowers

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

Prelude Lyrics

The sun comes up, it's
a new day dawning. It's
time to sing Your song
again. Whatever may
pass, and whatever
lies before me, let me
be singing when the
evening comes. Bless
the Lord, O my soul. O
my soul, worship His
holy name. Sing like
never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy
name. You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and
Your heart is kind. For
all Your goodness I will
keep on singing, ten
thousand reasons for
my heart to find.

PRELUDE

"10,000 Reasons" | Matt Redman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Butler

PSALM 116:5-13; 18-19 | P. 533 OLD TESTAMENT

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet
from stumbling;

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

I said in my consternation, "All humans are a vain hope."

What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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

*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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 71 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Linsey Jarrett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

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.

Anthem Lyrics

I was a prisoner. You held the key. The door was opened; you welcomed me.

Oh I was guilty of every crime, but you took my place and you did my time. How can I thank you, Lord?

My broken heart, you have restored. How can I thank you, Lord? You give me

grace I cannot afford. I was an enemy, but You made me a guest. You spread a table in the wilderness.

Beside the waters, You filled my cup. O how I have settled for lesser loves. I was an orphan, but You called me "child." I was a stranger; I was lost and defiled. Redemption found me from up above,

O how I had settled for lesser loves.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Lesser Loves" | Trent Dabbs, Kate York, and Isaac Wardell

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" | 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 3:16 | p.88 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"No Price Too High" | Chuck Hodges

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 613 "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" | LAND OF REST

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

MATTHEW 26:17-19, 26-29

Receiving of the Elements

At Athens First United Methodist Church, 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 elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

Song Lyrics

The text for this song
can be found on page
472 of your hymnal.

Music During Holy Communion

"Near to the Heart of God" | arr. Latifah Phillips

Prayer After Receiving

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 666 "Shalom to You" | SHALOM

*BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power" | Jones

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

“Come Christians Join to Sing” | Jones

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 98 “To God Be The Glory” | TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

Betsy Butler

**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.**

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***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenchabcher

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 AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World" | John Stainer

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

JOHN 3:16 | p.88 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"No Price Too High" | Chuck Hodges

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.

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection.

Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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. 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, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 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.

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. Amen.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

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.

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

*THE HYMN

UMH 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" | BEECHER

*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

"All Hail the Power" | Jones

The Steeple

SUPER SUNDAYS

START AUGUST 13

The first floor is about to be rocking again on Sunday nights! Sunday night programs for Route 56 (grades 5-6) and the Youth (grades 7-12) will begin meeting on Sunday, August 13. These groups are open to all students and their friends—we hope that you will join us this school year!



WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR

Grade 7-12 | Room 148 | 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Join us for a “mini” rehearsal and a walk to the UGA Campus for a fun activity! We will return to the church by 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join the choir and Find Your Voice!

Contact Janis Maxwell for more information: janis@athensfirstumc.org

ROUTE
56

OPEN ROAD & OCTANE

Grades 5-6 | Room 120 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us each week for fun, food, missions, and music!

Contact Leslie Rogers for more information: rt56afumc@gmail.com



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!

Contact Josh Miles for more information: josh@athensfirstumc.org

For more information about any of these programs, contact

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

Open CHURCH AUGUST 23

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 so we can plan accordingly. Barberitos, Fresh Air BBQ, Taziki's Mediterranean Café, and Weaver D's will each have samples available. This is the perfect time to preview the fall menu for Wednesday Night Meals.

Discipleship BINGO | 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. Join in Discipleship BINGO (not your "normal" BINGO) in Hancock Hall from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to learn about the numerous small group studies available. There will be a drawing at 6:15 p.m. and prizes for Discipleship BINGO winners. Materials will be available for you to review. Come find the right small group for you this fall!

Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir, which begins rehearsals on August 9, will rehearse on Wednesday, August 23, 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

All children in kindergarten through grade 4 and a parent or caregiver are invited to spend time in the Sanctuary with ministry leaders for a look behind the scenes of worship in our church. All first time participants will receive a worship milestone ornament. Repeat participants will receive a special tassel to add to their ornament.

Kids Music and Arts | Age 3 through Grade 4

During Open Church, children interested in participating in Kids Music and Arts are invited to drop by their classrooms to meet their teachers, explore instruments, and get a calendar card! Regular classes will begin the following week, August 30. Classroom locations will be posted on signs when you arrive.

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 burn up some 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 | 3:30-5:00 and 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Gym

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

Passport to Worship | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

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

Discipleship BINGO | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Hancock Hall

Route 56 GPS | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Room 120

Youth Engage | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 119

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Room 148

In Memoriam

Larry Webb
July 29, 2017

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Joann Webb in the loss of her husband, and Whitney Webb in the loss of his father, Larry Webb, on July 29.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Mack Lowrey and his family in the loss of his brother, John Lowrey, on July 31.

Children's Consignment Sale | Thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of this year's Children's Consignment Sale! We are beyond thankful for the items you donated, the clothes you consigned, the items you bought, and of course the many volunteers who made our sale happen. The sale was a great success and such an enjoyable experience! All proceeds will benefit foster care in the Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties.



Meet the Band

The Early Service band leads music for 8:30 a.m. worship and communion throughout the year. In May of this year the band recorded an EP entitled "Songs for Tirreno," so-named in celebration of the marriage of two of the band members. Through this project, they hope to promote music education. We invite you to visit the website to download the album and find out more about how you can

help our church partner with local organizations to provide opportunities for children in our community in need.
Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/830band

Pickleball

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the gym to play Pickleball. Pickleball will continue weekly throughout the fall; we hope you will join us!

Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Confirmation Registration

Registration for our 2017 Confirmation class closes Wednesday, August 9! Confirmation is the process through which we guide and instruct students as they prepare to become professing members of the United Methodist Church. This is an exciting opportunity for us to invest in the faith journeys of both our grade 7 students and their families. We look forward to the Confirmation journey!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/confirmation

Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Sanctuary Choir | Join this Fall!

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 9. The fall is a perfect time for new members to join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 148. We would love for you to be a part of our choir family! For more information contact Stephen Mitchell.

Stephen Mitchell | smitchell@athensfirstumc.org
706-543-1442



LET CREATION *Praise!*

Children ages 3 (by Sept. 1, 2017) through grade 4 are invited to join us on Wednesdays to praise God through singing, moving, ringing, playing, acting, and more.

*"Let everything that breathes
sing praises to the Lord!"
- Psalm 150:6*

Kids Music and Arts

Choir and more for age 3 through grade 4

athensfirstumc.org/kidsmusicandarts

GriefShare

Join us Wednesday, August 9, as we explore what Heaven is like. The GriefShare group will meet in room 100 at 6:00 p.m. This faith-based curriculum for those grieving the death of a friend or family member features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Please register online; there is a \$20 cost to cover the workbook.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/griefshare

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org

706-543-1442

Youth Parent Night | August 13

Hey youth parents! We love you and we need your help for this ministry of the church to thrive! On Sunday evening, August 13, we are holding a Youth Parent Night at the church. This program will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the music suite. Our hosts will be other youth parents, and this will be a great opportunity to meet, mingle, and gain knowledge of the mindset for the upcoming school year in youth ministry. A light supper is provided, and we'll end in time for you to pick up your student(s) from youth group! Childcare is provided at the church. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Kayla Thomason.

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



Flag Football This Fall

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. Our hope is to teach children

the fundamentals of football while growing together in a fun and competitive Christian atmosphere. All games and practices will be held at Chapelwood UMC. For more information, contact Rusty Wood.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/flagfootball

Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Sack Lunch Ministry

This August and September, consider volunteering to prepare and distribute sack lunches on Sunday mornings with our Sack Lunch Ministry! This is a great way to serve our community with your family or friends. Please contact Mary Young or Betsy Butler for more information and available dates.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/sacklunchministry

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Mary Young | young.macy@gmail.com

Parenting with Purpose | Save the Date

Mothers of preschoolers, you are invited to a presentation by the Moms on Call team on Friday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Hancock Hall. Moms on Call is an Atlanta-based Christian organization known for providing parents with tools of hope and encouragement. In this digital age, there are more voices than ever and it can feel like we are trying to find our way through the wilderness. Join us as we journey through the foundational elements of successful parenting and find our way through the forest of voices. Let's talk and laugh as we learn how to navigate the toddler years. This event will be geared towards parenting children ages 1-4. Registration is available online.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration



Route 56 Fall Retreat

Parents of students in grades 5 and 6, don't forget to register your child for the Route 56 fall retreat, Walk In It. Our theme is taken from our guiding verse for Route 56 in Jeremiah 30:21, "And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" This year, we will travel to Look Up Lodge in Traveler's Rest, SC, on September 29-October 1. This is a great opportunity for our Route 56 students to get to know one another as we focus on our walk with Christ. Registration is now open. The deadline to register is September 5 and the cost is \$140.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/route56/fallretreat

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Leslie Rogers | leslie@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

International Mission Trips

We have several opportunities for international mission trips coming up. If you are interested in serving on a mission team to Africa, you are invited to attend an informational meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 24.

If you are interested in serving in Costa Rica, our next trip is scheduled in October 2017. We are looking for a few more team members to join us.

Our Tijuana mission trip is scheduled as an extended Martin Luther King holiday weekend in January 2018.

For any information about serving internationally with any of these teams, please contact Betsy Butler.

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

KidCheck

Is your KidCheck account up to date? Maybe your family has grown, maybe you have moved or just joined our church, or maybe your phone number has changed. These are all good reasons to visit the website and update your information! We would love for you to add pictures as well, so we can get to know you and your family better!

As most of you are aware, KidCheck is the system our church uses to enhance security for children from birth through grade 12 while they are in programs in our building. It is important that each family account contains current information and that you have enabled all communication features. Should we have an emergency or need to get in touch with you, you will receive a text and/or email message with details regarding your children. If you need any help or clarification, please contact Katie Elder.

Learn more | kidcheck.com

Katie Elder | katie@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Join Us!



Churchwide BBQ

August 27 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sandy Creek Park

This Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 | MATTHEW 14:13-21

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
Youth Sunday School: First Word 119
Route 56: Fuel ROOM 120
Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HOSPITALITY ROOM
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 1:00 p.m. **Venture Crew Meeting** ROOM 119
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 200
- 5:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Scrapbook Party** ROOM 148

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 | GENESIS 37:1-4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 | GENESIS 37:12-28

- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT
Connect & Grow Group ROOM 229

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 | PSALM 105:16-22, 45b

- 5:00 p.m. **Kids Music & Arts Leader Training** ROOM 119
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
- 6:00 p.m. **GriefShare** ROOM 100
- 6:30 p.m. **Questions God Asks Us** ROOM 222
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
- 8:00 p.m. **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 | MATTHEW 14:22-25

- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 | MATTHEW 14:26-33

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 | ROMANS 10:5-13

- 10:00 a.m. **Youth Leader Training** ROOM 119

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