



# The Messenger

August 3, 2014



Do you want to get rid of debt?  
...manage your money?  
...spend money wisely?  
...save money?

## ***FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY*** teaches God’s way of handling money.

Dave Ramsey’s course will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more.

Our next Financial Peace University class will begin on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheffield-Wooten classroom. Please contact the church office at 229-924-3169 to register or sign up on the communication card on Sunday. The fee (for the class kit) is \$50 for church members/attenders and \$100 for non-members/non-attenders. The fee may be paid at one time or over the duration of the nine-week course.

Jim

### THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. James W. Smith ..... Senior Minister	Christie Umpleby ..... Preschool Director
Rev. Noel C. Perez ..... Hispanic Minister	Mike Jones ..... Church Administrator
Rev. David Wartick ..... Minister of Worship Arts	Stephen Thompson ..... Facility Manager
Charles McLendon .... Director of Student Ministries	Elaine Smith ..... Finance Secretary
Valerie Duff ..... Director of Children’s Ministries	Anne Hunter ..... Church Hostess
Christi Barr ..... Praise Team Leader	Connie Brodess ..... Secretary
Alwen Yeung ..... Pianist/Accompanist	Lyn Dozier ..... Secretary
Mark Watford ..... Organist	

*Americus First United Methodist Church*

**MORNING WORSHIP**

August 3, 2014 — 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

- PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC** Frank Lowrey
- WELCOME** Rev. Jim Smith
- GREETING AND WELCOME CHORUS** — *Surely the Presence*
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. David Warlick  
*(Please fill out your communication card and place it in the offering plate later in worship.)*
- \***HYMN OF PRAISE #715** — *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
- PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER #895** Rev. Jim Smith
- CHORAL RESPONSE** — *Sevenfold Amen* (John Stainer)
- ANTHEM** — *How Firm a Foundation* (Larry Schackley, arr.)  
Chancel Choir
- 3K to 2nd Grade Children dismissed to Children's Worship with Christie Umpleby.*
- \***HYMN OF PREPARATION #601** — *Thy Word Is a Lamp*
- SCRIPTURE** — John 14:8-11 Rev. Jim Smith
- MESSAGE** — *A Photograph of God* Rev. Jim Smith
- TITHES, OFFERINGS and COMMUNICATION CARDS**
- OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Jim Smith
- OFFERTORY** — *Sing Hallelujah* (Linda Stassen; Mark Hayes, arr.)  
Alwen Yeung, Pianist
- \***DOXOLOGY #95**
- SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**
- \***CLOSING HYMN #572** — *Pass It On* (Sing first stanza only.)
- \***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Smith
- \***POSTLUDE** Mark Watford, Organist

Ricky Arnold, Audio Tech      Justin Arnold, Visual Tech

Holy Communion:

Servers: Sam and Reba Hunter, James Aycock and Jim Smith

Preparer: Millie Trussell; Replenisher: David Warlick

\* Congregation stands.



Please see an usher for an assisted listening device.

If you need a nursery for your infant to two-year-old, please ask an usher for directions.

***Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!***

We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.  
We invite you to join our congregation. If you are interested in  
membership, call Rev. Jim Smith at 924-3169.

*Americus First United Methodist Church*  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

*August 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.*

**“A Photograph of God”**

John 14:8-11

**Rev. Jim Smith**

***Sacrament of Holy Communion***

Servers: Linda and Smitty Eason, Sherrell Bailey and Jim Smith

**Praise Team**

Christi Barr, leader, keyboard and vocals; Adrienne McLendon, vocals;  
Stephen Thompson and Charles McLendon, electric guitar;  
Keith Pinckard, bass guitar; Paul Farr, percussion

Ross Youngdale, Visual Tech  
Travis Warlick, Audio Tech

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to **Children's Worship**  
with Christie Umpleby immediately before the Message.

**AUGUST 3, 2014 GREETERS AND USHERS**

*9:00 Greeter for August 3, 2014*

Lisa Whitaker

*11:00 Greeters for August 3, 2014*

*Front Door* - Mark Pace and Jim West

*North Door* - Billie and Jim Gatewood

*South Door* - Mary and Charles Davis

*Ushers for August 3, 2014*

Captain Carson Walker, Co-Captain Randy Jones, Greg Austin,  
Louis Bridges, Mike Denham, Jim Gatewood, Franklin Hardin,  
Sam Hunter, Bill NeSmith, Mark Pace, Jimmy Williams

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Renee Gatian Bearden, Arcey Brown, Debra Brown, Gail Brown, Beth Carroll,  
Janice Cliett, Freddie Dudley, Bobbie Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Anne FitzHenry,  
Marion Franklin, Kathy Hardee, Jim Ed Knight, Mary Frances Knight,  
Larry Kobs, Cooper Kurth, Norinne Lowell, Gene Malcom, Augusta Mathis,  
Kaitlan McKinnon, Rebecca and Bobby McNeill, Casey Mason Norton,  
Jack Partain, Ginger Perkins, Carroll Purvis, Nell Purvis, Charlene Sanders,  
Dean Scoggins, Geri Smarr, Brenda Stanfield, Chuck Strange, Betty Teasley,  
Liz Turpin, Rodney Vance, Thomas Wall, Hazel Waller,  
Julian Webb, Justin Willis, Brooke Nicole Woodford

## MEMORIAL / HONORARIUM GIFTS

In Memory of  
**Bill Perry**  
from  
SuSu Eskedor

In Memory of  
**Christine Austin**  
from  
SuSu Eskedor

In Memory of  
**Richard Powell**  
from  
SuSu Eskedor

In Memory of  
**Roy Studstill**  
From  
SuSu Eskedor

In Memory of  
**Keith Wilson**  
from  
SuSu Eskedor

In Memory of  
**Tommy Smith**  
from  
SuSu Eskedor

## PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

### SEPTEMBER 8 ~ GOSPEL OF LUKE, PART 1

**Two classes**

Monday mornings at 10 am at Central Baptist Church Upper Middle Rd.

Monday evenings at 6:15 pm at First UMC, Sheffield-Wootten room

Workbook \$26

If you are interested in attending, please call Ginny Jones at 924-0120 or Carol Shiver at 924-0960. We need to hear from you by Wednesday, **August 13**, at the latest so we can order and receive the books in time for class to start.

Hope to see you there!

## GROWTH GROUPS

### FALL GROWTH GROUPS

The **FALL SESSION** is from  
**AUGUST 17 TO NOVEMBER 22**

You are invited to join one of our Growth Groups. These groups meet weekly for fellowship, prayer and discussion about questions from the past Sunday's scripture and sermon.

**August 4-8: Preregistration — contact the church office**

**AUGUST 10: Growth Group Roundup (signup) in the Social Hall**

**August 11-15—sign up in the church office**



## OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership: 968

Total Worship Attendance July 27: 347

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 107  
11:00 Worship Attendance .... 158  
Sunday School Attendance ... 158  
Benevolent Fund YTD ..... \$3,558  
Budget Giving ..... \$11,279  
Budget Giving YTD ..... \$379,475

Hispanic Attendance ..... 82  
Hispanic Offering ..... \$966  
Hispanic Offering YTD ..... \$22,049

*Reminder:*

*You may make donations to the church by automatic draft. To do so, just call Elaine in the finance office at 924-3169.*

## OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Ben Andrews and his family on the death of his uncle,  
**Edward Barnes** on July 28, 2014, in Pensacola, Florida.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Our next **Financial Peace University** class begins **Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sheffield-Wootten classroom. It will last 9 weeks.



*Financial Peace University* teaches God's way of handling money. Dave Ramsey's class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

**Register now** because materials must be ordered. Call the church office at 924-3169 or sign up on your communication card. The fee (for the class kit) is \$50 for church members/attenders and \$100 for non-members/non-attenders. The fee may be paid at one time or over the duration of the nine-week course.

## THANK YOU

WESLEY GLEN MINISTRIES thanks First UMC for our donation of \$70 in June 2014.

## STOP HUNGER NOW



### STOP HUNGER NOW

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

9:30 AM

FUMC SOCIAL HALL

Invite your family and friends to join us to pack meals for hungry children around the world.

## YOUTH NEWS

September

6-7



Cost: \$150 Plus Food  
Dates: September 6-7  
Leave: 9 a.m. September 6

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 20	5:45 pm	Wednesday Fellowship Suppers Begin
Aug 20	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University Begins
Aug 17-22	TBA	Growth Groups Begin
Aug 23	9am-3pm	Chancel Choir Retreat
Sep 6	9:30 am	STOP HUNGER NOW
Sep 6-7	9:00 am	ROCK the Universe

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 3, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Social Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship in the Hispanic Worship Center
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Connection in the Parlor

### Monday, August 4, 2014

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in the Parlor

### Tuesday, August 5, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Sheffield-Wootten Classroom

### Wednesday, August 6, 2014

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study in The Foundry
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room

Food Pantry  
Macaroni  
& Cheese  
And  
Ramen  
Noodles

## INFANT BAPTISM

**Peyton Rene Segovia** was baptized on Sunday, July 27, 2014, during 9:00 a.m.. Worship. His parents are Jessi and David Segovia. His sisters are Aubrey and Alli. Peyton's great grandparents are Peggy and Jess Mitchell.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

August  
20

Mark your calendar!  
Plan to be a part of Wednesday  
Fellowship Suppers and activities  
starting at 5:45 p.m. on August 20.

## JOIN YOUR CHANCEL CHOIR!

**We need people who love to sing NOW!**

The perfect time to join is just around the corner. We're having a one-day Chancel Choir Retreat to get us kick-started into the season! In the morning we'll look at music for Fall, and in the afternoon we'll look at Christmas music. There will be time for fellowship as well as the singing. Lunch will be provided! It's just the very best time to enter into our family of those who love to sing!



We'd love to have YOU!!

Just let David Warlick know of your interest, and we'll be sure you have all the information!  
924-3169 x27  
warlickd@gmail.com

**Choir Retreat**  
**Saturday, August 23**  
**9:00am to 3:00pm**

# Calendar Dates for 2014 - 2015

## 2014

*August 4-10, 2014*  
Growth Group Registration  
Church Office

*August 17, 2014*  
Growth Groups Begin

*August 20, 2014*  
Wednesday Night Suppers Begin  
Social Hall

*August 20, 2014*  
Financial Peace University  
Class Begins  
Sheffield-Wootten

*September 6, 2014*  
STOP HUNGER NOW Meal Packaging  
Social Hall

*October 16, 2014*  
FUMC Charge Conference  
Social Hall

*December 3, 2014*  
Deck the Halls

*December 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.*  
Christmas Musical  
Sanctuary

## 2014

*December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*  
Wednesday Night Suppers End  
Until January  
Social Hall

*December 24, 2014*  
Christmas Eve Communion  
And Candlelight  
Sanctuary

*December 25, 2014*  
Community Christmas Dinner  
Social Hall

## 2015

*January 4, 2015*  
Growth Groups Begin  
Church Office

*January 7, 2015*  
Wednesday Night Suppers Begin  
Social Hall

*February 7, 2015*  
Valentine's Dinner  
Social Hall

*June 8-12, 2015*  
Vacation Bible School  
FUMC

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon  
Friday is Jim's, David's,  
and Charles' day off.

### Finance Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
9:00a -3:00p