

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 20	
9:00am	Ensemble Sings Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School
10:00am	FUMC Worship Service / Channel 11
10:30am	Chancel Choir gathers Ten42 Contemporary Worship / SH
10:42am	Ensemble Sings Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:00am	Music Team Meeting Youth Worship / AC
5:00pm	Bluegrass Band Young Adult/College Bible Study / AC
5:30pm	
6:00pm	
8:00pm	
MONDAY, May 21	
3:00pm	FFGO / AC
5:45pm	Girl Scouts / CB
6:00pm	Cub Scouts / AC
6:30pm	Church Council Meeting / Searchers
7:00pm	Boy Scouts / Scout House
7:30pm	Pick-up Volleyball / AC
TUESDAY, May 22	
8:15am	Fitness Class / AC
4:30pm	Urban Elevation / AC
5:30pm	Weight Watchers / AB
6:30pm	Music Volunteers (SS Training) Safe Sanctuary Training / Renewal
6:30pm	
WEDNESDAY, May 23	
8:15am	Fitness Class / AC
12:15pm	Mid-Week Communion Service
5:30pm	Wednesday Night Supper / SH
6:15pm	Ensemble
7:00pm	Chancel Choir
7:30pm	Ten42 Band
THURSDAY, May 24	
8:15am	Fitness Class / AC
11:00am	Worship Team Meeting / Parlor
4:30pm	Urban Elevation / AC
8:00pm	FUMC Worship Service / Channel 11
FRIDAY, May 25	
1:00pm	FUMC Worship Service / Channel 11
9:00pm	Ten42 Worship Service / Channel 11

MEMBERS: Janet Conner, Bill Kelley, Annette Swan, Peggy Tucker, Esta Gressette, Teresa Moore, David Sone, Rose

Prayer Requests Crosby, Milton Newberry, George Lindstedt

LONG-TERM PRAYER: Hazel Lawson, John Cole, Julia Arthur (Terry's wife), Sara Davis, Mitch Hunt, Betty Douglas, Clarita Johnston, Arlette Mouat, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's son), Dot Utley, Hoyt Vance, Geneva Conoly (Milledgeville, GA), Christine Kennedy, Kent Taylor. **SHUT-IN:** Gerald "Jake" Herring, George Fricks, Billie Tucker. **TIFTON HEALTH/REHABILITATION CENTER:** Wynelle Bass. **CYPRESS POND:** Louise Kent, Imogene Holmes, Betty Golden, Joyce Coleman, Edwin & Wyolene Walker. **MAPLE COURT:** Mary John Reinhardt. **SOUTHERN OAKS:** John Mallory. **REHAB OF SOUTH GA. MAGNOLIA MANOR:** **PRUITT HEALTH-MAGNOLIA MANOR:** Ann Garrett, Frances Harris. **THE LEGACY:** Henrietta Heyerdahl. **LEGACY VILLAGE:** Bill Keith. **AUTUMN LEAVES OF SUGARLOAF:** Jane Blasingame. **MILITARY:** Aubrey Collins (deploying to Afghanistan) **FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Ben Miller (Marty & Tara's son), Brian Douce (Keith's nephew), Curt & Bonita Anderson & family (former members), Jan Bailey Sheppard (Judy Herring's sister), Jimmie & Grace Prince (Suzanne Pless's parents), Vickie Coley (Lisa Forshee's friend), Ansley Cochran (family friend of Sunny & Dale Pflug), Tommy Burton (Richard Burton's brother), Earl Steffens (Tyron & Sandra Spearman's friend), Frances Hutto (Kevin Hutto's mother), Sandra Stone (Hope Vance's mother). **PLEASE REMEMBER** to call the church office with an update on those you've placed on the prayer list **OR** if you are admitted to the hospital so we are aware of your

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Robby Paulk

Tifton First United Methodist Church Good News!



May 16, 2018: Issue 69 Rev. Benjy Varnell, Senior Pastor / Rev. Robby Paulk, Associate Pastor

Faithful to SCRIPTURE *Creative* in MINISTRY *Passionate* for OUTREACH *Offering* CHRIST to ALL

PENTECOST

There were three major Jewish festivals around the time of Jesus. Every Male Jew within twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to come to these festivals (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles). Pentecost means *Fiftieth*. It was always the fiftieth day after Passover. During the Festival of Pentecost, people would commemorate the giving of The Law to Moses and bring an agricultural offering of bread, normally two loaves, to give thanks for the coming harvest. It was also a day of rest for laborers and workers.

Because this time of year was more fitting for travel, there were about the same amount of people attending this festival as there would have been at the Festival of Passover. People came from all over which explains why there was a large international crowd on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

For the Christian, Pentecost is the day set aside to celebrate the coming of God's Spirit for all humanity. On that day, God granted His Spirit to dwell inside the life of the person. No longer was there a separation between God's presence and people. Now, God intimately is with His people resulting in encouragement and empowerment for ministry. To reference Jeremiah 31, God writes His Law on the hearts of people at Pentecost. Therefore, as we gather for worship on this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the collective life of the Church.

In the Spirit of Christ,

Benjy



VBS Registration is Open
 Shipwrecked (Rescued By Jesus)
 June 25 – 29 - 9:00am – Noon
 For completed Pre-K through 5th Grade
 (If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS,
 contact Annie Paulk at (229) 251-8610)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

9:00am: Traditional Worship "For You & All Who Are Far Off" Acts 2:37-41 Rev. Robby Paulk
10:42am: Ten 42 Contemporary Worship "Promises of the Spirit" John 16:7-14 Rev. Benjy Varnell
11:00am: Traditional Worship "For You & All Who Are Far Off" Acts 2:37-41 Rev. Robby Paulk

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Church Life

Sunday Servants—May 20, 2018

USHERS: 9:00am Dick Kitchens, Tommy Bargeron, Jim Anderson, Dale Redeker, Casey Willis, Nelson Kunes
11:00am Keith & Brenda Douce, John Ewing, Paul Fulwood, Powell Gaines, Joe Gray, Mike Lee, Mark McGill, Tommy Parker, Hal Henderson

ACOLYTES: Lexi Connell, Andrew Connell

AT HOME WELCOME TEAM: Brenda Douce & Teena Henderson

WELCOME TABLE: 9:00am Marx-Ann Myddelton **11:00am** Brenda Douce

ALTAR GUILD: Teena Henderson & Brenda Douce

PEW RESTOCKING FOR MAY: Brenda Douce

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: 8:45am-9:45am Anna Atwater

9:45am-10:50am Allison Fulwood

10:50am-Noon Claire Brownlee

CHILDREN'S DOOR GREETER: Annie Paulk



ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of my husband, Henry Sutton, on his birthday, May 19, by Ann Sutton.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE—May 13, 2018

9:00am: 135 Ten42am: 70 11:00am: 236 Sunday School: 158



NO Wednesday Night Supper Until the Fall!

Margaret Robinson & family in the death of her sister, Virginia Bell Appleton, of Madison, GA.

Memorials:

Norma Lankford by Fred & Sarah Powell / **Doug Hetzel** by Fred & Sarah Powell

Dean Hilliard by Fred & Sarah Powell / **Bob Coleman** by Fred & Sarah Powell

Opal Morris by Fred & Sarah Powell / **Ruth McCormick** by Phillip & Sally Belflower

Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to:

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Erika Johnson and family in the death of her father, William Bradford Stribling, of Americus, GA.

In Memoriam

Vivian Barrineau Gaskins
09/08/1926 - 05/13/2018



Church Council Meeting

Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm
in the Searchers Classroom.

A Retirement Reception honoring Penny and Mary Varnell will be Sunday afternoon May 27 from 3-5pm at relief program at 3:30pm. Please join them for this celebration! Send a copy of them to Marianna Keese (1425 Mary Anne Ave., Tifton, GA) by May 21. There will also be a basket for cards.



Our Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY: *Aaron McCalvin, Director*

Sometimes God calls us to take a step of faith—a step out into the wild. We don't know where He's leading, but we know He's asking us to trust and follow Him. In this series, as we look at how Abraham followed God's call into the wild, we'll see that we can find the courage to do the same. Think back to the things you did as a teenager that you didn't want your parents to find out about. Share a couple of those moments with your teen, so they know that mistakes (yours and theirs) don't define the future. The next time your teen shares one of their mistakes with you, start your response with, "Thanks

me that."

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Morning 9:45am-10:30am *Elevate Breakfast Club*

Sunday Evening 5:30pm-7:00pm *Elevate Worship*

Tuesday Morning 7:00am *Elevate Prayer Breakfast @ E41*

Wednesday 6:00pm-7:30pm *Elevate Small Groups*

Upcoming Events:

June 1st, Church wide Braves Game

June 10-16, Youth Mission Retreat

June 22nd, Whitewater Rafting

July 8-14, Deep Creek Retreat

July 20th, Six Flags

RECREATION MINISTRY: *MaraDare Day, Director*

We are working very hard to update our database of email addresses and cell phone numbers. If you are not getting any communication, please email Aaron at youthdirector@tiftonfumc.org. We will be our last MOVIE until August.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Annie Paulk, Director*

-**Sunday, May 20th:** Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am (Children's Building).

5:30-7:00pm: Cross Seekers (4th and 5th Grade)

-**Tuesday, May 22nd:** Confirmation Class Reunion Bowling Night 7:30pm-9:30pm.

-**Wednesday, May 23rd –May 24th:** Seaworld Trip for 3rd—5th Graders.

-**Tuesday, May 22nd:** Safe Sanctuary Training at 6:30pm, place TBA.

VBS Registration is OPEN! Secure your kiddos spot for Shipwrecked June 25th-29th 9:00am-Noon for completed Pre-K-5th Grade.

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MUSIC MINISTRY: *Angie Carr, Director*

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP.....we are looking for volunteers (youth and adults) to help with Music Camp this year. We also want your child who is interested in music (rising 2nd grade through 6th grade) to sign up! You can find registration forms in the church office, or sign up by way of the church website. Cost of the camp is \$20.00, and registration deadline is June 25th.

Thanks to all the ABAC students who have been playing in our Orchestra, and singing in our Choir this semester. We have loved having you! Enjoy your summer, and we will be here when you return!!

Some music groups take a break during the summer months, but if you're interested in one of our music groups, please call

Safe Sanctuary Training/Renewal



There will be a Safe Sanctuary Training May 22 at 6:30pm. If you work or volunteer with children, youth, or at-risk adults, our conference and our church mandates that you have Safe Sanctuary Training plus background screening, with renewal every two years. Please call Candace in the church office if you are unsure whether you need to attend. Please bring your driver's license and another form of identification with you.