

*First United Methodist Church
Waycross, Georgia May 22, 2011*

*Rev. John Rentz, guest speaker will preach today at
11:00 a.m. There is not a 9:00 a.m. service today.*

I Peter 2:2-10 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built² into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him² will not be put to shame.'⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'⁹They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,² in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 12:1-8 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them² with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denari² and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it² so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'



*Next Sunday, May 29th,
Rev. David Blalock
will be our guest speaker.
Please remember we will
only have one service
at 11:00 a.m. that day.
In addition, all those who
have died in war action,
fire fighting, or law
enforcement will be
recognized for their
heroism in a special
Memorial Day tribute.*

Sunday Morning
Summer Worship

One Service Only

at Waycross First U.M.C.

June 5—September 11, 2011

~Sunday School will start at
9:30 a.m.~

~Worship Service will
start at 10:30 a.m.~

(The service will be broadcast on
channel 98 at 10:30 a.m.)

~First United Methodist Worship Committee~

As many of the Church Night Supper patrons know, our kitchen is without an automatic dishwasher. At a recent Trustees meeting, an approval was made to purchase a new machine. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost, please place it in the offering plate earmarked "DWM" or mail your donation to the Church Office at 410 Williams St., Waycross, 31501 with the same earmark.

Sunday Worship May 22, 2011

Welcome! We are so glad you worshiped with us today. We hope that through our shared experience you are as blessed as we are in having you. It is our prayer that God will bless you as you continue to worship with us.

~The congregation of Waycross F.U.M.C.~

Welcome and Events in the Life of the Church Rev. Bob Norwood

Prelude "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" Glaser/Scott

Call To Worship "Stand Up And Bless The Lord" ST. MICHAEL

***Hymn No. 159** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

The Apostles' Creed (in unison) Rev. Michael Davis

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***Gloria Patria No. 71** GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev Davis

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

***Greeting** Rev. Norwood

*Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong ; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.*

Children's Sermon Ivy Kratzer
(Children Kindergarten age and below may leave for Children's Church)

***Hymn No. 600** "Wonderful Words Of Life" WORDS OF LIFE

Offertory Prayer Rev. Norwood

Offertory "Tell Me The Old, Old Story" WORDS OF LIFE

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Ushers

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Anthem "Mighty God, Holy God" Berry

*God of all creation, Lord of Majesty,
The universe was formed at Your command.
Everlasting Father, the great I AM,
You sustain us by the power of Your Hand.*

*Mighty God, Holy God,
Lord of wonders, King of sky and sea,
Your kingdom is eternal,
You reign upon the throne.
You alone are mighty, Holy God.*

(continued)

God of tender mercies, Comforter, and Friend,
 You sent Your Son to die that we might live.
 We stand in awe before You, in amazement of Your love.
 Our highest praise to You we give.

Mighty God, Holy God,
 Lord of wonders, King of sky and sea,
 Your kingdom is eternal,
 You reign upon the throne.
 You alone are mighty, Holy God.

How amazing that the King of glory knows our names,
 And His tender love and mercies are forever the same.

Laity Prayer

Scripture I Peter 2:2-10 (N.T. p. 216) & John 12:1-8 (N.T. p. 101) Rev. John Rentz

Sermon "The Power Of The Story" Rev. John Rentz

Hymn No. 156 "I Love To Tell The Story" HANKEY

Benediction Rev. Norwood

Benediction Response "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

Postlude "March In G" Purcell

**Please stand as you are able*

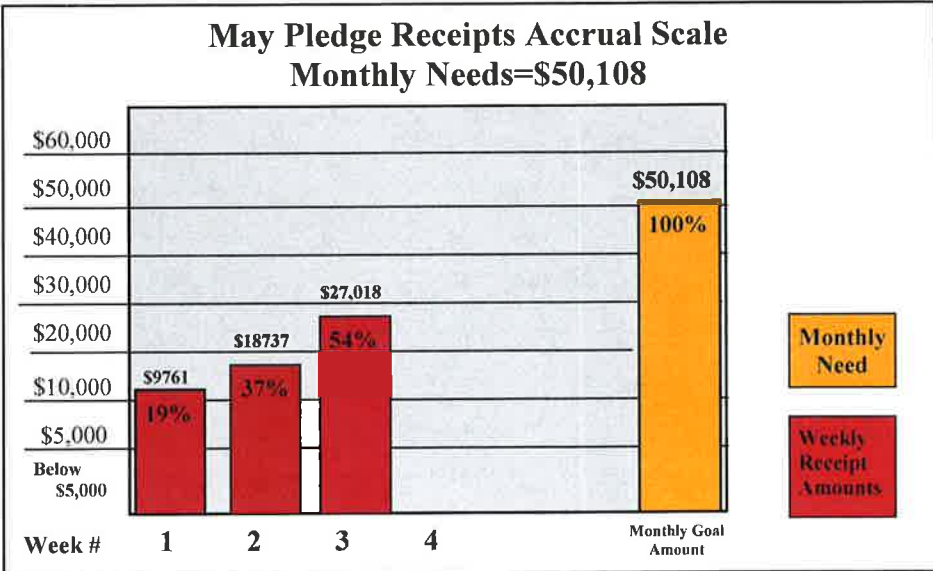
Our 11:00 a.m. service can be viewed on cable channel 98

Ponderisms...

- ~What did you learn about Jesus?
- ~What did you learn about people?
- ~What did you like about the story?
- ~What might some people dislike?
- ~What did you learn that can change the way you live/think/behave?

This Sunday's Volunteers:

Ushers: (Team #6): Forrest Sweat, Captain; Craig McDonald, Pat Reid
Greeters: Ronald & Martha Paulk
Flower Captain for May: Shannon Stewart





“ Wave Good-bye ”
to a boring summer when you
participate in these
exciting youth activities!

May 29th—Sunday night *Giant Water Slide* to welcome newcomers to UMYF.

June 12th—Starting this Sunday we will head to the *Gathering Place* at Epworth once a month with an option of going more if interest grows.

June 23rd-26th— Tentatively set for *White Water Rafting* in Tennessee.

July 10th—Once a month trip to *Gathering Place* at Epworth.

July 13th—Tentatively set for tubing down the *Ichetucknee River*.

July 21st-24th—Possibly a two day *mission trip* scheduled through Epworth.

July 31st—Sunday night *Giant Water Slide* to wrap up summer activities.

Please sign up today for the rafting trip, the mission trip, & the Ichetucknee trip on the Youth Bulletin Board located in the back hall of the Church!!

We are in need of Chaperons for these events! Please volunteer by signing up on the Youth Bulletin Board!



**Vacation
Bible
School
June**

13th - 17th

9A - 12N

**“Volunteers and Kids
needed!!”**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION – 2011

JUNE 5-9, 2011
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
TIFTON CAMPUS
CONFERENCE CENTER
TIFTON, GEORGIA

Never  **ALONE**
Acts 2:42

Pastor's Schedule

MONDAY 05/23/11

9:00 a--12N Office hours
10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon
1:00 p Visitation

TUESDAY 05/24/11

9:00 a-12 N Office Hours
1:00 p-5:00 p Sermon Preparation

WEDNESDAY 05/25/11

9:00 a-12 N Office hours
1:00 p Visitation

THURSDAY 05/26/11

9:00 a Office hours
1:00 p-5:00 p Visitation

FRIDAY 05/27/11

Pastor's Day Off

Church Schedule

SUNDAY 05/22/11

9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Morning Worship (Nursery provided)

MONDAY 05/23/11

10:00 a Staff meeting
12 N Men's Prayer Luncheon
2:00 p Chapel Needlepoint Group (Lounge)
2:00 p Prayer Shaw Ministry Group (Library)
7:00 p Boy Scouts meet @ Scout Center

WEDNESDAY 05/25/11

7:00 p Chancel Choir rehearsal

United Methodist Men's Fellowship
meets on Mondays at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Billy Hopkins has the devotional this week.

Knit-Knacs...

*~On Sunday, May 29th, at 11:00 a.m., we will be recognizing those who have died in active service to our country through armed services, police or firefighting. Rev. David Blalock will be preaching at 11:00 a.m., and will baptize Brayden Davis, son of Rev. & Mrs. Michael Davis. **We will only have an 11:00 service on this date.** The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.*

~South Georgia Annual Conference in Tifton, June 5th - 9th

~Girl Scout Twilight Camp June 5th-9th, 6:00-9:00

~Vacation Bible School June 13th-17th, 9-12 Noon

~If you have "lost" some of your casseroles or other pieces of serving ware, please check in the kitchen for them. There are many pieces left from funerals, etc. and it would be a shame if they became misplaced or broken. Also, check the dishes when you pick them up and make sure you have yours.

~If you sent a "treasured picture" used for the recent events, please, please, pick them up in the Church Office as soon as possible. Just like the dishes mentioned above, it would be awful for anything to happen to them.

~Call the Church Office at 283-2077 to reserve your 2011 date for altar flowers. As always, the Altar Guild appreciates your help with this on-going memorial/honorarium ministry. Also, the month of July needs a flower captain. Call Genie Fesperman at 283-6202 to fill this month.

~If you move, change phone numbers, are sick or in the hospital, need a visit, need prayer, reserve or cancel your Church Night Supper, have a death in the family, or, oh so many more things too numerous to list, call the Church Office at 283-2077.

~Food Pantry donations are always appreciated. Bring these to the Church Monday-Thursday mornings. Thank you in advance for your help in this community outreach.

~If you don't tell us, we don't know.

Prayer Concerns: Lylburn Booker, Jim Brewer, Deborah Brooks, Blake Cannon, Tommy Christian, Joyce Crawford, Bob Davis, Doris Douglas, Mac Dunbar, Mary Hamilton, Becki Hines, Tommy Herrin, Cheryl Lott, Timmy Lowman, Harriette & John May, Sharon McCall, Jim & Anna Mae McDonald, Lisa Melton, Bonnell Memory, Ethel Mohan, Edward Peace, Edmund Pedrick, Bett Pigge, Wesley Rentz, Michael Rushing, Garry Russell, Steve Rydalch, Preston Settle, Bob Smith, Mack Spangenberg, Trena Smith, Adam Swindell, Lottie Vanhoy, Joy Woodard, Julie Tomlinson.