Union Chapel Church

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News from the Pulpit

Sunday, July 3rd Pastor Lee Peters was in the pulpit. His sermon was "The Prodigal Son". The Luke Chapter 15, verses 11-32. When Pastor Peters was introduced David "Julio" Malcom shared that Pastor Peters has been with Peters & Foster for 30 years now. He was saved at an early age and has been an assistant Pastor and was also a Pastor on his own at a church in the area. He has always been accessible when people in the community have been in need of pray at difficult times in their lives.

Besides being at Peters & Foster, he also serves as the hands and feet of Jesus to many in the community. Pastor Peters started out his message by singing "So Much to Thank Him For". He then asked if you have ever looked back to see where the Lord picked you up? So many of us when we have left high school or college we have had the same "far away country" experience as the prodigal son. We thought that we could do it all on our own. If you didn't perhaps, there are family members that have. During times like this so many run from God and the church.

The prodigal son ran far from his family and country. When he ran out money was when he returned home. There is another far away country, depression. The worst place to be is when you are broke. No one in the far away country was willing to the Prodigal Son, he missed his family and returned to his home. His father rejoiced, but his brother did not he could not understand why his father was so welcoming.

When people return to church after being away, we should welcome them back with open arms and not have critical thoughts. Pastor Peters pointed out that there should be 200 people in the congregation. Reach out to those who have not been here for awhile. We need to rejoice as the father of the prodigal son did and just like our Father in Heaven does when just one of his sheep return to Him.

Pastor Peters ended the service with an altar call for those in need of prayer for either themselves for family members or friends. He also said that during our transition that he would be willing to pray for church members and their families in times of difficulties and illnesses.

There were also visitors in the congregation this past Sunday! Thank you Pastor Peters for your message.

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This coming Sunday

, Jeff Paul will be our guest Pastor. This is the biography that he provided to James Childs:

"I've lived in Oglethorpe county all my life my wife is Marsha I have two children Sarah Sanders her husband Stewart and my grandchild Elizabeth, my son Andy and his wife Jordan , I attend Salem Baptist Church in Lexington, GA and have been filling in for Pastors when needed for about 10 years now ."

Pastor Paul's message will be from 1 Samuel, Chapter 30, verses 1-18. the sermon title will be "What's Stealing Your Joy". Read and study the word so you will have an idea about his message this upcoming Sunday.

Prayer Request: Mittie Harrell, Harry McGaughey, Terry ford, Linda Malcom, Bradley Ferguson and Jimmy and Sherry Nix.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Please have prayer requests submitted by noon on Thursday for the Sunday bulletin. The church office email is: unionchapel@windstream.net

THANKFUL TUSESDAY

This week for Thankful Tuesday, the church office would like to give a big Thank You for Vickie Sargent and Beth Raby for assisting me in keeping the office afloat during the transitioning while Union Chapel Church is searching for a new pastor!

(I hope that they do not mind me finding a picture off Facebook to share with this Thankful Tuesday!)

P.S. Last Tuesday even Ava was of assistance! I had to have a tire replaced and Ava came along with Vickie to pick me up and bring me into the office. What a joy it was to talk with her!

Administrative News from UCC Office

The church office is open for normal hours this week. Next week the office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to Susan taking a mini vacation. I will be returning to Oklahoma for the 3rd time this year for a college sorority gathering to celebrate ADPi's 100 years on campus at Oklahoma State University. An added bonus will be to see the new house that we built on the same lot!

There will be amended hours next month due to cataract surgery.
Updates will be provided with the dates that I will be in and out of the office.
Thank you for your understanding.

Blessings, Susan

Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
07/03/2022	61	97	20
06/26/2022	66	113	27
06/19/2022	107	127	28
06/12/2022	73	77	20

July 5, 2022 - July 24, 2022

Weekly Happenings

Wednesday, July 6, 2022
7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday, July 10, 2022
9:15 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary building)
10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)
11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
6 PM **Trustee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)**
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday, July 17, 2022 ***Blessing of the Backpacks***
10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary building)
10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)
11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Noon **Admin Council Meeting w/lunch (Fellowship Hall)**
Wednesday, July 20, 2022
7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Saturday, July 23, 2022
Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday, July 24, 2022
9:15 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary building)
10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)
11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

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The "Back to School Bash" is currently being revisited due to Cindy Little's mom's health. Please be in prayer for Mrs. Harrell and Cindy and the rest of the family.

Tithes and Offerings can be given either online from our website or mail a check to
Union Chapel UMC Finance
P.O. Box 622, Monroe, GA 30655

July Celebrations

2nd Kate Hamby
Lisa Peters
4th Margaret Peters
5th Harriett Bridges
Brad Huff
6th Maggie Barton
8th Donald Wright
11th Linda Rowe
12th Ella Barton
15th Ralph Queen
20th Jim Bridges
21st Bonnie Peters
24th Frankie Elsmore
Rhonda McCullers-Chandler
27th Martha Jordan
28th Katelyn Little

****Anniversaries are in red****

*****Administrative Information*****
Church Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 AM - 2 PM

Please note, messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call:

James Johnson, 678-767-2712

James Johnson, Glenn Barton, Bruce Wright, Harry McGaughey and Nancy Snell volunteered to be "on call" for special needs during this time of transition.

******Newsletter Submissions******

Please submit any information , prayer requests or articles that you might have for the newsletter to the church office by Tuesday at noon, as the newsletter will be published on Tuesday. The church office email is: unionchapel@windstream.net