

*The Disciples' Connection...*



***Come home, to SFUMC.  
We miss seeing you!***

**Independence Day is not about individuals doing whatever they want; it is about individuals being free from tyrannical Earthly rule, to live, according to conscience, unto and for God.**

**Wednesday, July 3** There will be NO Wednesday night supper.

**Saturday, July 6** Men's Club meets at Jim's for breakfast 8 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 10** Bring salads, sandwiches, and desserts to share.

**Wednesday, July 17** - The menu for Wednesday night supper will be BBQ sandwich, baked beans, slaw, chips, and dessert. Contact Susan McGinnis if you plan to come. Her number is 706-857-8009.

**Wednesday, July 24** There will be NO Wednesday night supper.

**Saturday, July 27**—Christine Crouch and Justin Hammitt Wedding, 3 p.m.  
Reception to follow.

**Wednesday, July 31** - There will be NO Wednesday night supper.

**Planning Ahead for August**

**Saturday, August 3**

**Ice Cream Social**

**The Ladies' Friendship Circle will NOT meet  
in July.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### SHORT TERM

Linda Archer, Maxine Jones, Ann Marie Gibbs, Dianne Fulton (knee), Betty Davis (Rita's mom), Kim Snow (ICU), Diane McConnell, Dossie Privett, Rev. Randall Massengill, Maxine Cargle (surgery), Austin Fulton (wedding), Gary Knowles, Jane McCool (Ben's parole denied), Andrea Moe (Sarah's daughter), Richard Finn (Dossie's cousin A-fib), Rachel, Drew and Ava Grace Hamilton, Lynne Lee (eye surgery), Cassidy Houser (Tumor removal), Mary Payton (vision), John Renzi (cancer)

### LONG TERM

SARAH MOE, AVIS SNOW, JIM MEDICI (Dossie's brother), JILL SPEARS (No cancer found), REBECCA SLASON, JANE STOKES, GAIL ALLEN, ENRIQUE GRUNER, CARTER & LINDA BLACK, MARCIA BONEY, DIANE FULTON, LUCILLE HAMBY, BEN MCCOOL & FAMILY, JANE MCCOOL, KASSIDY MCCOOL, DIANE MCCONNELL, KIM SNOW, DOSSIE PRIVETT, JEFFERY FLOYD

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The family of Wayne McCarther, the family of Dean Lahren (Gene Moe's uncle), The family of ALAN ARCHER, the family of Hill Hamby, the family of Mary Lou Herman (Sarah's friend), The family of Kay Rupp (Whitney Crouch Rupp's mother in law)

## JULY BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS:

7/9 Kyrie Day  
7/12 Mary Beth Waggoner  
7/13 Kayleigh Day  
7/14 Owen Irvin  
7/17 Sydney Wilson  
7/19 Honey Housch

### ANNIVERSARIES

7/9 Sydney and Parker Wilson



## July Flowers

July 7 — Gene and Sarah Moe in Memory of Alexa

July 14 — Available

July 21 — Available

July 28 — Available

Have a Safe  
and Happy  
Fourth Of July.



## From the Pastor

Recently, I had some serious dental work done. In one sitting, I had a wisdom tooth pulled, and a crown installed. As I have been recuperating, I have had an opportunity to think about life.

The wisdom tooth had to be pulled because of the way it came in. In short, it was beyond my control. I will be the first one to admit that I was anxious about having the tooth pulled primarily because I don't like pain. In the days immediately preceding the visit, I worried myself sick thinking about the potential pain. In reality, the pain was not nearly as bad as I feared.

With all the time I had to think, what I discovered was that much of life is like this experience. It is actually out of our control, and if we spend too much of our time, fearing what is coming, we will miss many of the opportunities God presents us.

Many of the situations in our life are like my wisdom tooth. It was out of my control. Nothing I did would have changed anything. Over the years, I have walked with people who lost a job due to plant closure, people who lost a loved one with no advance warning, people who experienced fire or flood. In each of these situations, trusting God is the only realistic response. I'm not dismissing the pains and griefs involved, and I recognize many of us want to make things better. I agree we must do our part. If your plant closes, you need to actively look for a new job. But, you are not alone and it helps to remember that God is with us through the storms of our lives.

The crown I got was a result of the failure of an old filling. I couldn't do anything about the filling failing, but, I could have taken better care of my teeth in the past and I wouldn't have needed the crown.

In our lives, we make choices. Each of us is where we are today as a direct result of the choices we have made; good or bad. We cannot change the past, but we can honor God by including Him in the choices we make.

Honoring God can be simple. When you are young, stay in school, actually get an education, save some of every check you get, get married and stay married before having a family. It's not always simple, stay away from people and circumstances that do not have your best interest at heart. It can be hard to walk away from a "friend" who does not use good judgement, but not doing so can lead you to places you DO NOT want to be.

Let these two verses speak into your situations.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Always pray. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8 Always think and include God .

In Christ,

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Happy Independence Day

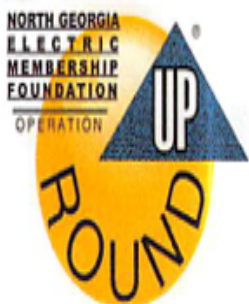


# Limbo Contest Winner



Not many pastors in Chattooga County can claim the title of Limbo Contest and Dance Contest Winner. We recently claimed both at the downtown concert event. Congratulations!!!

# Grant Received for \$1,000



## North Georgia Electric Membership Foundation

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On behalf of the North Georgia Electric Membership Foundation Board of Trustees, we are honored to have the opportunity to be a part of your organization's community outreach initiatives.

Your organization has been selected to receive a \$1,000.00 grant. This grant can only be used for the project titled, Weekend Food for Chattooga County Students in Need as described in your most recent grant application, and by depositing or cashing this check, you are agreeing to these terms.

All grants provided by Operation Round Up are made possible by the generosity of North Georgia EMC's membership, and we are grateful to all of our members who participate by rounding up their power bills to the nearest dollar each month.

We would appreciate your sharing how Operation Round Up grants support the good work of community advocacy organizations. Please communicate Operation Round Up's value with your staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, supporters, and friends and encourage them to participate.

We also encourage you to publicize this grant and include the credit line, "Made possible in part (or in whole) by the generous donations of participating NGEMC members in the Operation Round Up program." Also, please use the hashtag #ORUgives in your social media postings.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact Angel Randall at 706.259.3394 extension 1427.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jones  
Chairman  
North Georgia EMC Foundation

# Financial Report

## Financial Report Jan. 1, 2024 through June 28, 2024

<u>Funds Received</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$63,083	\$68,570	(\$5,487)

### MISSIONS YTD:

Receipts \$4,727    Expenditures \$2,411    Difference \$2,316

*The finance team thanks those who have continued to financially support the church during this*

*past year. Financial contributions should be mailed to this address.*

**Mailing Address: SFUMC**  
P.O. Box 187  
Summerville, Ga. 30747



## June Offerings to General Operating:

June 2— \$2,755

June 9— \$3,447

June 16— \$2,125

June 23— \$371

June 30—

Online Giving \$246



Live as people who are free, not using your *freedom* as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)



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