

## Serving This Sunday May 2

**Altar Guild:** Libby Jones, Betty Woodward, Jeannie Dusenbury  
**Counting Committee: (Sunday)** Spivey Hood, Charles Dusenbury  
**(Monday):** Karlene Rudolph and Nancy Stiltner  
**Sound Technician:** Delan Stevens and Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Phil Thompson, Head Usher; Bill Foxworth, Brian Hardee,  
Bill Howle, Steve Lookadoo, Tom Overby, Carl Purvis,  
Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Toby White  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Jessica and Brian Hardee, Emily Steiner,  
Haley Martin  
**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Mattie Hucks and Maggie Harper  
**Children's Church:** Emily and Jan Bitting  
**Youth Supper:** Fox and Woodward Families  
**Evening Service (Hut):** Dr. Val Dunham

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Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Toby White  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Jenny Chanaca, Mattie Hucks, Chelsa Fenner,  
Emily Todd  
**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Thomas Hickman, Emily Steiner  
**Children's Church:** Ann and Katelyn Stegall  
**Youth Supper:** No UMYF this night. Enjoy your family  
**Evening Service (Hut):** Mrs. Edith Hucks

## Known Congregational Concerns

### **Hospitals:**

### **Assisted Living Facilities:**

**Emeritus:** Ruth Anderson, **Sumter:** Ruth Land; **Laurinburg, NC:**  
Carolyn Cox, **Agape Senior Living:** Gladys Alexander; **Conway**  
**Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Waccamaw Rehab:** Tootsie Atkins

**At Home:** Riley Norris, Frankie Hart, Paul Gladson, Ansley Key,  
Shirley Harris, Tommy Jordan, Dale James, Diane Rodwell, Dena  
McGinn, Jane Gore, Irene Calhoun, Betty Floyd, Gene Grace  
Holbert, Gene Parker, Wallace Singleton, Bonita Smoak, Ruth  
Thomas.

## This Week at First Church

### Sunday, May 2

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Study / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Heritage Sunday Fellowship Lunch / Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC  
6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut  
6:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. YTTB Committee Meeting / FLC

### Monday, May 3

6:30 p.m. United Methodist Men / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Stilley/Walsh Circle / FLC

### Tuesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC  
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**

### Wednesday, May 5

6:00 p.m. Anderson Prayer Group / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Thursday, May 6

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Class / FLC  
7:00 p.m. "Life's Healing Choices" Bible Study / FLC

### Friday, May 7

7:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study / FLC

## Year Through the Bible

May 2	Esther 3-10
May 3	Job 1-4
May 4	Job 5-10
May 5	Job 11-17
May 6	Job 18-24
May 7	Job 25-31
May 8	Job 32-37



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## Where is God when you need God?

The book of Esther holds the distinction of being the only book in the entire Bible that does not specifically mention God. That has led believers and unbelievers alike, to ask the question, "Is God there?"

For those who read the Holy Scriptures with eyes of faith, who hear the Word of God read with the ears of faith, who receive the witness of God with hearts of faith; the answer seems obvious! "Of course God is in Esther!" In our reading the Bible, we have already come across a number of stories which are indirectly referenced in the book of Esther.

This morning we will recall those stories together, and explore the message of the book of Esther for people of every age and time.

Here are a few scripture citations that may be referred to in the sermon:

Regarding Mordecai (Esther 2:5):

1 Samuel 9:1-12; 2 Samuel 16:5-14

Regarding Haman (Esther 3:1):

Exodus 17:8-16; Numbers 24:1-9; 1 Samuel 15

## In the Life of Our Church

### **Christian Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to Margaret Thompson and her family on the death of her husband, Philip. Philip Austin Thompson passed away on April 22 in their home.

### **Epworth Children's Home Mother's Day Offering**

The children at Epworth are counting on your generosity today. The home, food, and supervision they receive are largely dependent on donations given through our United Methodist Churches. Please be in prayer for the children and ministry of Epworth and please give as you are able. For more information on Epworth Children's Home, please visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **College Scholarship Applications**

Attention graduating seniors or college students! Scholarship applications are being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are located in Narthex and on the church web site. Those interested, please submit your application to the church office by June 1.

### **Vacation Bible School: June 8-11**

*Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* 8:30 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, June 8 thru Friday, June 11 is when the exploration will take place! Volunteers are needed to help make this a fun-tastic VBS. Please contact Kathy Hucks or Amy Hickman to see where you can take part!

### **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers are needed for May 30. The months of June and July have several dates available as well. Please sign up for those dates that are meaningful to you. The flower calendar is located on the bulletin board across from the church office.

### **College Graduates**

Please make the church office aware if you have a son or daughter graduating from college.

### **High School Grads**

Attention High School Graduates! Please bring your "Memory Boards" to church on or before Sunday, May 9. Please place your board in the church Parlor. (Memory boards are growing-up bios that should include pictures of various events from your birth to the present.)

### **UMYF Today**

Jr. High UMYF is going skating, today! We'll be leaving the FLC at 3:30 p.m. and returning at 5:30 p.m. Please bring \$5 and a friend! Sr. High will meet at the regular time and place.

### **Bake Sale!**

Next Sunday, following worship, there will be a Salkehatchie bake sale to raise funds for this year's summer service. Be sure to stop by and get your favorite pie, cake or cookies!

### **Who's Graduating?**

Please let the church office know if your child is graduating from High School this year. We need to make preparations for Graduation Sunday, May 23. Breakfast will be provided for graduates and their families.

### **Circle Meetings**

Stilley/Walsh Circle will meet Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. Burroughs/Collins Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC.

### **United Methodist Men**

UMM will meet on Monday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC. All Methodist men are invited to attend. Guest speaker: Ken Land. Menu: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with all the fixins.

### **Youth Lock-In**

Mark your calendars! Friday May 21: 6p.m. to Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

### **Girls of Grace**

GOG will be having a "Craft-A-Thon" on Friday, May 21 in the Fellowship Hall. All elementary age girls and their friends are invited to attend. Bring \$5 for food and fun!

### **Building Committee Meeting**

There will be a Building Committee Meeting today at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC.

### **YTTB Committee Meeting**

YTTB Committee will meet today at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC

### **Church Council**

Church Council will meet May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC.

### **United Methodist Women**

UMW will have an Executive Meeting on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC.

### **Today Following Worship**

There will be a special congregational luncheon today following worship in the fellowship hall. Please plan to come and celebrate our members who are in their 90's!

### **May Mission Project**

It's time for a little spring cleaning! "Clean Out Your Linen Closet!" Items to include: sheets, towels, wash cloths, table cloths, place mats, napkins, etc. Please bring your donations to the Outreach Collection area by the Bell Tower entrance.

### **Birthdays This Week**

May 1: Sue Sunday, Anna Kate Nelson  
May 4: Carole Butler, Madison Collins, Addison Hardwick  
May 8: Kay Flanagan, Sammy Johnson, Wendy Skipper

### **Attendance**

Sunday School	161
Morning Worship	183
Hut	14

### **Stewardship Report**

Operating Fund	4,864.40
Hut Bible Class	25.00
Music Scholarship	25.00
Chancel Choir	100.00
Epworth Children's Home	23.52
FUMC Building Fund	1,922.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,984.92</b>

### **CAP Food Needs for May**

All non-perishable items are needed,  
Especially jelly, cereal, pasta and sauce.



*You may leave your bulletin in the pew and  
our ushers will recycle it.  
Reduce, reuse, and recycle!*