

The background features a stylized graphic design. It consists of several fish-like shapes, each with a simple eye and a curved line for a mouth, rendered in dark grey. These shapes are arranged in a circular pattern, with some overlapping. The design is framed by thick red lines that form a partial square and a partial circle. There are also solid red circles scattered throughout the composition.

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*Baptism of the Lord*

JANUARY 15, 2017  
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome

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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.

## *Financial Report*

Budget for 2016 | \$2,789,339

Amount Given YTD | \$3,514,151

Goal for December | \$505,216

Amount after 4 Sundays | \$564,180

## *Attendance on December 24*

4:00 p.m. | 1055

7:00 p.m. | 938

11:00 p.m. | 376

Online | 83

## *Attendance on December 25*

Total Worship | 245

11:00 a.m. | 183

Online | 62

## *Attendance on January 1*

Total Worship | 432

11:00 a.m. | 339

Online | 93

## *Attendance on January 8*

Total Worship | 1202

8:30 a.m. | 157

9:45 a.m. | 356

11:00 a.m. | 570

Online | 119

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# The Worship of God

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8:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE

“There is a Fountain” and “Deep and Wide” | Traditional

### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar  
are given to the glory  
of God and in loving  
memory of Comer and  
Virginia Whitehead by  
Bob Whitehead and  
Anne Whitehead Garner.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Winstead

ISAIAH 42:1-9 | P. 630 OLD TESTAMENT

## \*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Deep and Wide” | Traditional

**Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.  
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.**

“Down to the River to Pray” | Traditional

**As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**O brothers...**

**O fathers...**

**O mothers...**

**O sinners...**

**As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way!**

\*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.**

**\*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.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Leslie Rogers

**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*

Wash me clean. In the warm sun dry me. Cleanse my heart from all iniquity. Baptize me in the Holy Spirit sea. Renew my mind that wickedness may flee. In those days His Son will save. His Spirit will pour on all who call on the Lord. In those days His Son will save. His Spirit will fill empty jars of mud and clay. In these days barren fields will sprout trees. The deaf and blind will hear and see. The dead will raise and begin to breathe. The earth will groan in pain to see the sons of God declare to be His full and glorious family; the beautiful, perfect bride of Thee.

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Wash Me Clean” | David Wilton

**\*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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

MATTHEW 3:13-19 | P. 3 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“The Work of Baptism” | Rev. Dr. Dee Shelnett

We welcome Dr. Shelnett this morning. The Rev. Dr. D.B. “Dee” Shelnett Jr. is a retired elder in the North Georgia Conference. Dee last served as the Senior Minister at Johns Creek United Methodist Church.

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

393 “Spirit of the Living God” | LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Invitation

Renunciation of Sin

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Prayer of Preparation

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Spirit on us again that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling, ardently desire the communion of Christ's body and blood, and serve the poor of your people and all who need your love. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

MATTHEW 26:17-19, 26-29

### Reaffirmation of Faith

All are invited to come forward to receive communion and to touch the water in the font in remembrance of their baptism. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. All communion elements are gluten-free.

### Music during Communion

“Fall Afresh” | Jeremy Riddle

### Prayer of Commitment

**Father in heaven, grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” | HOUSTON

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

### \*BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” | Larson

### *Song Lyrics*

Awaken my soul, come  
awake to hunger, to seek,  
to thirst. Awaken first  
love, come awake and do  
as You did at first. Spirit  
of the Living God come  
fall afresh on me. Come  
wake me from my sleep.  
Blow through the caverns  
of my soul. Pour in me to  
overflow. Awaken my soul,  
come awake to worship  
with all your strength.  
Come and fill this place.  
Let Your glory now invade.

# The Worship of God

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9:45 &  
11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Comer and Virginia Whitehead by Bob Whitehead and Anne Whitehead Garner.

### THE PRELUDE

“There Is a Fountain” | Hustad

### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

608 “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now” | AZMON

### \*THE PRAYER FOR BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Bob Winstead

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior. Pour out your Spirit on us again that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling, ardently desire the communion of Christ’s body and blood, and serve the poor of your people and all who need your love, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glorify 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

### THE 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.**

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.**

Leslie Rogers

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will go to Children's Church on the third floor where they may be picked up at the end of the service.

## *Proclamation of the Word*

### *Anthem Lyrics*

There's a river that flows  
from the heart of God;  
steady and true, with the  
rhythm of love; bringing  
light, grace and life from  
the Father above; O  
bless the river, the river  
of life. In the Jordan we  
find forgiveness and love.  
Repent and see that His  
grace is enough, bringing  
light to our darkness from  
the Father above. From  
an old rugged cross, a  
river of blood flows from  
the heart of the Savior of  
love, bringing grace for  
our sin from the Father  
above. Come, you thirsty  
and weak; come, you  
weary and worn; find  
renewal and strength, find  
shelter from storms. In  
the waters of grace, come  
be cleansed and reborn.  
There's a river that flows  
by the throne of God;  
crystal and pure, with the  
rhythm of love; bringing  
life without end from the  
Father above; O bless the  
river, the river of life!

### **THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**"The River of Life" | Moose**

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

### **\*THE DOXOLOGY | 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**

**MATTHEW 3:13-19 | P. 3 NEW TESTAMENT**

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE SERMON**

**"The Work of Baptism" | Rev. Dr. Dee Shelnutt**

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# *Response to the Word*

## **THE CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

### The Introduction

### The Renunciation of Sin

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

### The Thanksgiving over the Water

### The Reaffirmation of Faith

Persons are invited to come forward, touch the water in the font and remember their baptism. The altar will be available for prayer.

### The Music during the Reaffirmation

“You are Mine” | Haas/Hayes

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

**\*THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

Let us pray together:

**Gracious god, by water and the spirit you claimed us as your own,  
Cleansing us from sin and giving us new life.  
You made us members of your body, the church,  
Calling us to be your servants in the world.  
Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism.  
Continue the good work you have begun in us.  
Send us forth in the power of your spirit to love and serve you with joy,  
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.**

## *Sending Forth*

**\*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**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” | Larson

# The Steeple



BUILDS COMMUNITY

## Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in 2016!

We wanted to share some highlights from the past year. We do not share this to brag, but to express our gratitude and to encourage all to participate in the work of God in the coming year.

### Together, we:

- provided Christmas for over 150 children and 13 families
- fed over 320 guests a Christmas meal, providing socks, gloves, or hats
- donated 32 pints of blood to the Red Cross during the Christmas Season
- fed over 1,500 meals through Our Daily Bread
- fed 3,000 meals through Souper Suppers in our church
- served 3,902 boxes of food to the community through Mobile Food Pantry
- distributed 1,400 lunches to children in the Athens area through Smart Lunch Smart Kids
- sent 33 people out for three different international mission trips
- served over 2,000 lunches through the Sunday morning Sack Lunch Ministry, including Christmas morning and New Years Day
- assisted with community guests' utility bills in excess of \$10,000 through our Holy Communion altar rail offering and other generous gifts
- Prepared over 40,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now
- Raised over \$7,000 raised for our new foster care ministry through The Children's Consignment Sale

## In Memoriam

Becky Hutcheson  
December 22, 2016

Jean Palmer  
December 25, 2016

Mary O'Donnell  
December 27, 2016

Bernice Cooper  
December 30, 2016

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ray Hutcheson in the loss of his wife, and Rhonda Compton in the loss of her mother, Becky Hutcheson, who passed away on December 22.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jean Palmer, who passed away on December 25.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mary O'Donnell, who passed away on December 27.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dr. Bernice Cooper, who passed away December 30.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Laci & Alan Zielinski on the birth of their daughter, Ada Elliot, on December 29.

Congratulations to Jordan & Kristin Byce on the birth of their son, Collins Wynn, who was born January 9.

## Souper Suppers

The Souper Suppers season has begun! Our greatest need is for groups to sign up to prepare and serve the meal. You can sign up with your Sunday School class, small group, United Methodist Women Circle, or any other small group to prepare and serve on any Thursday. Please contact Mary Claire or Betsy for more information or to register.

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

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## New Staff Position

A full-time Director of Facilities and Grounds position is available. The director will serve the church in all areas associated with the physical plant and grounds. Knowledge of building operations and repairs and management experience is required. Email your application and resume to apply.

Apply | [employment@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:employment@athensfirstumc.org)

## Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, January 18, is provided by Weaver D's. Join us for fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. You and your family, friends, and/or small group are invited and encouraged to eat and spend time together in Hancock Hall. For more information, contact Beth. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. Volunteers eat free. Register to volunteer online.

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

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## Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer sign-ups are officially open to work on our Habitat for Humanity renovation project. There are weekly opportunities for individuals and groups to serve Tuesday-Saturday of each week. Volunteers can sign up a week in advance to work on-site. On Saturday, January 21, we will have an open house/drop-in. While there, you will be able to check out our Habitat Mission Project, and if you're feeling extra productive, you can stick around and work until 3:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it on January 21, but would like to check out our project, please contact Betsy to make an appointment. Register online for the Saturday kick-off.

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

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## GriefShare

This thirteen-week faith-based curriculum features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. GriefShare groups are for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. Erica Cooper, bereavement coordinator of Gentiva Hospice, will facilitate both groups.

The Monday group will meet at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 23, and the Wednesday group will meet at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 25. New participants are welcome to join at any time. There is no cost, but we ask that you register so that we can have enough materials prepared.

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

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## Weekday Preschool Registration

Preschool registration opens for the 2017-2018 school year online on January 9. Our preschool program serves families of children age 9 months through Pre-K from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please note the following registration deadlines:

- Currently enrolled deadline: January 20
- Church member deadline: January 25
- Community deadline: January 27

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

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## Senior Fun Luncheon

This month's luncheon is on Thursday, January 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Our program speaker is John Cleaveland, a landscape painter and graduate of the University of Georgia. John has graciously offered to bring in his art to show and discuss the logic behind his beautiful work. After his presentation, we will hear the Emily Carey of the UGA Hodgson Singers. Please call the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, to register.

Church office | 706-543-1442

## Stop Hunger Now

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11, for Stop Hunger Now! This is a meal packaging churchwide mission opportunity that impacts our neighbors across the globe without leaving Athens. We will package 40,000 meals in a single shift beginning at 10:00 a.m. Register online. Contact Betsy or Mary Claire with any questions.

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

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## Faithful Growth

Small groups are opportunities to gather with others and grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord. Unless otherwise noted, please contact Beth for more information. To join any of the following, please register online. Register | [athensfirstumc.org/smallgroupsbiblestudies](http://athensfirstumc.org/smallgroupsbiblestudies)  
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### Entrusted | Women's Study

Join Susie Thrasher in Beth Moore's *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy*. This study encourages you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. In this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness. All women are invited to join. This study will meet on Wednesday mornings through February 22, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room 229. The cost is \$13

### Connect & Grow Groups

Connect & Grow Groups are small groups of people who meet weekly at church or in homes to share what God is doing in their lives. These groups are open to all and are restarting now. Registration is now open, so find the day and time that works for you and sign up today!

### Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life

Join Don Griner and Mary Lynn Lane Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through May 3 for *Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life* (part 1). This study concentrates on Old Testament writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, the book of Revelation. The second half will be offered Fall 2017. This study will be held in room 222 and materials cost \$40.

### Disciple Fast Track | Old Testament

*Disciple Fast Track Old Testament* will devote 12 weeks to focus on the Old Testament. *Disciple Fast Track* is for busy people seeking a comprehensive Bible study in a timely manner. All are invited to join. The New Testament will be offered Fall 2017. This study will meet on Sunday evenings, January 22 through April 30, from 4:45-6:15 p.m. in room 224. The cost is \$12.

### Parenting with Purpose

Parenting with Purpose small groups will begin meeting again in January! We will have three groups this winter, and

each group will be doing a six-week study on *Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World*, by Kristen Welch. Our Wednesday evening group will meet weekly at the church in room 226 from 4:45-6:00 p.m. beginning January 18. We will have a group meeting in the youth area at 9:00 a.m. every other Friday, and a 9:30 a.m. group meeting each Friday beginning January 20 at Kelli Dean's house in Oconee County. Childcare is available for the two groups meeting at our church. Please register so that we are able to plan well! Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/pwp](http://athensfirstumc.org/pwp)  
April Allen | [april@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:april@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

### What We Need is Here

Are you seeking a deeper, more authentic experience of God? If so, join L. Roger Owens author of *What We Need is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality* in his captivating discovery of the seven "givens" of Christian spirituality including reading the Gospels, praying the Psalms, finding Jesus in the church, and more. Dianne Morrison will lead this group on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in room 235. Materials cost \$10.

### Financial Peace University

Join Tom and Jennifer Foster for Financial Peace University, which presents biblical, practical steps to get you from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. In nine lessons, you will learn how to get rid of debt, take control of your money, spend and save wisely, and give generously! Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday nights, January 24 through March 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 222. The materials for this course cost \$100; couples share one kit. Childcare is available with registration.

### Revival

Join us for an exciting new seven-week study from popular author Adam Hamilton entitled *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*. Co-leader John Campbell will share his travel experiences with the class. Co-leader and certified lay speaker Bob Dean will discuss the study guide lessons and companion video on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., from January 25 through March 15. Hamilton said that he wrote the book because he believes "...that by reclaiming the faith, heart, and practices of John Wesley and the early Methodists, we can rediscover the best parts of our own hearts and churches, and in so doing we might help spark a revival of Christianity in our time." Materials cost \$10.

# This Week

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | JOHN 1:35-42

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 9:00 a.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 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** YOUTH AREA  
**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** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 1:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 3:45 p.m. **Agapé Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
- 4:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Route 56: Open Road** ROOM 120  
**Carillons Ringers** ROOM 150
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 200
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Encounter** ROOM 119
- 6:15 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR

## MONDAY, JANUARY 16 | PSALM 27:1, 4-6

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day— office closed*

- 9:30 a.m. **UMW Circle 3 Meeting** HOME OF DIANNE WALL
- 11:30 a.m. **UMW Circle 6 Meeting** HOME OF VIRGINIA DARDEN

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 | PSALM 27:7-9

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council**
- 10:00 a.m. **UMW Circle 7 Meeting** ROOM 100
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 4:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT  
**Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229  
**Connect & Grow Group** TIMOTHY ROAD

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 | MATTHEW 4:12-18

- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222  
**Beth Moore's Entrusted | Women's Study** ROOM 229
- 1:00 p.m. **Israel's Mission | Women's Study** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 3:00 p.m. **Fun Gym** GYM

- 4:30 p.m. Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3-4** ROOM 301  
**Dance** ROOM 145  
**Lyric Choir | Grades 1-2** ROOM 151  
**Hospitality Room Hangout** HOSPITALITY ROOM  
**Prayer Shawl** ROOM 200
- 4:45 p.m. Early Book Group** ROOM 247  
**Parenting with Purpose** ROOM 226
- 5:00 p.m. Route 56: GPS** ROOM 120  
**Wednesday Night Meal** HANCOCK HALL
- 5:10 p.m. Celebrate Choir | Grades 3 & 4** ROOM 151  
**5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir | Age 3** ROOM 314 & 324  
**Sonshine Choir | Age 4** ROOM 325  
**Joy Choir | Kindergarten** ROOM 320
- 5:20 p.m. Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1 & 2** ROOM 148 & 301  
**5:30 p.m. 66 Love Letters** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 6:00 p.m. Connect Group (Young Married)** ROOM 114  
**Engage Bible Study** ROOM 119
- 6:15 p.m. Restoring an Attitude of Worship | Men's Study** ROOM 240
- 6:30 p.m. Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224  
**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** SANCTUARY  
**Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life** ROOM 222
- 6:45 p.m. What We Need is Here** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR  
**7:30 p.m. Children's Basketball** GYM  
**Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
- 8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 | I CORINTHIANS 1:10-16

- 5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120  
**9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study** SANCTUARY  
**5:00 p.m. Souper Supper** HANCOCK HALL  
**Children's Basketball** GYM  
**5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120  
**7:00 p.m. Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 | MATTHEW 4:19-23

- 9:00 a.m. Parenting with Purpose Small Group** THE HOME OF KELLI DEAN  
**12:30 p.m. Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224  
**4:00 p.m. Children's Basketball** GYM

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | I CORINTHIANS 1:17-18

- 8:00 a.m. Children's Basketball** GYM  
**Mobile Food Pantry** SANCTUARY  
**11:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Kick-off** 132 MAGNOLIA TERRACE ATHENS, GA 30606

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