



Our Mission: *To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision: *Growing in our relationship with God as we strive to be more like Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit. Nurturing our faith through community worship, bible study, and witness (living our faith in community).*

Core Values: *Radical Hospitality, Christian Community, and Extravagant Generosity.*

Men's Club Meets on May 4

All Men are invited to meet at Jim's at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Backpack Food Packing

Meet in Rome at 12:30 on May 14.

Women's Circle

Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, May 6th. The Friendship Circle will meet for lunch at **11:30 a.m.**

at The Landmark near Mount Berry Square Mall. If you want to carpool, meet at the church by 11 a.m. Call Yvonne Norton at 706-859-1016 ASAP if you plan to attend. She needs to give them a number to expect. Circle will not meet in June and July.

Save the Dates.....

Camp Hamby Picnic on Sunday, June 2

The Spring Picnic at Camp Hamby will be Sunday, June 2, with dinner at 6PM. We will move to the chapel at 7PM. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Come out and enjoy the food and the fellowship as we worship and serve the Lord at Camp Hamby.

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser on June 22

Re-imagine the Chili Cook-off but with *Homemade Ice Cream* instead. Start planning your favorite ice cream to make.

Wednesday Night Supper— 6 p.m.

May 1—Bring salad, sandwiches, or desserts to share.

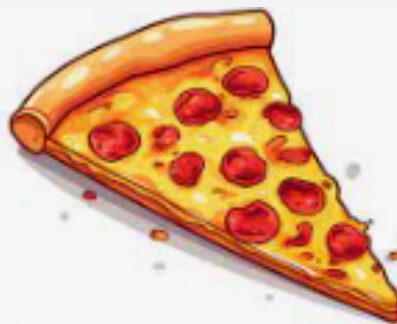
May 8— BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, and dessert. Call or text Susan McGinnis for reservations. 706-857-8009.

May 15—Fried tenderized pork steak, broccoli salad, baked potato, yeast rolls, and dessert. Call or text Elaine Crouch at 706-506-7527 for reservations.

May 22— Call or text Sandy Weaver for reservation.

May 29—

Meet at Crushed Tomato to eat as a group.



Drew and Rachel are expecting a baby girl. We enjoyed celebrating the expected birth during a baby shower on April 14th.



Let's Celebrate an Upcoming Wedding

The Ladies Circle will host a wedding shower after church on **May 5** for Christine Crouch and Justin Hammitt following the 11 o'clock service. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon. Home Depot and Lowe's gift cards are also a welcomed option. They will wed at the church on July 27 (3 p.m.).



Counseling Services Available in Our Church Annex



Mary Beth Housch is a school counselor at Leroy Massey Elementary School in Chattooga County. She recently earned her Associate Professional Counselor license and is working under the supervision of Alice H. Williams at Enlightening Streams Guidance and Counseling Services in Rome, GA. Mary Beth also earned her National Certified Counselor endorsement earlier this year. While working under supervision she is able to see clients in Rome and in Summerville, GA. In Summerville Mary Beth uses a room inside the church annex to meet with clients. Mary Beth meets with clients of all ages. She uses Solution-Focused Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to help clients work through life challenges. For information about her counseling services call or text her at 706-237-8513 or email her at counselormbhousch@gmail.com. You can also find her on Facebook as Counselor MB Housch.

We continue to help support our community with resources. Spread the word to caregivers and anyone who might be interested about the meeting on May 7th at 1 p.m. The support group will be in the Annex.

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Northwest Georgia Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

Chattooga County (Summerville)
1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm
Summerville First UMC
220 W. Washington St., Summerville, GA

Floyd County (Rome)
1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm
Transitions Hospice Care
316 E. 7th St., SW, Rome, GA

To register for a Support Group:
Contact Redonna Branton, CRT, RCP
(706) 378 - 2273
rbranton@transitionshc.com

Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association® support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

Backpack Blessing Bags for Local Students

Volunteers packed 306 bags of food on April 23rd. This was enough for three weeks. Our church provides 102 bags each Friday to local students so that they have food available over the weekend. Fifty bags go to Leroy Massey Elementary, 32 to Menlo Elementary, and 20 to Chattooga High School each week.

If you would like to help pack, the next opportunity is on May 14th at 12:30 p.m. The volunteers this month were Rita O'Neal, Cheryl Farrar, Honey Housch, Avis Snow, Elaine Crouch, and Paprika (the warehouse cat).



Rome-Floyd Community Kitchen Open House

Rev. Wes Privett, Rita O'Neal, Cheryl Farrar, and Elaine Crouch attended the Open House on April 25th. A light lunch was served and a tour of facilities was available. Cheryl and Elaine volunteer once a month to prepare food and serve at the kitchen. The next date to volunteer is May 16, 9 a.m. until noon. You are invited to go help. The kitchen is located at 4 Calhoun Avenue NE, Rome, Georgia.



There is also a shower and washing facility. The public can get one load of clothes washed and dried once a week. They may also take a shower once a week. The facility is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

From the Pastor's desk.

I sit here today and I am sad and I'm grieving and at the same time I'm joyous. Just two months ago, I was talking with some friends and I made a comment that there was no reason my mom couldn't live to be 100 years old. About three weeks ago, she went to the hospital with an irregular heartbeat and arrhythmia, and it has been downhill since then. She actually went home after the first week and she seemed to be doing better. Then last Saturday her heart went back into the abnormal rhythm and as I sit here this morning it is very doubtful that she will see her birthday on June 1. I'm sad and quite frankly feeling sorry for myself because I didn't see her as much as I should have. We talked a lot on the phone but life just kept getting in the way.

But I am very sincerely joyous because my mother has been incomplete since my dad passed in 2015. I didn't realize how deeply in love the two of them were until dad died. Every time I talked to mom on the phone she voiced how much she missed her husband. Saturday evening mom said that she was ready to go home to be with Jesus. And I am confident that's where she's headed. So while I'm sad, right now I cling to the promise made to us as Christians that there is a resurrection and a reunion coming.

The first Church I ever served was in Epworth, Georgia in Fannin county. The big fundraiser for the ministerial Association was a Labor Day barbecue. The pastors cooked and I got to participate in that several years. One of those years I was scheduled to do a funeral for someone who was very close to me. One of the pastors noticed I was a little down and asked about it. When I told him what was going on, I expected him to empathize with me, but no! He very correctly pointed out that if we really believed the things that we claim to believe to each other, we would cry when children were born and have a celebration when folks went home to be with their Lord and Savior.

It's not solely a function of being older, but I have come to realize that one of two things happen to most of us and it's usually the latter. God can, and does cure people. I have seen people come out of the hospital that doctors had said were not coming out, that there was nothing medical science could do for them. God cured them. I absolutely believe and have seen those miraculous cures. But I also absolutely believe that in most cases, God heals all of us by taking us home to be with him. As long as my mother is drawing breath, I will pray for her curing. But when I know that she has breathed her last breath whenever that is, I will praise God for healing her. I claim the resurrection. I firmly believe that at some point, I will see my mom and dad again. My mom will not have an irregular heartbeat, and my dad will not have emphysema. I'm going to close with a paraphrase of Martin Luther. This I believe, I stand here on the promise of God! I can do nothing else.

In Christ,
Wes

Scout News



This past month Pack 38 Cub Scouts visited the Summerville Fire Dept. and got to check out the fire truck. Atrium Health EMS and Summerville Police Dept. also came by to talk to the kids and let them check out their vehicles and learn about their jobs and equipment. This completed a requirement for all ranks by talking to public safety and learning about their jobs.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor
BE PREPARED FOR
ALEX G. DURHAM
of Scouts BSA Troop 7

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!
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Sunday Civic Center
May 5, 2024 44 GA 48
4:00 p.m. Summerville, GA

Refreshments will follow the ceremony

RSVP Mandy 706/506-0168



May BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

05/01 John Allen
05/03 Avis Snow
05/08 Josh Cordle
05/13 Jim Woodard
05/13 Mary Beth Housch
05/13 Lauren Jarrett
05/16 Steve Weaver
05/21 Dale Housch
05/23 Jori Day
05/28 Christine Crouch
05/31 Gail Allen

ANNIVERSARIES

None are listed .



Prayer Concerns

Dale Housch, Rita & Tim O'Neal (Travel)
Jeanette Privett (Wes' mom), Kathy Reid, Elaine Price, all our sisters and brothers in prison, Linda & Shelby Dube (Dee's friend burglary), Sarah Moe (travel), Alan Fulton, Rachel Hamilton, Alan (Christine Crouch's Neighbor), Chuck Durham (Knee, Wynne's dad), Larry Nance (stroke, Roger's uncle), Josephine Antoniazzi (friend of Sandy Weaver), Wanda Hill, Kim Snow, Tyrom Dixon (Friend of Dee Slason)

LONG TERM

SARAH MOE, AVIS SNOW, JIM MEDICI (Dossie's brother), JILL SPEARS (Randy's wife), LEIGH LINDSEY, REBECCA SLASON, ALAN ARCHER & FAMILY, JANE STOKES, GAIL ALLEN, ENRIQUE GRUNER, MICHAEL ANN BAILEY, CARTER & LINDA BLACK, MARCIA BONEY, BETSY DELLENBACK, DIANE FULTON, HILL & LUCILLE HAMBY, BEN MCCOOL & FAMILY, JANE MCCOOL, KASSIDY MCCOOL, DIANE MCCONNELL, KIM SNOW, DOSSIE PRIVETT, JEFFERY FLOYD

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The family of Bill Thornton, the family of Pat Angehr,
the family of Vesta Helton

May Flowers

May 5— Available
May 12— Available
May 19— Available
May 26— Elaine Crouch (In celebration of Christine Crouch's birthday.)





Financial Report - Jan. 1, 2023 through April 28, 2023

<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$45,139	\$46,463	(\$1,324)

MISSIONS YTD:

Receipts	Expenditures	Difference
\$3,442	\$1,676	\$1,766

The finance team thanks those who have continued to financially support the church during this past year.

Camp Hamby Day

Camp

The dates for this summer will be June 10-14 and June 17-21. The cost will be \$60 per camper. It is for kindergarten through 6th grade. Time is 9:00-2:00.

April Offerings:

April 7	\$3,129
April 14	\$2,830
April 21	\$ 851

**SFUMC is partnering with
Chattooga County DFACS to
meet **Emergency** food needs**

May needs are spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, anything else anyone would like to donate.

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