

The Methodist Message

A Newsletter from the First United Methodist Church , Hawkinsville, Georgia
September 20, 2011

A Prayer for the Journey



There are those times along the journey of life that we pray and ask for God's help. We cry out to God, "Show me the path that you have planned for my life, O Lord." As I thought along those lines, I ran across a prayer written by Scottish pastor, Rev. William Barclay. His prayer speaks to where we find ourselves at times along life's journey. His sincere prayer to God was:

"Grant, O God, that we may never lose the way through our self-will, and so end up in the far country of the soul; that we may never abandon the struggle, but that we may endure to the end, and so be saved; that we may never drop out of the race, but that we may ever press forward to the goal of our high calling; that we may never choose the cheap and passing things, and let go the precious things that last for ever; that we may never forget that sweat is the price of all things, and that without the cross, there cannot be a crown."

"So keep us and strengthen us by your grace that no disobedience and no weakness and no failure may stop us from entering into the blessedness which awaits those who are faithful in all the changes and the chances of life down even to the gates of death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

May God strengthen and sustain us all as we continue to journey with Him. This is my prayer for all of us.

See You on Sunday,

P.S. - Great job on Sunday Youth! You led us well in the worship of our Lord! Your church family and I are so proud of you.

Our Prayer Concerns

1st Lt. Joshua Campbell

Jay Childs

Spc. Nick Coloma

Nano Corona

Liz Eller

Robert Harper

James Hicks

Bobby Iannuzzi

Sarah Janelle

Cpl. Tony Mullis

Billie Ormsby

Carrie Schaarschmidt Smith

The Senior Friendship group will meet at the Steakhouse on Tuesday, September 27th at 11:30. Please plan to join us for fellowship and fun.



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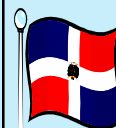
\$25.00

Last day to purchase—September 24th
Cash or check payable to Dooly Campground

Delivery/Pickup at FUMC
October 1st 10:00-12:00PM

Contact: Larry Harper 478-892-3123

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Mission Study on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00am-12:00 pm.



The leaders are Paul & Linda Williams and they will be discussing mission trips with an emphasis on the Dominican Republic. Light refreshments will be served.

Please join us in celebrating the
50th wedding anniversary
and renewal of vows of

Rev. Charles (Buddy) & Marian Conway

Saturday, October 1, 2011

2:00-4:00 pm

Reception following

Hawkinsville First United Methodist Church

Given by their children

** No gifts please



**Thank you to our youth and
youth volunteers. Sunday
was nothing short of inspired.
Thank you for leading us in worship!**

Upcoming Activities/Events:

Sunday, Sep. 25—Cook-out at the home of Jim and Mary Gibbs. Make sure you have your SIGNED permission slip if you are planning on going. Additional copies of the permission slip are available if you need one. Just ask me for one.

Sunday, October 9th: 8 p.m to 8 a.m. LOCK-IN. Join us for some Wii games on the big screen, great snacks, scavenger hunt and a “take no prisoners” game of Romans and Christians.

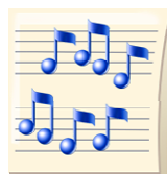
Sunday, October 16th: We are treating the residents of the Children’s Home in Americus to an afternoon/ evening of bowling and pizza. We need to know by Sunday, October 9th if you plan on joining us for this time. Cost is \$5 per person.

Sunday, October 23rd *: Trick or ‘Eat Bag Distribution
Sunday, October 30th *: Trick or ‘Eat Pick-up.

***Drivers are needed for these nights. Please let Kara know if you are willing to commit to both of these nights.

**Safe Sanctuaries Training
Sunday, October 2nd from 5 to 6 p.m.
In the Social Hall
Led by Clifton Pritchett**

We want to encourage all our members who volunteer with our children or youth to be a part of this training. This training provides information to help us make our programs welcoming for our children and our youth. The policies and practices that Clifton will present will go a long way toward protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults; protecting the adult workers who serve in these ministries; and protecting the various assets of the church for making disciples of Jesus Christ. If you chaperone trips, teach a Sunday School class, lead an activity, or are just interested in the ministries of our church then this training is for you. It is only 1 hour—a small investment with a great return!



**Our older children's choir
(2nd through 5th grades) will
sing at the 11 a.m. service THIS
SUNDAY, September 25th! Please
be in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. for
one last rehearsal. We need all
our members to be present for this service.**

OUR STAFF:

John A. Walker, Pastor

Barbara Lawson, Choir Director

Grace Daniel, Organist

Kara Bearer, Director of Children & Youth

Laurie Obert-Thorn, Office Manager

Pearlie Mae West, Nursery Attendant

Bobby Carter, Custodian

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