All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

(Children ages 3-5 are invited to Children's Church.)

God Speaks Through His Word

† Reading from the Gospel
   Mark 3:20-35
   Dr. Joe Buck IV

Sermon
   “Are You My Mother?”

We Respond To God's Word

Celebration of Holy Communion
   (Please refer to the insert for Holy Communion.)

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts
   Piano
   OLD 100th
   MEINEKE

† 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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

† Benediction
   Bonita Lambert

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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Volunteers are needed for VBS, June 14-18. Please contact Brittany Price at 678-977-1747 for more information.

Everyone is invited to breakfast in the social hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday for a time of fellowship. We hope to see you there!

In Our Prayers
Our Church Family
Pete Booth  Carolyn Craft
Sue Booth    Milton Hoot
Glenn Busasat  Walt McElhan
Margaret Carr  Franklin Pat
Kay Clausen    Wylene Sparks

Friends & Family of the Church
Connie Banks
Elvis McCoy (Leslie Hudson’s brother-in-law)
Sara Andrews
Jerry Fols (Anna Register’s father)
Gail Craft (Tracy Nook’s aunt)
Vickie Fritz (Eric Tillison’s sister)
Carey McCaskey (Dean & Yvonne’s son)
Vince Brown
Jeannette Harrell (Judy Mercer’s mother)
Drew Josey
Caleb Pool
Pete Price (Adam Price’s grandfather)
Jeff Walker (Jim & Marjorie Walker’s son)
Mark Waldrip (Lynn Chapman Waldrip’s husband)
Nikki Thomas (Brownie Barksdale’s nephew’s wife)
Robin Edge (Lisa McDonald’s friend)
Joe Vos (Matt Vos’ dad)
Kara Duggan
Drew Josey
Caleb Pool
Pete Price

Attendance & Stewardship
May 31, 2015
9:00 a.m. Worship  26
11:00 a.m. Worship 160
Total Worship 186
Weekly Need:  $ 9,616.00
Given This Week:  $ 6,460.00
Year to Date Need:  $ 211,552.00
Given Year to Date:  $ 221,338.78
Pledged:  $ 491,270.00

Annual Conference is always an important event in the life of a conference in the United Methodist Church. It is a legislative session as well as providing a time for fellowship and for church people to reflect on what we are doing well (things to celebrate) and where we are not doing so well (opportunities to excel). This annual gathering allows us to confer together the way Methodists have since the first conference in Baltimore in 1784. The delegates are meeting in Tifton from Wednesday to Saturday, June 3-6.

We have resolutions to consider this year, but we also have to take care of something we do every four years: vote for delegates to represent the clergy and laity at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, which take place in 2016. Those events are the key legislative entities for the worldwide and regional church. We will elect four delegates of clergy and laity to each of the conferences with two additional alternate delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference. (The first two delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference will serve as the alternates to General Conference). The delegates in Tifton this week will be making important decisions that could possibly affect the worldwide church.

That gives us some clarity on how important it is when followers of Jesus come together. It is not just important when we come together for conferencing, but also when we gather to worship, serve God, and go forth in the name of Jesus. All of those things are dependent on prayer. Please pray this week. As your clergy delegate in Tifton, I ask for your prayers. Jeffery Smith is your lay delegate, and I ask you to pray for him. Your prayers are needed for our conference delegates as well as for all the conferences across the world that are deciding important matters of polity and the direction of our church for years to come.

This is a crucial year. With General Conference occurring just once every four years, the importance of the decisions made there will resonate for years to come. Please pray for the larger church this week as we all look to God’s calling on us and strive for His purposes.

Blessings to you,

Joe