

COMMERCE  
FIRST METHODIST  
CHURCH

*A Place to Know, Grow, and Show God's Love*  
***April 2026 Newsletter***

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# April 2026 Prayer List

*"Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers." -Ephesians 6:18*

## Prayer Requests For Our Community & Beyond:

Our church, its ministries, and leadership.

Our country, our community, and our church leaders.

For those affected by injustice and violence in all the ways they present themselves.

All medical and emergency personnel.

The Kairos Prison Ministry.

The World with all its needs, near and far from us.

## Our Men and Women in the Military:

Ryan Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Karl Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Tyler Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Bobby Marshburn, Ensign in the Navy

Mason McDaniel, Godson of Janni & Dynelle Martin, US Army

Major Scott Powell, son of Thomas Powell, US Army

Steven Wheeler, brother-in-law of Jan Roe

PFC Connor Legg, grandson of Jack Legg, US Army

## Those in Assisted Living:

### Gayle Pritchett

Brighter Mornings at the Shoals

7456 Hwy 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558

### Janet Varner

25 Glen Lake Parkway NE Apt 1215

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

## Those at home:

### Lucy Gailey

The Pines

P.O. Box 458, Maysville, GA 30558

### Dr. Don McFadden

119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

### Shirley Parham

2900 McEver Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504

### Pat and Jimmy Purcell

108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

## Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams

Mitchell Adams

Collins Anderson

Grant Anderson

Keith Ariail

Heather Ballenger

Pam Barnett

Betty Baxter

Roger Beauchamp

Saoirse Bergman

Phillippe Berra

Steave Breeding

Dennis Cain

Marie Canady

Betty Corn

Bob Crocket

Sonia Davis

Anna Diemond

Lorraine Dipple

Cathy Fletcher

Wayne Goforth

Carol Hatcher

Kenny Hill

Lydia Hoadley

Dash Hughes

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Claudia Lacy

Dave Ladd

Linda Lamb

Jerome & Anne Lee

Kim & Doug Legg

Debbie Manus

Bobby Marshburn

Greg Martin

Tiffany Mathis

Mike Matthews

Charlotte Maxwell

Patsy McCall

Charles Morris

Reagan Mullinax

John Murphy

June Murphy

Pat Murphy

Tom Murphy

Wanda Murphy

Joyce Phillips

Tara Pittard

Colleen Rios

Tony Rios

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Janice Smith

Jade Stickland

Faye Sullens

James Thomas

Lisa Till

Blakeley Waddell

Chester Walters

Samantha Watson

**Please contact the church office with any updates. Thank you!**

## Joys & Celebrations

**If you have any joys or celebrations you'd like to share with the congregation please contact the church office at 706-340-8611 or [office@cfmc.life](mailto:office@cfmc.life)**

## **Trustee of the Month**

Mike Manus

## **Counters**

4/5 Dave Moon  
Dave Crouch  
4/12 Al Fleming  
Tom Murphy  
4/19 Bill Davis  
Ray Morris  
4/26 Jimmy Bolton  
Elton Collins

## **A/V**

4/5 Elise Phillips  
Evvie Phillips  
Julia Crouch  
4/12 Karen Hill  
Sara Hill  
Russell Crouch  
4/19 Sara Hill  
Elise Phillips  
Zachary Crouch  
4/26 Karen Hill  
Julia Crouch  
Timothy Sweeney

## **Altar Guild**

Kathleen Hooper  
Stephanie Carr

## **Acolytes**

4/5 Karen Hill  
Sara Hill  
4/12 Elise Phillips  
Rosemary Phillips  
4/19 Julia Crouch  
Marci Sweeney  
4/26 Anna Riley Phillips  
OPEN

## **Children's Church**

4/5 Remain in worship  
4/12 Lydia Hoadley  
4/19 Joy Scott  
4/26 Kristen Hill

**SAVE THE DATE**

5/6- LIFT  
5/17- Graduate Sunday  
5/19- CFMC Preschool Graduation  
5/24-5/28- Hinton Trip  
5/31-6/4- VBS

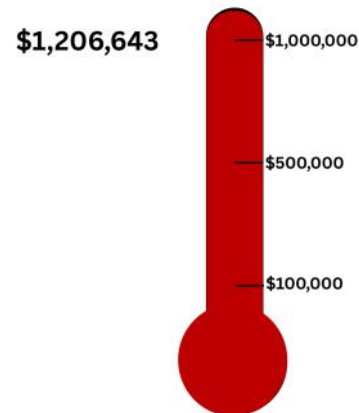
# Happy Birthday

Brian Anderson	4/1
Mandy Lund	4/2
Jack Wood	4/2
Renee Moon	4/6
Brayden Harbin	4/7
Craig Gieler	4/11
Carl Bowers	4/12
Kelsey Harbin	4/13
Britton Jones-Leggett	4/15
Robbie Griffeth	4/17
Linda Exley	4/19
Sam Suarez	4/20
Donna Shaner	4/22
Lisa Whitmire	4/24
Kaden Scott	4/26
Seth Cassidy	4/26
Bob Herrin	4/29

# HAPPY Anniversary!

Preston and Holly Hempton	4/8
Nancy and Jim Gaines	4/15

## Master Plan Campaign



**Current Amount Pledged/Given:**  
**\$1,206,643**



Spring is in full swing at preschool! We're excited for all the fun activities ahead, including Easter egg hunts, spring pictures, and watching butterflies hatch. Our lessons will also explore camping, flowers, and bugs—perfect topics for the season!

Spring Break will take place April 6–10, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back afterward. We're also excited to celebrate our graduates on May 19th!

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

APRIL 3 2026

COMMERCE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
7:00PM

COMMUNITY  
**SUNRISE SERVICE**

April 5th  
7:00am  
@Spencer Park

**Kids Club & Youth Group**

April 12th  
&  
April 26th

5:30-6:30pm  
@CFMC

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP**

**APRIL 5TH-7TH**

**Spring Break Trip: Ark Encounter (April 5-7)**

Join us for an all-ages trip to the Ark Encounter! We will leave April 5 after worship and return April 7 around 7:30 PM. For cost and trip details, please contact Pastor April. Please sign up [here](#) or you can call the church office.

*Beans, Franks*  
**& BINGO**

APRIL 15TH  
11:00AM-1:00PM  
COMMERCE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**TAKE A HIKE**

**SANDY CREEK PARK**  
**APRIL 26TH**  
**AFTER WORSHIP**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME**

Sign up [here](#).

## April 2026 Trustee Flash

At the called Charge Conference on March 8, 2026, the congregation voted unanimously to proceed with our Phase 1 Construction Project. The Trustees are grateful for your support as well as the work done by the Finance Committee to secure funding.

We are working on details of a contract with our top choice of the 6 contractors that submitted bids. We are not quite ready to put a name out until the contract is signed. We ask you to respect our process and be patient. A start date of early April is our goal with 4 months to complete the project.

The disruption to our neighbors is one of our concerns. We are contacting each of them to let them know the scope and duration of our project. There will be big, noisy equipment and probably dust and/or mud.

To address parking, we are asking the adjacent property owners (old Potters House) on Broad Street and Commerce Insurance Agency at the triangle to use their parking lots on Sundays. Other creative ideas include using golf carts to transport church goers to the church from other parking areas.

As you can tell, progress is great as is the need for patience. With your help, we will continue to move forward. We all look forward to the final result.

-Linda Exley



# **Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!**

## **Finance**

Jimmy Hooper, Chairperson

Ray Morris, Vice Chairperson

Jimmy Bolton

Jane Bedell

Dave Crouch

Bill Davis

Barbara Hendricks

Todd Mize

Donna Shaner

## **Trustees**

Linda Exley, Chairperson

Brian Anderson

Carine Griffeth

Preston Hempton

Robert Lyle

Mike Manus

Dave Moon

Carolyn Stephenson

Jim Williams

## **Staff-Parish Relations**

Kinsey Phillips, Chairperson

Jason Phillips, Vice Chairperson

Carl Bowers

Nariman Crouch

Craig Gieler

Bob Griffeth

Anne Fleming

Judy Harbin

Debbie Manus

## **Administrative Council**

David Stephenson, Chairperson

Linda Exley, Trustees

Al Fleming, Lay Leader

Jimmy Hooper, Finance

Kinsey Phillips, SPR

Lisa Nesbit, Treasurer

Donna Shaner, Recording Secretary



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