

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 1:35-42; 6:5-9; 12:20-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord
 People: *Thanks be to God*

Sharing God's Word

Dr. William D. Coker

"A Few Good Men - Andrew"

Call to Discipleship and Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us give thanks to God and pray silently to affirm or reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Let us pray.

People: (Silent Prayers)

Leader: Amen. The Apostles' Creed is an affirmation of faith that has been used since the 2nd Century to summarize what Christians believe about God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Please stand as we say together the traditional Apostles' Creed.

People: (People Stand)

Leader: Friends, what do you believe about God the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

Leader: What do you believe about God the Son?

People: And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Leader: What do you believe about God the Holy Ghost?

People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Blue Hymnal #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised (v. 1,4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Sharing the Love

written by Gary Unger

"Sharing the Love and the Grace of Our Lord is what we are called now to do, Go forth, make disciples our Savior commands, To love others as God has loved you."

THE COVENANTER NEWS & EVENTS

1) **GUESTS** - Greetings in the name of Christ! Please fill out the **Connection Card** and consider helping us accomplish our **Vision/Mission of "Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known."** May the Holy Spirit move you to take action today to:

- 1) Become a Christian;
- 2) Join our Vision/Mission;
- 3) Bring a Friend to Worship;
- 4) Choose a Group/Class; and
- 5) Give Generously.

Plan to join our Covenant Team by transferring or affirming/reaffirming your faith in Jesus.

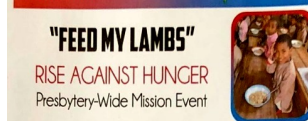
2) **OUR NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YRS OLD.**

3) **LAY READERS TODAY** - Kim Nutt - 9:00a.m.; Bryan Green - 11:00am.

4) **FLOWERS** - Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in memory of **William Cecil Jones** by Alan Jones.

5) **MISSIONS:**

- **DORCAS SEWING MINISTRY** - Next mtg is 9-4-18.
- **GOD'S RECIPE** - Next meeting date is Monday, September 24th.
- **BOXTOP LABELS FOR THORNWELL** - General Mills Cereals, Zip Loc, Green Giant, Office Supplies, etc. Drop in box across from office area.
- **MISSION COMMITTEE PROJECT REQUEST** - Drop **toys** for September in Christmas Child Shoe Box Project outside of office area.
- **FEED MY LAMBS** - On Oct 7th @ 3 pm in Tifton, we will fill 10,000 bags of food to send overseas.



6) **COVENANT WOMEN**

Night Circle - September 10th, 6:30p.m. - Home of Kay Fuller; Covered Dish
Day Circle - Next meeting - September 11th in Multi-Purpose Room - 10:00a.m. The name of the book we will be studying is **"God's Promise - I Am With You"**. Please study the first lesson - Genesis 26: 1-6 and 28: 10-22 prior to our bible study.

7) **OPEL EVENTS:**

- September 18** - Supper at Fat Boys in Sylvester. Leave church at 5:00p.m.*
 - September 20** - Noon Lunch at Phoenix (Morningside) with our church residents. \$7 @ door.
 - September 23** - **MAMMA MIA** (Play) at Springer Opera House in Columbus - Sunday matinee. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. Will leave after the 11:00 service.*
 - October 12** - Travel to Thomasville for lunch at Jonah's. Church van will leave at 9:45a.m.*
 - October 29** - Free Military Concert in Columbus at Rivercenter with dinner prior to concert. Leave church at 3:45p.m.*
 - November 8** - Stillpond Winery & Lunch at Sweet Georgia Brown's. Leave church at 10:00a.m.*
- Other dates for October, November and December TBA. *Church Van**

8) **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

- **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - Resumes on **September 6** - 9:30am in Craft Rm.
- **KIDSROCK:** - **Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. - JAM (Jesus & Me)**
 - **Sundays @ 11 AM. - KEWL (Kids Enjoying Worship & Life)**
- **"IGNITE"** - **Sundays, 10 a.m., Café 2126;**
- **"THE MOVE"** - Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in the Walter Flint Youth Center.

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Wednesday, September 12 - 7:00pm
 If you would like to sing in the choir on National Back to Church Sunday, please join us for choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 12th in the Choir Room after WNS at the Fish Camp.



9) **PW LADIES!!!** DATE has been rescheduled to **Saturday, September 15th at noon** for the **"Bring a Salad to Share" Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.** We will have the Installation of PW Officers and will remember those who have graduated to their heavenly home and of course have lots of food, fun and fellowship. Plan NOW to attend!!

10) **ONLINE GIVING** - Use QR scanner to access secure online giving. QR apps available in APP Stores for free. Link also on website, covpc.org. Place phone over QR Code shown to make contributions.

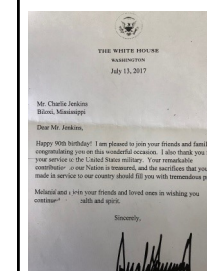


11) **SEWN** at First Methodist on Sunday, Sep 9th at 5:00pm. We need your help...

12) **NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH.**

Start the Fall Season off right on September 16th for Back to Church Sunday. We will have a good old fashioned "dinner on the ground" (in the Fellowship Hall) after the 11:00a.m. service. **(COVERED DISH)**

ONLY ONE SERVICE on the 16th.



Many of you remember Charlie Jenkins who is now living in Gulfport, Mississippi. He sent us a copy of the letter he received from the White House wishing him a happy 90th birthday. He was Kiwanian of the Year in 2017 in Gulfport. Charlie says he enjoys reading the newsletters and sends his love to everyone in the church family. His thought for the day was **"Take time to plan how you are going to use your supply of tomorrows"**. Thank you, Charlie, for your service and Happy Birthday!

13) **Small Groups – Fall 2018 - CONTACT US AND SIGN UP!!**

1. Home of Palma James: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. – Topic is TBD
2. Homes of Korpall, Walters, and Coker on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. – Topic is **Andy Griffith Series.**
3. Young Adult Video Group: Sundays at 10 a.m. in Parlor – New 6 Week Topic is **"More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God's Plan"** by Max Lucado.
4. Chicken Salad Chick Restaurant: Luncheon Group on Tuesdays at 12 Noon – Topic is **"Everybody Always"** by Attorney Bob Goff.

14) **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

9 April Logan, Faye Carden	20 Charlotte Sandstrom 22 Lilia Sullivan	28 Letha Stephens 29 Jane Anne Sullivan
10 Deborah Trammell	23 David Tennyson, Mike Elder	30 Richard Miller
11 Dianne Sellers	24 Gayle Vanater	
12 Shelley Moss	25 Proctor Johnston IV	
16 Barbara Nichols	26 Lauren Sandbach	
18 Babs Beauchamp		



Are you Engaged in the Mission of Christ?

Jesus said, **"Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served."**

Ushers/Greeters	Ministry Teams:	Handyman/woman
Lay Readers	Worship, Education,	Presbytery Volunteers
Choir	Finance, WNS,	VBS Helpers
Whiz Kids	Building/Grounds,	Card Senders
Ladies Bible Study	Missions - Evangelism/	Flower Deliverers
Dorcas Mission	Assimilation	Cleaners/Organizers Youth/
God's Recipe	Prayer/Membership	Children Chaperones
Transportation Helpers	Special Needs	Bug Zappers
Teachers	Office Helpers	Weed Pullers
Ignite Youth Helpers	Prayer Warriors	Nursery Subs
WUMBA Helpers	Pew Stuffers	Casserole Servants
Kidsrock Helpers	Sign Stuffers	Kitchen Helpers
Presbyterian Women	Candle Oilers	Van Washers/Cleaners
Audio/Visual	Envelope Stuffers	Table Arrangers
Nursery Volunteers	Bulletin Board Keepers,	Sign Letter Stuffers
Communion Prep -Small	Photographer	Funeral Helpers
Group Hosts Young Adult	Wedding Helpers	Early Service Set Up
Leaders OPEL Helpers	Musicians	Pressure Washing
	Handbells	

God Given Desires

One of the ways God speaks to us is through the sanctified desires of our hearts. God places right desires in our hearts and then He gives us those desires.

I remember a time when I had a desire for homemade zucchini bread but had no talent or time to make it. I simply said, "Lord, I sure would like some fresh zucchini bread," and did not think about it again. About a week later a lady who knew nothing of my desire handed me a box and when I opened it, I found homemade zucchini bread. God delights in doing small and large things for us and we should never fail to appreciate all of them.

We need to ask God to give us sanctified, or holy, desires. We usually have desire for natural things such as success, finances, nice homes, and good relationships, but we should also desire spiritual things. We should desire to know God in a deeper and more intimate way, to always display the fruit of the Spirit, especially love, to serve God in ways that glorify Him, to always be obedient to God, et cetera. Let us ask God to take away fleshly desire and give us sanctified desire.

God puts in us desires that will bring His righteousness, peace, and joy to our lives (see [Romans 14:17](#)), and they never disagree with His Word. Wrong desires torment us, and we are impatient about receiving them, but sanctified desire comes with a willingness to wait on God's ways and timing. Place your desires before God, pray about them and trust God to give them to you if and when they are right for you.

Father, help me to want what You want. I lift up all my desires to You right now and ask for You to give me what's best for my life—in Your way and in Your timing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joyce Meyer Ministries

<p>Elder/Deacon SEPTEMBER Assignments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers</p> <p>9:00a.m. - <i>Kim Nutt</i> 11:00a.m. - <i>Jamie Gresham</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance - 8-26-18</p> <p>10:00a.m. Sunday School - (33) 11:00a.m. Worship Service (61)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Snapshot Week Beginning 9-3-18</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">YTD Revenue</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">186,093.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">YTD Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">238,605.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Surplus (Deficit)</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(52,511.80)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YTD (CSC) Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$265.00</td> </tr> </table>	YTD Revenue	186,093.43	YTD Expenses	238,605.23	Surplus (Deficit)	(52,511.80)	YTD (CSC) Donations	\$265.00
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CARE and CONTACTS

HOME VISITS: Dr. Coker and Ben Shellhaas visited the homes of Blaine Strickland family, Byrd & Shana Sullivan, Robby Knighton, Mann family and Hoover family.

OTHER CONTACTS: Dr. Coker's other contacts: Drew Aultman, Katie Gunnels, Keith Chandler, Brandon Ricketson, Jay Smith, Dr. Jim Herron, Dr. Jeff Davis, Beth Tyrer, Lee Don, Daniel Stewart, Judy Bowles, Ben Rice, Tori Whiting, Norma Burroughs.

If you would like a visit, let us know and Dr. Coker, and Elders/Deacons will be happy to come and pray with you. If you prefer a visit by appointment, let us know.

Covenant Calendar		
Sunday, SEP 9	Tuesday, SEP 11	5:30pm - Cookout at Fish Camp
9:00am - Early Service	9:00am - Preschool	7:00pm - Choir Practice
10:00am - Sunday School	2:30pm - B & G Club	
11:00am - Worship Service	4:00pm - Visit Teams	Thursday, SEP 13
		9:00am - Preschool
Monday, SEP 10	Wednesday, SEP 12	2:30pm - B & G Club
9:00am - Preschool	9:00am - Preschool	
2:00pm - Staff Meeting	9:00am - Golden K	Friday, SEP 14
	Kiwanis Club - F Hall	9:00am - Preschool
	10:30am - Al-Anon - Church Parlor	2:30pm - B & G Club

<p>PRAYER LIST MEMBERS</p> <p>Pam & Larry Barfield Allen Beamon Lallie Benkoski Shelvia Casper Brenda Cook Chet Dreschel Charlie Findley Winnie Findley Ellen Graves Sue Hamlin Alice Hathcock Bobby Hinman Cyndi Jaeckel Supreeya Lopez Becky Martin Jessica McCall Donna McCoy Betty McDonald Ann McMurray Michael Moss Spence Pryor Laura Pye Jeannette Robinson Family of Larry Sellers Roland Sims Lilia Sullivan Saville Sullivan</p>	<p>Will Sullivan Myrtle Tarpley Larry Tyrer Gloria Weathers</p> <p>RETIREMENT CTRS</p> <p>Century Pines: Jan Warren Sally Hairston</p> <p>Senior Living Village: Bea Phelps</p> <p>Phoenix: Lallie Benkoski, Sonny Campbell, Addie Denby, Carol Kirkland, Pruitt: Rosemarie Barfield, Valencia: Mike Milam Pine Shadows: Jack Brand Wynfield Rehab: Lallie Benkoski Tommy Morrison Peggy Piland Rm 417 (E. Tascioglu's Mom) Clara Bennett Rm 234 (sister of Katy Gunnels) MISSIONARIES Elizabeth Codrington -</p>	<p>Armenia Susan Codrington Chuck and Joyce Harper - Honduras Sandi & Brian Royer Guatemala Robe Family- Ethiopia</p> <p>FRIENDS/RELATIVES</p> <p>Maddie Armona John Anderson Sam Atkinson Family of Dr. Will Aultman Daniel Badillo Marvin Bannister Buddy Carver Ethel Colville (mom of Deb Baltenberger) Susan Cook Dennis Davis John Henry Douglas Gracen Dozier (friend of Annalee Rayment) Ellen Dreschel (sister-in-law of Chet) Bob Dutton (friend of Michael Moss) Mary Gamble (Mother of Lisa Burton) Miracle Gibson</p>	<p>William Gilbert Carroll/Joy Harpole David Grimes Cathy Hairston Dee Hardin (friend of Spence Pryor) Olivia Higgins Buddy House Gary & Pam Hudson Larry Hysler Cindy Jackson Eric Johnson Karen Johnson Claire Koster Karen Johnson Linda Johnson Max Jon Melanie Leight (niece of Dr. Jeff Davis) LSM Paul Luthman Charlene McIntyre Meghan and Rebecca McReynolds Kari Middleton Viola Miller Family of Cruse Moss (Michael's father) Brenda Neal (aunt of the Moore's) Dana Oosterveen (Jane</p>	<p>Hill's daughter) Jeremy Parkins Connor Paulson (great grandson of Sue Hamlin) John Peacock (friend of Ryan Garnto) Annalee Perez Dennis Pyles Matthew Reaves Michael Richardson Stephanie Richardson Robbins family who lost a child Mae Scott Bert Settle & family Cleveland Shaw Family of Mary Sullivan John Soileau Gloria Taylor Cathy Thompson (niece, Jean Mitchell) Trudy Tiernan Betty Toomer Alex Trammell Jena Velez Tom Wheeler Tina White Family of Lisa Willis (Proctor's daughter) Wade Quattlebaum</p>
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STAFF

Dr. William D. Coker, Sr Pastor
 Beth Tyrer, Interim Music Dir.
 Richard Miller, Organist/Pianist
 Ben Shellhaas, Youth Grp Intern
 Cindy Garcia, Preschool Dir.
 Cheryl Coker, Interim Kid's Dir
 Gail Korpala, Admin Assistant
 Nancy Reimer, Vol. Opel Dir.
 Linda Walters, Financial Sec.
 Michael Moss, Treasurer
 Victoria Drury, Nursery

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Tom Korpala, Superintendent

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 Rev. Ben A. Rice

SESSION

William Coker, Moderator
 Jay Smith, Clerk of Session

Class of 2018: Jay Smith, Michael Moss, Ed Reaves, Sheridan Rushton, Roland Sims
 Class of 2019: Ronnie Keel, Deb Wilson, Proctor Johnston, Vic Sullivan, Joann Pollock
 Class of 2020: Tom Korpala, Lem Manry, Bryan Green, Chick Flournoy, Carl Croft

DIACONATE

Otis Moore, Moderator
 Vice Moderator, Cheryl Coker

Class of 2018: Otis Moore, Chip Underdown, Victor Sullivan, Sue Henson, Cheryl Coker
 Class of 2019: Joy Carver, Bruce Gunnels, Jo Musgrove, Bill Baker, Donna Lambert
 Class of 2020: Dianne Carr, Claire Green, John Bullock, Gayle Vanater, Jamie Gresham

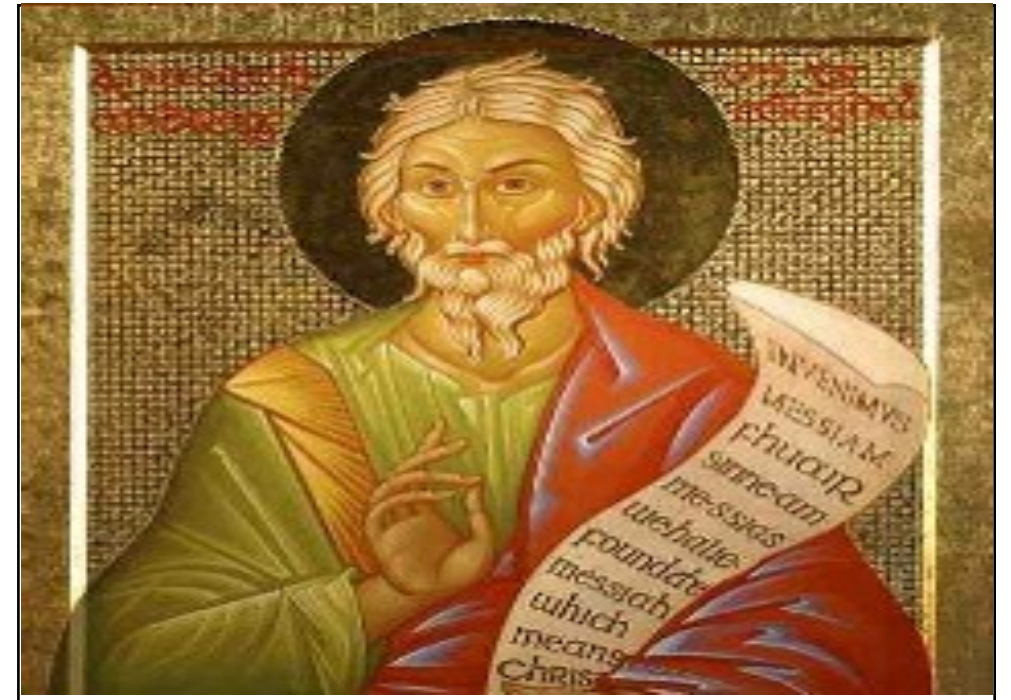
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cheryl Coker, Co-Moderator
 Linda Walters, Co-Moderator
 Deb Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer
 Beverly Hysler, Dorcas Ministry
 Sheila Ratliff, Christian Community Action
 Ruby Pickron, Bereavement
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Icon of St. Andrew painted by Sister Petra Claire, a Benedictine Nun living in Scottish Highlands

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Welcome, Peace of Christ, Prayer Requests, Quiet Meditation

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Prelude

Moderato

William Stickles

Call to Worship

1 Peter: 3-15

"Friends, dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to explain your confidence and faith in God when anyone asks, and be sure to do so with gentleness and respect." Let us worship God.

Blue Hymnal #262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (v. 1,2,4)

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

A Time to be Generous with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

Robert Schumann

A Message for the Young at Heart

(Children 4-5th grade exit for Kewl)

A Time For People To Pray and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen