

Salvation by Faith

April 14, 2013
3rd Sunday of Easter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch
like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but
now I see.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I
first believed.*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already
come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace
will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as
the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when
we'd first begun.*

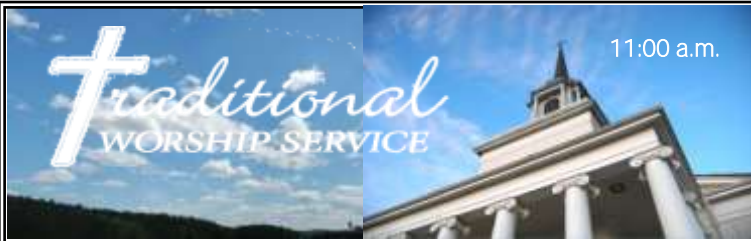
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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

April 14, 2013



11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome Ms. Janice Allen
 Prelude *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand* Mrs. Brenda Fleeman
 Bringing in the Light Acolytes
 Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-6 Mrs. Pat Lanthier
 Invocation Mrs. Lanthier
 *Opening Hymn UMH 304
Easter People, Raise Your Voices
 *Affirmation of Faith UMH 881
 *Gloria Patri UMH 70
 Greeting/Registration of Worshippers Rev. Parker Benson
 Ministry Moment UMM Pete Black
 GIC Go Team
 Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Debbie Huckaby
 *Offertory Hymn *Amazing Grace* (Vv. 1,2,3,6) UMH 378
 *Offertory Prayer/Lords Prayer Rev. Benson
 Offertory Anthem *Come Share the Lord* Chancel Choir
 *Doxology UMH 95
 Homily "Salvation By Faith" Rev. Benson
 Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 827)
 Sacrament of Holy Communion
RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
We are a church of open communion and everyone is welcome.
When the Pastor invites you forward, please come as you are able,
the ushers will direct you.
If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew,
please let one of the ushers know.
Gluten Free elements are available on a table to the right of the altar.
 Special Music Mrs. Katie Wilson
 *Hymn of Invitation & Dedication UMH 365
Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin
 *Benediction Rev. Benson
 *Choral Benediction UMH 672
God Be with You 'till We Meet Again (vs. 1)
 Postlude *Love, Mercy and Grace* Mrs. Fleeman
 *You are invited to stand, as able

ALTAR PRAYER

The altar is open for prayer before, during and after the 11:00 Traditional service. Rev. Debbie Huckaby, our Congregational Care Minister, will be available near the altar should you want someone to pray with you.



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps provide assistance to our congregation as well as Barrow County neighbors who ask us for financial assistance with utility bills, rent or mortgage, medical needs, fuel or other financial needs. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please leave your donation on the altar during Holy Communion. Thank you.



11:00 AM ~ Gym

Ages 4 through 4th grade

10:45 Electronic Check-In

Bible Story ~ **Down the Wall (Acts 9:20-25)**

Bible Verse ~ Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31)

Leap of Faith ~ **When I believe that Jesus is God's Son, my life changes.**

Large Group Worship Time

- Worship through Song

- ✦ *Growing in Leaps and Bounds*
- ✦ *Changed*

- Worship through Story

- ✦ *Visit Leaper's Pointe*

- Worship through Scripture Memorization:

- ✦ *Acts 16:31*
- ✦ *Down the Wall*

- Worship through Prayer and Giving

Worship thru *Explore Interest Groups*

These interest groups give children an opportunity to choose from a variety of activities that will allow them to experience the Bible story in a unique way.

Younger Children

- ✦ Paul in a Basket (*Art Activity*)
- ✦ A Tisket, A Tasket (*Game Activity*)
- ✦ Down the Wall (*Drama Activity*)

Older Children

- ✦ Invisible Messages (*Science Activity*)
- ✦ Make a Basket (*Art Activity*)
- ✦ Change Tag (*Game Activity*)



Prelude Mrs. Susan Wages
 Greeting Rev. Debbie Huckaby
 Invocation Rev. Huckaby
 *Hymn UMH 378

Amazing Grace

Praise and Thanksgiving Rev. Huckaby
 Pastoral Prayer Rev. Huckaby
 Offering/Offertory Mrs. Wages
 Morning Message Rev. Huckaby

"Salvation By Faith"

Ephesians 2:1-10 pg. 827

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 13
 Rev. Adam Mathes

*Benediction Rev. Huckaby

* Please stand

Ushers/Greeters

Shirley Alcorn
 Ed Novak
 Carol Ward



8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
 in the Chapel

Holy
Communion Service

9:30 Worship Service

Welcome Music 9:30 Band
 Sweet Home Alabama

Welcome Mrs. Wanda Doster

Ministry Moment UMM Bruce Craig
 GIC GO Team

We Pray Rev. Parker Benson

We Greet Rev. Benson

We Worship 9:30 Band

Holy is the Lord
 Mighty to Save
 I Love to Tell the Story

We Give 9:30 Band

No Depression

We Hear Rev. Benson

"Salvation By Faith"

Ephesians 2:1-10

We Receive Holy Communion

(Gluten Free elements are available on the altar)

Amazing Grace

We Respond & Go 9:30 Band

I Will Call Upon the Lord



11:00 Contemporary Worship Service

in the Worship Center

"Salvation By Faith" Rev. Adam Mathes
 Ephesians 2:1-10

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Khristian Allen Holder DOB: April 3, 2004
 Gaberiel Joseph Holder DOB: May 23, 2005
 Aleczander Eugene Franklin DOB: July 1, 2008
 Jeramyah Charles Ray Franklin DOB: March 12, 2010



HBFUMC HAPPENINGS

April 14, 2013

Blood Pressure Screening is available today in room 101. Our Parish Nurse, Kathy Brown, and her assistants will take your blood pressure, free of charge.



10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings will be available every 2nd Sunday and every 4th Wednesday in Room 101.

Creation Care

"The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity." Psalm 93:1-2



Earth Day is April 22, 2013. Please join the North Georgia Conference UMC in recognizing this day in some **conscious activity in God's creation**. To learn more about Creation Care with our conference,

<http://www.ngumc.org/pages/detail/1895>.

Shirley Alcorn, 678-963-9831

Advocate for Creation Care, Leadership Team NGUMC.



Thursday, April 18 ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!
4:30 ~ 7:30 PM Sponsored by the UMM

*Buy Your Tickets Today
or Call for Reservation
Ron Helton, 678-218-7816*

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION 2013

GIC Kick-Off

Wednesday, April 24th

5:00 PM Supper
6:30 PM Celebration Kick-Off (WC)
Introduction to Missionaries
Speaker, Rev. Dr. Wes Griffin

Our keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Wes Griffin, President of the International Leadership Institute.

The International Leadership Institute (ILI) changes history by accelerating the spread of the Gospel around the world through training and mobilizing leaders of leaders. Launched in 1998, ILI conducted global research and identified eight core values of the most effective Christian leaders. Today, ILI's world class curriculum and strategies emphasize intimacy with God, passion for the harvest, visionary leadership, culturally relevant evangelism, multiplication of leaders, family priority, faithful stewardship, and integrity. ILI is a non-profit organization with over 100,000 alumni in more than 104 nations, including nations where Christians are routinely persecuted.

Worship with Ralph Freeman
Sunday, April 21st
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.

Song Sermon Ministries



The Song Sermon is a unique blend of traditional hymnody and current-day songs, coupled with a short, thematic message derived from a scriptural text. Its presentation is celebratory, compelling, convicting and **encouraging**. Our objective is to sing the "Good News" into the heart of the listener.

April 24-28



Across the Street Around the World



KINGDOM ROCK
Where Kids Learn About the Bible

VBS

June 2 ~ June 6
6:30 PM ~ 8:45 PM

Register Now!
www.bigwhitechurch.com\VBS
for more info, call:
770-867-3727

Donations for VBS of any of the following items is greatly appreciated. Contact Amber Wigley, 678-227-8343 or Jennifer Christenberry, 706-255-3972 for additional details. Thank you for your support.

Snacks

- ◆ Drink mixes (lemonade, tea)
- ◆ Hot dog buns
- ◆ White loaf bread
- ◆ Bagels (white)
- ◆ White frosting
- ◆ Sprinkles
- ◆ Mini marshmallows
- ◆ Chocolate chips
- ◆ Grape jelly
- ◆ Pretzels
- ◆ M & M's
- ◆ Flavored cream cheese (in tubs)
- ◆ Jumbo ice cream cones

Paper Products

- ◆ Plastic cups

Costumes

- ◆ Knights armor
- ◆ Medieval decorations
- ◆ Medieval costume pieces

Art Supplies

- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Fabric (blues, reds, purples, golds)
- ◆ Markers

The Model for Healthy Living

You are the expert in your own health care. Your doctor is your partner. Yes, doctors have education, **training, and experience you don't have, but you know yourself better than any doctor ever will.** When it comes to your medical care, you bring something important to the conversation. You can build a partnership with your health care provider that lets you participate in managing your medical care.



(Church Health Center—Model for Healthy Living)

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Recognize someone's birthday or anniversary or express your love to someone in a very special way by providing flowers for the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning? One arrangement is \$30 or two for \$60. You may take the flowers with you at the conclusion of the service.

Flowers not taken are delivered to someone in our congregation who may be at home sick, in the hospital, shut-in or in the nursing home.

Reserve your date to provide flowers on the calendar by the Chapel. Make check payable to BFUMC (memo: flowers).



Bethlehem First
United Methodist Church

April is Alcohol Awareness Month
"Learn the facts" and register to WIN
an 8" WIFI Tablet PC!

Answer This 1 Simple Question

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO TAKE YOU TO THE PAGE WHERE YOU CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION AND ENTER TO WIN...



or text: (706) 254-8796 with your Name, Email and Cell Phone Number and Kay Manning will manually enter you in to win

* Drawing will be held on or before May 10, 2013 *

PRAYER CONCERNS



MEMBERS

Mar. 31 - Suda Abbett, Clara Allen, Alma Flahn, Brenda Fleeman, Brian Ford, Muriel Reubert, Annette Smith, Jenny Smith, Earlene White

Apr. 7 - Bill Moore, Jenny Smith

Apr. 14 - Mickey Donald, Brenda Pryor

On-Going- Dianne Beard, Helen Bell, Harriet Harris, Doris Owens, Mary Nell Partee, Frances & Leon Pruet, Hazel Smith, Judy Swanner, Rachel Thompson, Gladys Wages

NON-MEMBERS

Mar. 31 - Alan Black, Virginia Brewster, Mitch Williams

Apr. 7 - Tony & Megan Capriani, Elnora Cox, Tim & Ashley Cox, Jamie Freitas, Travis Keever & Troops, Tina Martin, Todd Nielsen & family, Mary Reynolds, The Wilson Family

Apr. 14 - Kristen DeBrock, Ann Gwaltney, Nick Noppinger, Johnny Rainwater, Family of Stacey Jenkins, Jande Sherman

On-Going - Garrett Andrews, Jean Bagwell, Jack Fendt, Kendra Ferguson, Addy Frechen, William Freedman, Sr., Ashley Freidenberger, Katherine Freidenberger, Megan Godina, Mike Howard, Sue & Frank Jones, Bonnie Manners, Richard Roden, Abe Smith, Diane Wallace, Our Country, Soldiers in our Military.

SYMPATHY

 Mickey Donald on the death of her sister, Wanda Rivera, who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2013.

OUR FAITHFULNESS



ATTENDANCE

April 7, 2013

Sunday School.....	146
Nursery.....	55
Children's Church	40
8:30 Service.....	25
9:30 Service.....	120
11:00 Contemporary Service.....	75
11:00 Worship Service.....	205
Total Sunday Worship.....	520

Revenue Year-to-Date \$293,582.94

Expenses Year-to-**Date**..... \$282,409.09

Our Church Directories Have Arrived!!



If you had your photo taken for our church directory, you may pick up your copy at the church office during office hours, 9AM-4PM.

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS



GREETERS

8:30 Shirley Alcorn, Ed Novak

9:30 Terry Newton, Pam Newton

11:00 Janice Cauley, Marlon Cauley, John Griffing, Shirley Griffing, Cator Hartley, Jim Hartley

ACOLYTES

Today Ethan Guthas, Thomas Wilson

Apr. 21 Sarah Bittner, Brittany Edrington

USHERS

8:30 Shirley Alcorn, Ed Novak, Carol Ward

9:30 Sherry Mask

11:00 Dwight Austin, Charles Autry, Allen Bower, John Fleeman, Jeff Hatcher, Jonathan Long, Lamar Pugh, Don Wages

Apr. 21 Clara Allen, Lynne Bell, Beth Blanford, Fran Bower, Patsy Cullifer, Wanda Doster, Brenda Partee, Sandi Roberson, Lynn Smith, Susan Wages

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today Lynda Chisholm, Christine Harris, Austin Hurst, Sarah May, Deborah Patton, Vasek Slamka

Apr. 21 Susan Bittner, David Brown, Kathy Brown, Laura Nunn, Tracy Self

Easter Truth

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death—that is not the great thing—but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection; not so much that we are to live forever as that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.

—Phillips Brooks

Giving

What are the different methods you can give monetarily to BFUMC?

- Offering plate or basket during worship services
- Mail in check or drop off at the reception desk.
- On-line giving via the church website, www.bigwhitechurch.com
- Electronic payments from your banking institution.
- Remember BFUMC in your Wills and Trusts.

2013 APRIL CALENDAR



- C Chapel
- FH Fellowship Hall
- G Gym
- S Sanctuary
- SC Stars Cafe
- UG Upper Gym
- WC Worship Center

- 7:00 p.m. Zumba (G)
- 7:30 p.m. BFUMC Braves (Field 7)
Victor Lord Park

SUNDAY~ April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service (C)
- 9:30 a.m. 9:30 Service (WC)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening (101)
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (127)
- 11:00 a.m. **Children's Church (G)**
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Svc (WC)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc (S)
- 12:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening (101)
- 12:30 p.m. Hand & Foot Cards (128)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (124)
- 5:00 p.m. Bridge/Youth Rec Time
- 6:00 p.m. Bridge/Youth Supper (FH)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group (8pm)

MONDAY~ April 15 Barrow Co. Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Kenpo Kickboxing (G)
- 10:00 a.m. Yoga (WC)
- 10:00 a.m. Zumba (G)
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (123)
- 6:30 p.m. GIC Prayer Time (C)
- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women (128)
- 7:00 p.m. Zumba (G)
- 7:30 p.m. BFUMC Braves (Field 6)
Victor Lord Park

TUESDAY~ April 16 Barrow Co. Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (123)
- 9:30 a.m. Redeemed Bible Study (128)
- 9:30 a.m. Spin Class (UG)
- 6:00 p.m. Insane Strength (G)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 7:00 P.M. Open Volleyball (G)
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg. (114)
- 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Band Practice (WC)

WEDNESDAY~April 17 Barrow Co. Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Fun with Crocheting (128)
- 6:00 p.m. Soul Spin Mix (UG)
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga (WC)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (119)

THURSDAY~ April 18 Barrow Co. Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:15 a.m. Fit Stretch (WC)
- 10:40 a.m. Senior Fitness (G)
- 4:30 p.m. Pancake Supper-to7:30 p.m. (FH)
- 7:00 p.m. 9:30 Band Practice (WC)

STARS will not meet on Thursday, April 18th. Instead, our covered dish meal and meeting will be on **Thursday, April 25th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.**

The meat will be provided, so please bring side dishes.

Our guests will be the our GIC visiting missionaries and staff.

Hope you can join us.

Hazel Allen
STARS President
770-867-9782

GIC Prayer

When you think April 15th, you might think taxes. This year, I want you to think PRAYER. Not prayer about your taxes© but about the time to come and pray for our Global Impact Celebration. You are invited,

April 15th in the chapel from 6:30-7:30 pm. Why Come? See James 5:16b

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."



FRIDAY~ April 19 Barrow Co. Spring Break

- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (6pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Insane Cardio (G)
- 10:00 a.m. Muscle Madness (G)

SATURDAY~ April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Fitness Center (6pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Friendly Zumba (G)
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga (WC)
- 4:00 p.m. Bibles and Basketballs (G)

SUNDAY~ April 21

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service (C)
- 9:30 a.m. 9:30 Service (WC)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (127)
- 11:00 a.m. **Children's Church (G)**
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Svc. (WC)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc. (S)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (124)

SAVE THE DATE

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION
GIC Kick-Off
Wednesday, April 24, 2013

5:00 PM Supper
6:30 PM Celebration Kick-Off
Worship Center
Intro to Missionaries
Rev. Dr. Wes Griffin, speaker



Save the Date

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Thursday, May 16, 2013

9:30 AM-2PM



WELCOME, VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Please fill out the black attendance register at the end of the pew or as it is passed.

ABOUT US:

At Bethlehem First UMC, we have a common mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer a loving, nurturing environment in which to serve and worship Christ, and to grow spiritually. We would love to have you join us each Sunday.

LEARN MORE:

If you would like to learn more about Bethlehem First UMC, please visit us on the web at www.bigwhitechurch.com, speak with a pastor following the service, call the church office at 770-867-3727 or email us at office@bigwhitechurch.com.

WELCOME, CHILDREN

Childcare is available for newborns through age 4 during Sunday school and all Sunday morning worship services. Your child graduates to Children's Church if they are 4, on or after, September 1st. Please use our electronic check-in system before bringing your child to their age appropriate room.



Newborn to Walking	Little Lambs	Room 121
Walking to Age 3	Leapin' Lizards	Room 110
Age 3 & 4	Busy Bees.....	Room 109

Children's Church ~ All children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to join us for our 11 AM worship service in the Gymnasium. Please sign your child/children in through our electronic check-in system and bring he/she to room #111 beginning at 10:45. Children will participate in a fun and engaging worship experience designed for them. Children will participate in Explore Interest Groups, Large Group Worship, and Small Group Activities.

For more information, please contact Rev. Michele May, michele.may@bigwhitechurch.com, 770-867-3727.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing assistance is available for the 11:00 o'clock service in the sanctuary. Please ask one of the greeters or ushers for a receiver and they will be happy to assist you.

Restrooms are located in the narthex (front lobby), the Commons Area, near Room #114, and next to the Stars Cafe.

Our Staff

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Our Clergy

Rev. Parker Benson, *Senior Pastor*

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9:30 Worship Service

This lite-contemporary service is a good way to begin your Sunday morning! Our Praise Band plays a variety of good music including folk, country, rock, and gospel. Our service is spirit-filled and energetic, yet relaxed and welcoming. Dress is casual and the STARS Café is open before and after. Make yourself at home.

11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Come and experience the time-honored traditions and practices of historical Christianity in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in North Georgia. Our sanctuary exudes holiness and the Holy Spirit can be felt as one enters the room. Please enter in reverence but worship with all your heart as we enjoy the great hymns, creeds, and traditions of our Christian faith.



Rev. Adam Mathes, *Associate Pastor*

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11:00 Contemporary Worship Service

A dynamic and progressive worship service proclaiming faith, love, and hope.



Rev. Michele May

Pastor of Discipleship & Families

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GROW

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18



Through our GROW ministries, persons have opportunities to deepen and grow in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Through Bible study, prayer, worship, and small group fellowship, persons are able to understand more fully what it means to love God and love our neighbors. Individuals are able to discover how God has uniquely gifted them to serve, both within and outside the church.

Rev. Debbie Huckaby

Congregation Care Minister

706-296-0665 cell

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8:30 Holy Communion Service

A 30-minute worship service meets every Sunday morning in the Chapel. This intimate service offers a message and Holy Communion.



Would you like to join Bethlehem First UMC?

If you have been visiting we hope you will consider joining Bethlehem First United Methodist Church. You may join by:

1. Transferring your membership from another United Methodist Church
2. Transferring your membership from another denomination
3. Confession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.