

Announcements

Chiming of the Hour

Congregational Call to Worship 77 "How Great Thou Art"

Greetings and Welcoming Visitors – Fellowship Moments

Opening Hymn 213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Affirm Our Faith 881 The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Gloria Patri

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!

Prayer Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Voice of Praise" Chancel Choir

Hymn 534 "Be Still, My Soul"

Tithe and Offering John Morgan & Debbie Davis Offertory
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Piano & Organ Duet

Doxology (Hymn 95)

Scripture Reading Acts 24:22-27, New Testament, pg. 145

Sermon "When I Find It Convenient" Rev. Jim Smith

Hymn 469 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Benediction



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But God

Christian author and pastor, Pete Wilson, in his book, *Let Hope In*, says that the phrase, "but God," is one of the most important phrases in the entire Bible. He notes that the phrase is used throughout Scripture as a turning point. Note the following examples.

- Joseph in speaking to his brothers who had wronged him, "You intended to harm me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20)
- The Psalmist declares, "My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, **but God** remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever." (Psalm 73:26)
- Jesus told his disciples, "With human beings this is impossible, **but with God** all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)
- The apostle Paul said concerning Jesus, "When they had done all that the prophecies said about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. **But God** raised him from the dead." (Acts 13:29-30)

Think of the positive impact this phrase could have on our daily lives:

We are dead in our sins, **but God** has made us alive in Christ.
We are afraid, **but God** is with us.
We are weak, **but God** is strong.
We have failed, **but God** still loves us.

I agree with Pete Wilson. "**But God,**" is a wonderful and amazing phrase.

Jim

Communication Card

September 10, 2017

Which service attended: 9 AM or 11 AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Best Contact Phone: _____

- 1st-time guest
- 2nd-time guest
- Regular Attender
- Member

Name(s) and age(s) of children living at home...

I would like more information about:

- Children's Programs
- Youth Programs
- Sunday School
- Adult Small Groups
- Music Programs
- Receive Call or Visit from Pastor
- Church Membership
- Other _____

First-time commitment: Today for the first time, I accept God's gift of forgiveness and ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

- Sign me up for the **Pastor's Membership Class** on September 17th from 4-6:30 PM.
- I will need childcare during the class.

Prayer Requests

| ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP | September 3 |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School | 178 |
| Morning Worship Total | 266 |
| 9:00 AM | 150 |
| 11:00 AM | 110 |
| Online Viewers | 6 |
| BUDGET NEEDS | September 3 |
| Budget Needed Weekly | 16,383.62 |
| Total Receipts | 13,427.14 |
| Budget Needed YTD | 589,810.24 |
| Actual Receipts YTD | 562,847.99 |
| Actual Exp. Paid YTD | 551,851.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | September 3 |
| Total Building Receipts | 1,822.00 |
| Building Loan Balance | 886,416.74 |

Congregational Prayer Concerns

Sid Johnson, Adrian Collins, Kate Kennedy & Family, Deloris Canty, Kim Clift (wife of Brian Clift), Elbert McConnell, Neesa Tutt (Christina Trowell's dad's friend), Kelly Harris, Janie Torrance (grandmother of Sarah Beck & Michael Torrance), Macky Bryant, Joe Bazemore (brother of Stan Bazemore), Danny Foshee, Benny Bearden, Reba McLeod (grandmother of Ashley Crump), Dave & MaryAnn Holsinger (parents of Angie McDaniell), Bill Durden, David McMillin, Joan Hutcheson, Jerry Brewer (brother of Sherrie Collins), Caroline Blocker (sister of Wes Kicklighter), Bill Merritt



Please tear out and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Yes, I plan on attending.

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, September 10th

10am - "Now What?"
11am - Bethany Home
6pm - MSO and HSO

Wednesday, September 13th

6pm – Youth

PASTOR'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Vidalia First United Methodist Church, or finding out more about what it means to be a member of the church, you are invited to attend the Pastor's Membership Class. The class is offered quarterly and is held on a Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:30 here at the church. The next class will be September 17th. Childcare is available if requested. In the class, one learns what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a United Methodist, what it means to be a member of Vidalia First United Methodist Church. You can sign-up for the next class by checking the place on the Communication Card on Sunday morning or by calling the church office at 912-537-3068 ext. 22 and tell Connie Brown, the Office Administrator.

THANK YOU RECEIVED

We are so blessed and thankful for your recent gift to East Georgia FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)! Partnerships with kingdom-minded people allow us to further spread Christ to our local coaches and athletes. We couldn't do what we do without you! Thank you for all you do! Sincerely, *Mary Moon*

HELP NEEDED WITH CARE PACKAGES

The Young Adult Class is working on a mission project to make care packages for families waiting in the ER. We are in need of items to fit in a gallon Ziploc bag. Items may include: Individual wrapped candy, travel wipes, crossword puzzles, coloring books, notepad, pens, pencils, small box of crayons, small hand sanitizer, gum, individual snacks, or quarters. Items can be dropped off at church office.

4TH ANNUAL CORNERSTONE CONCERT SEPTEMBER 30TH

The countdown is on until The Morning Watch, John Waller, and Brewton Parker's Voices of Truth share the stage for a FREE Christian concert on September 30th at 7 PM at the downtown Vidalia Stage at City Park! This event is hosted by Cornerstone Children's Center and is the primary fund raiser for the child care center. Thanks to many corporate sponsors, there is no charge to attend the concert! Please consider supporting the concert and our Cornerstone kids with a personal donation and by helping us spread the word!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lay Leadership (Nominations) – Sept. 14th, 21st, 28th, 6 PM, Prayer/Conference Rm.

Finance – September 18th, 5:30 PM, Era Alexander Classroom.

Missions – September 19th, 5:30 PM, Prayer Conference Rm.

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KIDZQUEST

The annual children's retreat will be September 22-24 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island for 3rd – 6th graders. The total cost is \$135 per person (a portion of this will be supplemented by the Children's Ministry). This includes meals, cabin/lodging, t-shirt, and programming. The deadline to sign up is September 13th. Please let Jana or Sarah know if you are interested.

HYGIENE KITS

The Children's Ministry is teaming up with the youth to collect items to make UMCOR hygiene kits. These kits will be sent to hurricane victims. There will be labeled containers in the activity center and at the front office for donations. Deadline is September 20th. See list in Narthex or Activity Center for items.

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, September 14th, 12 PM, Activity Center, Program: "A Brain of Humor." Call Joan Hutcheson for meal reservations at (912)282-9711.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Ladies, we are starting something new beginning with our meeting scheduled Tuesday, September 12th at 3 PM in the Small Dining Room. We will be selecting one of the Christian organizations to donate to at each UMW meeting. For September, God's Storehouse has been selected. Please refer to God's Storehouse grocery list that was passed out previously. Some suggestions are: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mustard, Ketchup, Self Rising Flour, Plain Flour, Rice, Sugar, and Cereal. For more suggestions call Betty Brantley 1-478-972-6748 or Mary Schryver 537-7599.

Members in Ministry

Ushers 9 A.M. - Shane Harrelson
11 A.M. - Wendell Dixon, Pierre Fornel, Jim Cox, Reid Threlkeld, Leon Butler, Tim Moncrief
Greeters 9 A.M. -Rusty & Angela Combs, Mike & Jenny Manning
11 A.M. - Phyllis Frederick, Janice Butler
Children's Church Leader 9 A.M. Kate Parker (Pre K & K); 11 A.M. Susan Thompson (Pre K)
Video Team - Billy Ragan, John Blewett
Audio Technician - Bill Meeks

Welcome to FUEL Worship at Vidalia First UMC!

Opening Song of Praise

Welcome and Greeting

Songs of Praise

Prayer

Worship through Offering

Scripture Lesson

Acts 24:22-27, New Testament

Message

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Closing Song of Praise