Sunday, September 3, 2023

VISITOR INFORMATION List names of all those with you today (please list children's ages): Address: ___ Best Phone: I / We... ☐ First-time Visitor ☐ Regularly Attend ☐ Visiting Family / Friends ☐ Would like more information ☐ Interested in membership



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MEMBER ATTENDANCE List names of all members in attendance: Contact the church office with all changes to contact information. (phone, email, address)

Sept. 3 - Sept. 10

SUNDAY 3

10:30am JAM Children's Church 10:45am Worship Service No First Youth

MONDAY 4 - Labor Day

Office Closed

TUESDAY 5

Seeker's Trip to Holston Home 5:00pm Safety Committee Mtg.

WEDNESDAY 6

11:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Wednesday Night Kickoff Cookout

THURSDAY 7

12:00pm Gadabouts

FRIDAY 8

8:00am Men's Group

SUNDAY 10

9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Chancel Choir 10:30am JAM Children's Church

10:45am Worship Service 5:00pm First Youth

5:30pm Life Groups

** Prayer Requests

SHORT TERM PRAYER • Gary Holden

Linda Cocks

LONG TERM PRAYER

- Mary Helen Allen
- Patsy Barger
- Jim Berg
- Doug Blanchard
- Sarah Chance
- The Boyd Family
- Carrie Byrum
- Kathy Haist • Sean Hale
- Ollie Hall
- Jean Henderson

- Evelyn Holloway
- Will Hyberger
- Steve Medlev
- Eleanor Perkinson
- Vicki Rhyne
- Elizabeth Samuel
- Charlotte Shaver
- John Smeltzer
- Cathy Smith
- Janice Tate
- Betty Watt
- Olivia Weatherford
- Janice Wolf

STithes & Offerings

As of 8/27/2023:

Receipts to Date Expenses to Date \$404.536.69 \$459.300.36

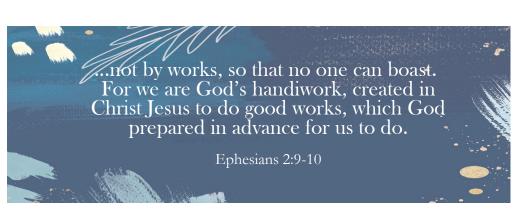
Place your Tithes and Offerings in the collection plate on Sunday mornings OR Mail them to the church.

ATTENDANCE

| | <u>In-Person</u> | <u>Online</u> | <u>Kids</u> | <u>Youth</u> |
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September 3rd, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship UMH 832 Psalm III

*Hymn of Praise UMH 139 vs. 1,2,3,5 Praise to the Lord

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 90:17

Call to Prayer Goodness of God

Prayer Rev. Curtis McKee

Prayer Response Goodness of God

*Hymn of Reflection Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

Offertory Great Things He Has Done Medley

Anthem 10,000 Reasons

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 2:9-10, Colossians 3:23-24

What the Bible Savs: Message

About Good Works Rev. Curtis McKee

Communion Anthem Thank you Jesus for the Blood

*Hymn of Invitation Glory to His Name (Down at the Cross) CH 493

Benediction Rev. Curtis McKee

Postlude

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Thank You, Chris

Chris Offrey, Director of Maintenance, is resigning his position at First

UMC; his last day will be Sept. 8. We are thankful for his years of faithful service & will miss him & his expertise. Please bring any cards/notes for Chris next Sunday or to the office during the week.



Wednesday Night Kickoff!
Sept. 6th at 5:30pm
This is an event for the entire family. Join us for a hotdog dinner and fellowship.

GADABOUTS

September 7th 12:00pm in the Commons Lunch will be provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Starting Sept. 13th!

Ist Kidz Choir - 5:30pm First Youth - 6:00pm Chancel Choir - 6:00pm Bell Choir - 7:15pm String Band - 7:15pm

MISSION FUND

The Mission Fund supports our church's local, national, & international, missions. Our balance is \$1,188.18. Our unmet commitments of \$12,000 are: Caring Place \$2,500 Mary Dianna Samuels Indian Girls Home \$5,000, Baltic Seminary Scholarship \$2,000, Arnold family for Christmas & others.

If you made a pledge in
February during mission month,
please write 'Mission Gifts' on
your check memo or on your
giving envelope.

Bible Presentation Sunday

If you have a 3rd,
4th or 5th grade
student who has not
received a Bible,
contact Jill Ingram & join us
Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:45am
for a special Bible Presentation.

District Day with the Bishop Sept. 19th, 7pm Worship at Keith Memorial in Athens



What The Bible Says About...GOOD WORKS Psalm 90:17 Ephesians 2:9-10 Colossians 3:23-24

Regarding Good Works there are two extremes.

- 1- Belief that Works Bring Salvation. (Works Righteousness)
- 2- Belief that Works Do Not Really Matter, it's all about just Believing.

Psalm 90:17-The FAVOR of our GOD - Showing approval and acceptance based on our adhering to His way.

- His way... a) Old Covenant=Keeping the Law
 - b) New Covenant=Living by the Teachings of His Son Jesus Christ.

This then reaps...Blessings which mean special benefits. The prayer is for the Lord, in his Favor, to establish the work of our hands.

Ephesians 2:8 is very clear..."For by grace you have been saved through faith...and this is not from yourselves (not your doing), it is the gift of God." Verse 9, "not by works, so that no one can boast."

Key Point: WE CAN NEVER SAVE OURSELVES...And Yet... (verse 10) "For we are God's handiwork...created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God's investment of his Son includes our participation through faith and then our action in response to being New Creatures in Christ. We Do based on what God Has Done...

How are we to Engage in these Works? Colossians 3:24...WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART AS WORKING FOR THE LORD... The Outcome= An Inheritance from the Lord because it is Christ the Lord You are Serving.

Good Works Then:

- 1- Do Not Save...By Grace through Faith.
- 2- Are Essential...We were Created for good and are Recreated for Good in Christ Jesus. God planned it before we were ever saved.
- 3- Are Evidential...James 2:17 indicates Faith without Action is Dead.





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