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The Messenger


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The Messenger is quarterly and IN COLOR! Our staff is working diligently to provide you ample notice to incorporate as many SERVE, CONNECT, and CARE opportunities as possible.



You will begin noticing these if you haven't already and they're important!

 indicates a spiritual growth opportunity, special event, or worship service. Search **annistonfirst.info/events**, or navigate to **annistonfirst.info** and select the EVENTS tab on the home page menu. Sign up for upcoming Groups, CONNECT with Children, Student Ministries, Music and more. You can even add them to your calendar.

 indicates an opportunity to SERVE in a ministry area, community outreach event, or with a Mission Partner (Interfaith, Community Enabler, etc.). Sign up and SERVE by visiting **annistonfirst.info** or **annistonfirst.info/serve**. Select SERVE on the home page menu and browse upcoming SERVE opportunities. Click "sign-up to SERVE" and complete the brief form. The organizer of the SERVE opportunity will follow up with you!

 indicates an opportunity to care for others or AFUMC clergy and staff's CARE for you. You can request CARE from your pastors by selecting CARE on the homepage menu.

Technology not your thing? No worries, I am at the CONNECT kiosk every Sunday. I can sign you up! As you read, prayerfully consider ways you can CARE, SERVE, and CONNECT.

We can't do this without YOU!

Abundant Offers

Making Changes, As The World Has

Some days are unforgettable. Full of laughter, joy, and celebration, these days bring beginnings—the beginning of a new life, a new marriage, a new career opportunity. Other days are full of endings—the end of a life, a relationship, a career. They are unforgettable because of their pain and difficulty. Still, others are a mix of both.

Unforgettable days change who we are as people. Single persons unite to become a single couple. Hearts explode, forever changed, expanded in their capacity for love. Employees whose job was essential to their identity discover they are not essential to their company. Boom! The explosion leaves rubble and craters on the landscape of a life. Unforgettably and forever changed, the days ahead do not look like the days behind.

The days of the COVID-19 pandemic are such unforgettable days. They have changed who we are. Many things in our world will never be the same. Some of the changes have expanded our capacity; others have marred our souls. The world is not the same. We are not the same, and we can never go back to how it was. We can only go forward.

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*Join me in
praying for
our future
and for those
who need the
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and free that
Jesus offers.*

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The Church is one of the things that has changed.

Cultural Christianity—participation in a church for civic, rather than spiritual, reasons—was already on the decline in the United States. In the past, participation boosted one's professional or political standing or was a social expectation. Church, while pleasant or at least benign, was not deeply compelling. People connected to churches for these reasons were already silently disconnecting and drifting away; however, the pandemic dramatically accelerated this trend.

Especially for us here in the Southern US, the cultural Christian disconnection was still happening so gradually that many could ignore it and pretend it was not happening. That is no longer the case. For the first time in the history of our country, more people do not have a relationship with a church than do. While the majority of American adults recognize that they have spiritual needs, they are not convinced the American Christian church can help them meet them.

The purpose of the Church is to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ, who sends us to make disciples. According to Matthew 28:18-20, this involves baptizing them and teaching them—helping them initiate this faith journey as well as assisting them to grow in it. To fail to do these (both of these) is to fail to follow Jesus.

How will we share Jesus with our world of Anniston and Calhoun county?

How will we invite them to meet Jesus?

Where will we have to go to engage those who aren't coming?



This isn't about taking away what meets your spiritual needs. It is not an either-or situation. There's more than enough room at Jesus' table for all of us. It is simply about making room in our hearts, in our lives, in our Church to meet the spiritual needs of others. Think of it more as pulling up another chair at the table than having to give up your seat.

As I write, we are in a sermon series on Leadership because bold, biblical, grace-filled leadership will be needed in the days ahead, not just by your pastors or staff but by us all. You are needed to help us move forward into the future God has for us. You are needed to help us find the balance between maturing the disciples already entrusted to us as well as making new ones.

Our Advent sermon series, beginning November 28, is The Inn: Housing the Holy. As we enter this season, let us consider how we will make room for the holy in our lives, including the holy mission of sharing Jesus with the world. This will position us to enter 2022 with renewed vision and commitment to Jesus, our Church, and our mission.

The world has changed, and we must make changes as well. Join me in praying for our future and for those who need the life more abundant and free that Jesus offers.

It continues to be my privilege to be your pastor!

Humbly submitted,

Tammy

Tammy Jackson
Senior Pastor





[Israel] say[s] to the seers, 'Do not see';
and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us what is right;
**speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,**
leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 30:9-10

Like any other community or organization that adapts to new challenges and opportunities, we too have experienced many changes over the years. Over the years, we welcomed new members into our church family, and we became a seasonal church family for others. Finally, we said goodbye and blessed fellow sojourners who went their separate way. Amid our transitions together, I discovered that when successful, we produce unique disciples at Anniston First. I unintentionally learned this particular lesson through both direct and grape-vine criticism we received. Over the years, I have heard these, and similar sentiments: "Anniston First is a lost cause...a poor financial investment...will never be successful downtown...should abandon downtown for a campus in Golden Springs."

I never find these misguided criticisms originating from otherwise well-meaning individuals credible, but I do understand where they come from. The work before us at Anniston First is not easy work. I dare say that our ministry context provides unique challenges most churches around us do not face. Often, the criticism we receive originates from genuine experiences of frustration, weariness, exhaustion, and discomfort. For some, existing as an expression of the Kingdom of God at 1400 Noble Street is just too hard. It asks too much of us—too much time, too much commitment, too much energy, too much creativity, too much money.

Would it surprise you to discover that new churches are more often than not planted in population areas experiencing or expecting substantial population growth? Moreover, they are planted in overwhelmingly homogeneous suburban communities rather than rural or urban communities, low-income communities, or communities of color. Do you know why?

It's easier. It's faster. It's safer.

Isaiah reminds us of our fondness for “smooth things”--the familiar, easy, comfortable, and convenient. Our biological tendency is to avoid discomfort, tension, and conflict whenever we can. Even in creation, we see rudimentary substances like water move to areas of least resistance rather than areas of greater resistance. It’s much easier that way. Most of us, myself included, don’t go looking for adversity. Yet, theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said the cost of discipleship is high, and Jesus reminds us that the road that leads to life is narrow. Yes, it’s much easier to spend our time in faith communities that reinforce rather than challenge our political ideologies and theological convictions weekly. Yes, it’s more comfortable co-existing with others who share our same socioeconomic status instead of being confronted with homelessness and poverty on the doorstep every week. Of course we would prefer to limit faithfulness to worship on Sunday instead of committing to justice and service throughout the week. Placing ourselves in diverse faith communities among people who think, vote, worship, look, and love differently than we do is a counter-cultural decision to choose “the road less traveled.” Robert Frost “gets it,” doesn’t he? A prophetic existence is not for everyone, but it does make a difference.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When other churches fled downtown Anniston for more convenient locations, you remained committed to transforming our community. You elect to do ministry in a setting and in a way that many, if not most churches, avoid. Disciples of Jesus raised on the corner of 14th and Noble are **resilient** and **unwavering**.

However, we must also be attentive to our human limitations. We can't transform our community when we succumb to burnout, over-commitment, exhaustion, and cynicism.

Be gentle and patient with yourself and with each other.

Observe Sabbath rest and play.

Spend time with those who support you.

Rest.

Practice self-care.

Invest in your spirituality. This winter, individual and group opportunities are available to cultivate a more profound spirituality. In addition, more in-person and digital options to grow deeper in your faith are available. CONNECT to God and each other at annistonfirst.info/events or visit Pastor Kyle in our narthex CONNECT Center on Sundays.

Pastor Kyle

Rev. Kyle Bryan
Associate Pastor
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No Room In the Inn examines traditional Christmas passages to discover the resemblance between the Holy Family's first Christmas and the experience of many in poverty today. This Advent, take a second look at the Christmas story to more fully comprehend dynamics that create and perpetuate poverty. Discover strategies that help those in poverty and learn what actions are harmful to them. What you discover may surprise you. Join Pastor Kyle on this 4-week Advent journey. Sign-up online at annistonfirst.info/events

No Room In the Inn:

The Holy Family and Poverty

4-week Advent Journey

Sign-up online at annistonfirst.info/events

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 17 to Dec. 8

6:00 - 7:00 PM | Bridge 203

Sunday Nov. 28 to Dec. 19

9:00-10:00 AM & 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Wesley



COVID has changed our world, and some of the changes have impacted the Church negatively. In order to survive as a congregation and thrive as disciples, we need to rediscover what it means to be a disciple in community with one another. Join Pastors Tammy and Kyle to explore and discuss what it looks like.

CHURCHES THRIVING

in a Post-Christian and Post-COVID World

Starting Jan. 12 to April 6, 2022

Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00 PM | Bridge 102

Sundays Jan 16. to April 3, 2022

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Faith Basics is our introductory and refresher course on Christian spirituality. Throughout this 12-week course, you will discover foundational beliefs for any follower of Christ and be equipped with helpful practices as you navigate your spiritual journey. Together, we will explore salvation, studying scripture, spiritual disciplines, serving others, and sharing our faith.

Faith basics

SALVATION | SPIRITUALITY | SCRIPTURE | SERVICE | SHARING

Starting Jan. 16 to April 3, 2022

Sundays at 9:00-10:00 AM

SERVE CONNECT

ANNISTON FIRST UMC • ANNISTON, AL



IGNITE

• STUDENT MINISTRIES •



**Sign-up for youth
email newsletter.**



Rev. Davis Johnson

Associate Pastor
of Youth Ministries &
Congregational Care
davis@annistonfirst.info
or 615-686-3313



On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, we are having our annual Chili Cookoff fundraiser! If you can bring a pot chili and/or plan to attend, we would greatly appreciate it! We will have things to go with chili (cheese, sour cream, corn chips, hot sauce, etc.), and we will be selling desserts as well. This will be a fun event, and I hope you can be there to support our student ministry! The Ignite Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 12, 2021. Detailed information about this event will be sent out in Ignite Student Ministry emails.

Please help make our Chili Cookoff and Ignite Christmas Party a success! To help with these events, sign-up to SERVE on the website at annistonfirst.info/serve or select the SERVE on the homepage. We need people to bring chili and we need judges too! We also need volunteers to make Christmas treats for our Christmas party on December 12th. Please visit our website if you are interested in supporting our student ministry!

We have had a great fall semester as a student ministry, and you will find more detailed announcements for youth events in our youth emails. If you would like to be added to that mailing list or if you have a friend you would like to put on the youth email list, please let me know. My hope is to have a bonfire at Lee Farm before the end of the year and another overnight event in January. Our first MYF meeting of 2022 will be January 9, 2021. I hope students and their families have a safe, restful, and meaningful Christmas and holiday season this year!

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Davis Johnson



Matt Headley
Director of Music & Worship Arts

Music AND WORSHIP ARTS



Cookies & CAROLS

Join us for a Christmas musical outreach event in Zinn Park!

Volunteers are needed for baking & serving homemade cookies, decorating tables and performing music.

Special music from our Chancel Choir, Wesley Bells and Praise Band will be provided.



5:00 PM • Saturday, December 18, 2021
Zinn Park • MLK Community Pavilion

Sing your favorite
CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN
ZINN PARK!



Cookies & refreshments
LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC
PERFORMANCES

CONNECT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD
All Are Welcome!

JSU Music Concerts

in the Sanctuary

We're honored to host our JSU Music ensembles in our Sanctuary. Please spread the word about the following events:

JSU Chamber Winds Concert

Organ Symphony No. 3 by Saint-Saëns
featuring AFUMC Organist, Blair Callaway
Monday, Nov. 8 | 7:00PM

JSU Civic Chorale Concert

Friday, November 19 | 7:30 – 8:30pm

JSU A Cappella Choir Concert

Tuesday, November 30 | 7:30 – 8:30pm

Advent & Christmas Special Music

Join our Choir, Handbells or Praise Band for Christmas music rehearsals during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. A collection of musical compositions for our worship series: "The Inn: Housing the Holy" will be performed by our ensembles and with our congregation.

Caroling

A group will sing carols while visiting homebound members of our community, departing from the church **Wednesday, Dec 22 at 5:30 PM.**

I hope you'll take advantage of many of these creative opportunities to SERVE with God and our community. It's a privilege to be leading you in worship!

Matt Headley
Director of Music and Worship Arts

CONNECT

SERVE



FUSE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WELCOMES YOU!

Important Dates:

Nov 7th: Touch-a-Truck Fundraiser

Nov 21: Children's Choirs Sing at 10 am service

Dec 7th: Christmas Parade

Dec 12th: Advent Festival

Dec 15th: Last Wednesday Night FUSE

Dec 18th: Children's Choirs Sing at Cookies & Carols (4-6pm)

Dec 19th: Children's Nativity in 10am Service

Dec 22nd: Caroling

Dec 24th: Christmas Parade

January 12th: Wednesday Night Fuse resumes



CONNECT

Wednesday Night FUSE:

- 4:00 Choirs
- 4:00-8:00 Nursery
- 6:00 Messy Church (PreK-3rd)
- 6:00 Spark Jr. MYF (4th & 5th)

Sunday Morning Fuse:

8:30am-11am weekly: Nursery

10am weekly: Children's Church

Nov 28-Dec 26

- 9am Advent Book Club (PreK-5th)

Jan 2-Jan 30th

- 9am Children's Academy (PreK-5th) Legos or Puppet class-the kids choose!



Emmalie Whitney-
Children's Director

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MEET OUR CHILDCARE STAFF!

Melissa McClellan has been married 31 years (to Roger) and loves playing outside with her grandkids and cooking for TCP. Melissa is serving as childcare coordinator by managing nursery staff schedules and assisting with teaching the preschool-kindergarten classes.



Melissa McClellan
Childcare Coordinator



Savannah Morrow

Savannah Morrow is a senior at Wellborn High School and is about to be 18 years old. She is a varsity cheerleader and is on the varsity softball team. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and taking care of the babies at the church!



Kailen Bradley

Kailen Bradley is 16 years old and cheers for Wellborn High School where she is in the 11th grade. She enjoys learning about history and science.



Lainey Twigg

Lainey Twigg is 21 years old and is in her 3rd semester at Gadsden State. She enjoys hanging out with friends, babysitting, and working at the Children's Place Daycare when she's not working for the church.



Kinslee Pressley

Kinslee Pressley is 16 years old and attends Wellborn High School. She is a varsity cheerleader and enjoys reading and watching kids!

SERVE

Thank you for serving, you make a difference.



CONNECT

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Cheaha District

Advent Festival

"No Room In the Inn"

Bethlehem Market & Live Nativity at Camp Lee

70 Camp Lee Main Rd • Anniston, AL

Sunday, December 12, 2021, • 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.



Chili COOKOFF



IGNITE STUDENT MINISTRIES
FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 1, 2021
5:00-7:00 PM



The Children's Place

The holiday season is busy for TCP. We have many activities and events planned for the next few months in hopes of keeping our children and staff entertained for the remainder of 2021 and into the New Year. TCP will have a few service opportunities for members during this time as well. Serving through TCP's ministry is very rewarding; to find out ask the volunteers from our recent Hallway Trick-or-Treat (AFUMC staff, Susan Cook, Mary Larson, Louise Ballenger, Linda Rainwater, Ken Workman, Julie Tyson, and Jenna Mayfield). They did a fantastic job!

In November, TCP will be having a Thanksgiving lunch. This lunch is to show our love and appreciation for our teachers and students. The entire TCP program will sit down for lunch and fellowshiping. For this event to achieve success, Melissa McClellan (TCP lunch provider who also attends our church) will need volunteers the morning of the 17th to help prepare and serve the meal; on the morning of the 16th, volunteers will be needed to help decorate/set tables for the meal.

December will also have two service opportunities. The week of December 13th through December 17th, our 3-year-old and 4-year-old classrooms will be having "A Week of Christmas Stories" each day; we would like for one person to come and read a Christmas story/book of their choice to our children. On December 15th, we will have "Christmas Cookie Day"; our students will decorate and eat cookies. TCP will need donations of cookies (homemade or store-bought), frosting, sprinkles, etc.... to make this day memorable for our children.

To serve with TCP, visit the church website and click SERVE on the menu. TCP is so excited for this season, and we thank everyone in advance for their help in making our ministry meaningful.

Sincerely,
Riliegh Martin • TCP Director
256-236-6633 • tcp@annistonfirst.info





COMING SPRING 2022!

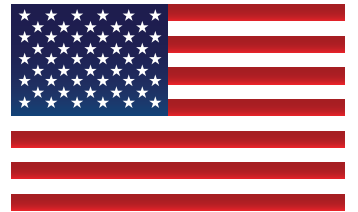
Special Gifts



In memory of Matt Clonts, given by Southern Girl Coffee, LLC., Ortiz Smith Group, LLC., MBK Investments, LLC., Rachel Holly Bland, Interstate Sheet Metal Co., Inc., Anthony W. Stokes, Daniel and Carrie Clonts, and Stoked Fitness.



In memory of Lucy Bryan, given by Jean Phillips.



REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

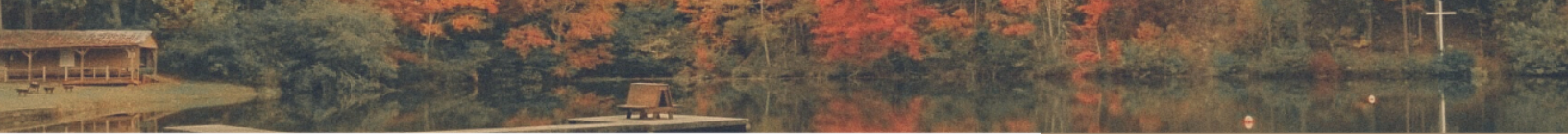
*Andrew & Elizabeth
Collins*

Zach St. Clair

Trey Chandler

Dann Robertson

If you know of others,
please call the
church office at
256-236-5605.



As we are beginning to prep for summer, we want to announce our Residential Summer Camp that Camp Lee will be hosting for the first time! We are so excited to start a new adventure at Camp Lee! We will have two sessions: Session 1 is July 3rd-9th & Session 2 is July 10th-16th. It is for campers who have completed 6th or 7th grade. You can find out more information on our website! <https://www.camplee.org/elementor-3352/>

In February, we will be having a Galentine's Retreat for Women. This will be a place where women can gather, grow in their faith, and take time from the chaos of everyday life. You can sign up on our website:

<https://www.camplee.org/events/galentines-day/>



Friends of Camp Lee

We are so appreciative of the people who have continued to show their love and appreciation for Camp Lee. Your membership will go towards our Teams initiative Course and scholarships for campers. If you would like to support us, we have three tiers for our Friends of Camp Lee:

Long Leaf

Annual Membership of \$300

Includes: 4 Tickets to our Friends of Camp Lee Day, T-shirt, Christmas Ornament, and our quarterly newsletter

Magnolia

Annual Membership of \$200.

The Magnolia Tier includes: 3 tickets to our Friends of Camp Lee Day, a Camp Lee T-shirt, and our quarterly newsletter.

Catalpa

Annual Membership of \$100.

The Catalpa Tier includes: 2 tickets to our Friends of Camp Lee Day and our quarterly newsletter.

Sign up to become a Friend of Camp Lee:

<https://www.camplee.org/friends-of-camp-lee/>

DAY CAMP

Session 1: June 6th-10th.
Completed K-2nd grade.

Session 2: June 13th-17th.
Completed 3rd-5th.

Session 3: June 20th - 24th.
Completed K-2nd grade.

Session 4: June 27th-July 1st.
Completed 3rd-5th.

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP

For completed 6th or 7th grade.

Session 1: July 3rd-9th

Session 2: July 10th-16th



Talk Tithing

with the **Treasurer**



Mary Larson

The Church has changed, and giving must change as well. COVID has reminded us not to rely on the Sunday morning offering plate alone. Livestreaming services, virtual Bible Studies, outdoor worship, virtual choir rehearsals, and Podcasts continue to become part of our creative "new normal." Still, we must remember the importance of regular giving as a faithful response to the ministries from which we benefit spiritually. Though engagement with AFUMC from a distance may be helpful to many of us, it can also make maintaining regularity in our giving challenging. Now, more than ever, we must capitalize on electronic giving options available to us. Just like at home, the bills go on. At Anniston First, we make giving as easy as possible for you by providing multiple giving options, including:

Regular bank draft deduction | Online Giving | Text giving | Give by mail | In-person Sunday giving

Taking advantage of the option for regular deductions from your bank accounts or regular online payments from their Credit Cards or Debit Cards is helpful to the Church and the contributor. The Church can rely on steady income to pay your bills and your staff. The contributor is liberated from using multiple ways to keep up with their giving. Electronic giving happens regularly, and you can plan on the periodic deduction(s) from your account. Even though we may miss you on a Sunday morning, regular deductions or virtual giving lets us know we can still count on your gift.

Use the form below to initiate regular deductions from your checking or savings account (or both). First, designate where you want your contribution to go: General/Operating budget, Missions, or another ministry. Next, designate the frequency of deduction(s). Complete the form, detach it at the perforation, mail it to the church, drop it in the offering plate, or leave it at the Church Office. Remember, circumstances change. If you need to stop your deduction, please notify the Church Office at any time. On the backside, select a Christmas Offering and/or a special Easter Offering in honor or memory of a special person if you like. To learn more about any other options listed, please indicate that on the form, and we will contact you.

Please tear off, fill out, and place in the envelope provided.

Name(Please Print) _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Email** _____

General/Operating	Missions	Other
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Frequency	Frequency	Frequency
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	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking	Account #	Routing #
	_____	_____

Options
 Weekly (Mondays)
 Semi-Monthly (1st & 15th)
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th
 Quarterly on the 1st

Signature _____

I authorize Anniston First to process debit entries from my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization

Anniston First UMC



The Inn

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DEC. 24 | 5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Want to Learn More?

- ☐ I want to learn how to give regularly online.
- ☐ I want to learn how to make direct contributions from you IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) and maximize tax benefits?
- ☐ I want to learn how to support different ministries at Anniston First.
- ☐ I want to learn how to leave a legacy at Anniston First through planned giving.

Would you consider making a special Easter or Christmas offering in honor or memory of a loved one in 2022?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Christmas

\$_____ (Transferred Dec. 15th)

☐ Honor_____ ☐ Memory_____

Easter

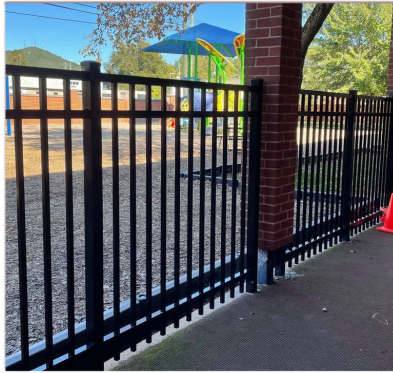
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In Case You Missed!



Serving at United Way



New Fence at TCP



Serving Wednesday Meals



Wednesday Meals



New Gate at TCP



TCP Kids on Playground



Blessing of Animals



TCP Kids on Playground



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UPCOMING

Take me out! I look better on the fridge.

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Help Buford Matthews collect 90 cards for his 90th birthday!
Stop by the CONNECT Center to pick up a card.



MUSIC

Nov. 8 | 7:00 PM | JSU Chamber Winds Concert - Organ Symphony No. 3 by Saint-Saëns | Sanctuary

Nov. 13 | 11:00 - 3:00 PM | Praise in the Park | Zinn Park

Nov. 19 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | JSU Civic Chorale Concert | Sanctuary

Nov. 30 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | JSU A Cappella Choir Concert | Sanctuary

Dec. 18 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Cookies and Carols | Zinn Park

Dec. 24 | 5:00 PM | Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary

GROUPS

Nov. 17 to Dec. 8 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | No Room in the Inn: Poverty and the Holy Family | Bridge 203

Nov. 28 to Dec. 19 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM | No Room in the Inn: Poverty and the Holy Family | Wesley

Nov. 28 to Dec. 19 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | No Room in the Inn: Poverty and the Holy Family | Wesley

Jan. 12 to April 6 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Churches Thriving in a Post-Christian and Post-COVID World | Bridge 102

Jan. 16 to April 3 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Faith Basics |

Jan. 16 to April 3 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Churches Thriving in a Post-Christian and Post-COVID World

CHILDREN

Dec. 12 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM | Advent Festival | Camp Lee



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MUSIC

Nov. 13 | 11:00 - 3:00 PM | Praise in the Park | Zinn Park

Dec. 22 | 5:30 PM | SERVE by Caroling | The Bridge

Dec. 18 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Cookies and Carols | Zinn Park

CHILDREN

Nov. 7 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Touch-a-Truck for Hannah Clem | Zinn Park

Nov. 16 | 10:00 AM | Decorate for TCP Thanksgiving | The Bridge

Nov. 17 | 9:30 AM | Cook Thanksgiving lunch for TCP students and teachers | The Bridge

Dec. 13 through Dec. 17 | 10:00 AM | Read a Christmas Story at TCP | The Children's Place

Dec. 14 | Christmas Cookie Day | Make or Purchase Christmas Cookies for TCP

Dec. 12 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM | SERVE at the Advent Festival | Camp Lee

GROUPS

Nov. 23 | 9:00 AM | Decorate Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas | Sanctuary

Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Build X-mas parade float | The Bridge

Dec. 7 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | SERVE on our Anniston Christmas Parade Float |

Dec. 7 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | SERVE Hot Chocolate and Cookies at Anniston Christmas Parade | Epworth Kitchen

YOUTH

Dec. 1 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Providing Chili for the Ignite Chili Cookoff | The Bridge

Dec. 12 | Assist with Youth Christmas Party