



THE FIRST WORD

First United Methodist Church of Athens

To Seek, To Serve, To Share Christ

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August 16, 2015



It's a Girl!

Congratulations! Molly Ashton Magnusson was born Friday, August 7th. She is the daughter of Josh & Lauren Magnusson, little sister to Emme, Cade, and Hallie and the granddaughter of Ronny & Gayle Magnusson.



Kiddie Carnival Night

Sunday, August 16th 5-7 pm

All ages welcome!

Hot dogs, snacks, and drinks provided.

Donations appreciated

The Kiddie Carnival is sponsored by the Lion's Club, and is located on the corner of Forest and Beaty.



August 16th

Promotion Sunday

Children's Sunday School classes meet in Garth Chapel at 10:00am
Third Graders receive Bibles in the 11:00 Service.

The Christian path is not about defining God but of enlarging our idea of God. Even with the help of doctrine, ritual, good deeds, and moral certainties, without the experience of God's merry and forgiveness, we do not really know who God is. —Thomas Keating



Praising God With Our Music!

STARTING

Wednesday, August 19th
EVERYONE'S INVITED

CHERUB CHOIR 4 years - Kindergarten

5:00-5:30 PM

WESLEY CHOIR 1st Grade - 5th Grade

5:30-6:15 PM

Children's
Choir



UMW LUNCHEON

"Sack Lunch"

Monday, August 17, 2015
Noon Beasley Center

Drinks & Desserts Provided

Speakers: Joe & Nancy McDonald sharing their trip to South America beginning in the Buenos Aries down to Ushuaia to Cape Horn and back through the Beagle Channel to Punta Arenas to Patagonia and on to Santiago! All ladies and any men who would like to attend are welcome!



ROMEO GROUP

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tuesday, September 1st
MEET AT THE BUS BARN at
10:45am

Lunch at Bravo's at Bridgestreet

Call the church office to reserve a spot on the bus!! (256-232-2020)



Hearts and Hands Knitting Ministry

Want to learn to knit or crochet, join us on Wednesdays in the church parlor beginning at 5pm. If you have a child in choir, come fellowship with us and learn a new craft. This is a very meaningful ministry as we provide chemo caps, lap robes, baby caps and prayer shawls to those in need of a lift. (We also have a lot of fun together and welcome new members!). Call the church office 232-2020 if you have any questions.

IN PRAYER

Church Members: Linda Beasley, Lib Brett, Phyllis Chance, Mike Clark, Reba Fry, Billy Gordon, Paul Mannana, Martha Matthews, Buddy Rowe, Argent Thomas, Donna Thomas
Community: Mackenzey Cane, Carol Collins, Jan Curtis, Dick Hall, Tatum Hubbs, Bobbi Sue Johnson, Lakin Lambert, Kenneth Lumpkin, Julian Newman, Mollie Paysinger, Rance O'Neal, Rick Sanford, Mickey Sawyer, Eli Williams, Elaine Pirofsky
Athens Convalescent: Dot Smith
Limestone Manor: Nita Anderson, Sue Clark
Military: William Barksdale, Ryan Grisham, Mark D. Hagood, Mike McClain, Jeremy McMunn, Chad Pickett, Michael & Kelsey Ress, Dakota Rolin, B.J. & Tristan Rowe, John Terry, Stephen Reif

The Church Staff

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Return Service Requested

ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, August 9, 2015	
FIRST LIGHT SERVICE (9AM)	280
TRADITIONAL SERVICE (11AM)	181
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	461

 Athens State University Community Band
****FREE****
 "A Night At The Movies"
 Friday, August 14, 2015 6:30PM
 Founders Hall Lawn ASU
 Music from James Bond, Disney, The Wizard of Oz, Star Trek,
 The Pink Panther, Danny Elfman, & John Williams
 Bring Lawn Chairs or a Blanket

**CHURCH CALENDAR
 August 16-22, 2015**

Sunday, August 16, 2015
 9:00 AM—First Light—Beasley Center
 10:00 AM—Sunday School
 Promotion Sunday
 11:00 AM—Traditional Service—Sanctuary
 5:00 PM—Kiddie Carnival

Monday, August 17, 2015
 12:00 PM—UMW "Sack" Luncheon—Beasley Center
 5:00 PM—Yoga—Fellowship Classroom

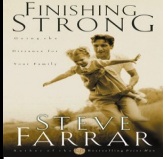
Tuesday, August 18, 2015
 7:00AM—Men's Bible Study—Shoney's
 8:00 AM—First Day of First Friends
 6:30 PM—Boy Scouts Troop 240—Beasley Center

Wednesday, August 19, 2015
 5:00 PM—Yoga—Fellowship Classroom
 5:00PM—Knitting Ministry—Church Parlor
 5:00 PM—Cherub Choir
 5:30 PM—Wesley Choir
 6:00 PM—Youth Fun Night—Youth Center
 7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

Senior Adult Ministry
 Thank you to all who have put in applications for the Senior Adult Ministry position. We have had some excellent people apply! The position will not be filled until January 2016; we are working on defining the responsibilities. We have had some people volunteer to fill the void until then. We are still accepting applications until January 7th.

**THE HERITAGE CHILDREN
 CHORALE OF THE SOUTH**
 Open Auditions for 2015/2016 Season
 Monday, September 14th 4:30pm
 First United Methodist Church Choir Room
 For more information contact Mary Stephenson
 256-874-5572 or marypstep@gmail.com

Since, 1988, the Heritage Children Chorale, founded & directed by Mary Stephenson, has become the Southeast's leading children's choir.

 **"24 Frames"**
 New Ministry starting this fall! A new Men's Sunday School class for young husbands and fathers. This class is to help men "Finish Strong." The way we finish strong is to live each day faithful to committed to Jesus and our family. The responsibility of being a "man" should never be taken lightly. The facilitators of this new men's class are Ronnie Chronister and David Kenzie. Classes will begin Sunday, August 30th at 10:00am in the Beasley Center Parlor.

Children's Ministry Corner

**CHILDREN MINISTRY'S
 UPCOMING DATES:**

August 16
 Promotion Sunday
 Third Graders receive Bibles in the 11:00 Service
 Kiddie Carnival
 5:00pm—7:00pm



August 18th
 First Friends Preschool Starts
 8:15 am Orientation—Sanctuary
 Children Choirs Begin
 (5:00 & 5:30)



August 30th
 Steps in Faith Presentation
 11:00 Service

A new Sunday School year starts August 16th! We thank those who have volunteered to teach! We need a few person's to volunteer to serve as substitute teachers during the year. Email children@athensfumc.org or call 256-232-2020.

Blessings,
 Elizabeth McCormick

Sunday School Curriculum
 This is an exciting time for our children and families at AFUMC. We have a new Sunday school curriculum starting this week. On behalf of the church we want to thank the following: Donna McDaniel, Martha Griggs, Cate Schilloff, Ellie Lovvorn, Amanda Hargrove, Julie Lee; Penny Boyett, Jennifer Maloney, Jessa Riddle, Anna Clem, and Kim Henry, who have helped create this curriculum. Our prayers are that every child and family will be blessed by this new curriculum. We encourage parents to get involved with their children and what they are leaning every week. We will be posting the scripture lessons for each week lesson in the newsletter, so be on the lookout! We ask that you keep our Sunday school program in your prayers. Thank you for your support!

Youth News


Memorials

David Sexton
 By
 Sharon & Curtis Grissom
 Max & Maggie Tomlin
 Travis & Mary Schollian
 Rosemary & Byrd Latham

Wayne Logan
 By
 Max & Maggie Tomlin

Beverly Conrad
 By
 Max & Maggie Tonlin

Jack Blair
 By
 Jimmy & Lu Bryan
 Walter & Marjorie Walker
 Jimmy & Joann Christopher & Family
 Bill & Nancy Hightower
 Margaret Cole
 Max & Maggie Tomlin
 Harry & Suzanne Joiner
 Billy & Billie Bass
 John & Maryleen Richardson
 Frank & Joy Graham

 **UMYF**
Sunday 5:00 PM
Kiddie Carnival
Come help out at the Carnival!

Pray for Grayson Jones; his family, mom, dad, brother, & sister as he starts school at McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN

Remember Masi as she finishes up her mission trip to Israel this week. Pray for safe travel.