

2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. - Psalm 119:105


One of my favorite things about the new year is Confirmation Class begins at Park Avenue!! Each year brings new excitement as each class begins their journey on owning his/her own faith! How exciting is that as a church!!


The class will be taught by our Associate Minister, Jamie Bone. She does an amazing job every year to prepare and go along on the journey with our confirmands!


We will have a brief parent and student information meeting on Sunday, January 13th at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, January 27th from 6:50 - 7:30pm in the 6th grade Sunday School Classroom.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Holley at 242-3562 or elizabethholley@paumc.com

 **Ray Gordon Harris** joined his eternal Father on December 22, 2018. Our deepest sympathies go out to Caroline and the family.

 ... is extended to Stanley Mathis & family for the loss of his mother, **Patsy Middleton Mathis**, of Iron City, GA. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

 Join us Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00pm for the Women's Night of Worship! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal, music, worship & fellowship. A nursery will be provided. Call the church office at 242-3562 to attend. Look for more information in the newsletter next week.

BIBLE STUDIES:

Rev. Jimmy Towson leads the Monday Morning Bible Study each week which is open to everyone. Join him at 10:00am in the Jars of Clay SS Room, A-34. (Class resumes Jan. 14th)

Rev. Jimmy Towson leads the Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study each week which is open to all men. Join him at 7:00am in the Library, A-32. (Class resumes Jan. 16th)

Jamie Bone leads the Bible Study, *Step by Step Through the Old Testament*, a discipleship study. It meets on Sundays at 5:45pm in the Coffee Social Room, A-28. (Classes will resume January 27th)

Dr. Craig Rikard's Bible study meets on Mondays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Grace Dennis SS Room, A-13. The study will discuss Isaiah while simultaneously learning "How to study the Bible."

Upcoming:

Karen Reissiger will resume the women's Bible study of *Step by Step Through the Old Testament* starting on Wed., January 16th. All women are invited to join even if you did not participate in the Fall. Please contact Karen (229-292-0959) **ASAP** so she may order books prior to the class. The class meets at 8:30am in the Jars of Clay SS Room, A-34.

Shannon Cook will lead the 7 week Bible study, *Azusa of God*, by Priscilla Shirer. The class will meet Tuesdays from 9:15-11:30am, starting Jan. 22nd, in the Pairs & Spares SS Room, B-26. Interested ladies will need to contact Shannon (229-251-2755) to join and for workbook orders.

MISSION MINISTRIES

The next Missions Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm** in the Jars of Clay Sunday School Room, A-34.

Thank you, New Beginnings Sunday School Class, for providing the January **Living Bridges Dinner**.

Thank you, Awakened Sunday School Class and others, for serving the January **LAMP Dinner**.



We will be holding a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, January 30th in the Coffee Social Room, A-28 from 4-8pm. Sign-up sheets will be in Sunday School Classes or outside of the Missions Office this Sunday.

We have another **Church Clean-Up Day** coming in early 2019! We have A LOT of projects; signups will be available soon.

If you have shoes you are no longer wearing or plan to get rid of, please bring them by the Missions Office. **Living Bridges** is collecting shoes as a fundraiser to be able to purchase a home for their ministry.

2019 Sign-up sheets for LAMP Dinners, Living Bridges Dinners, and additional opportunities are available. If you would like to serve more in the upcoming year please contact Jennifer Clark and she will be happy to get you plugged in!

We would love for you to find your place in Park Avenue's Outreach Ministry. You can always visit mypaumc.com and click on serve to see the different ways you can be a part of Missions. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Missions, at 229-242-3562 or jenniferclark@paumc.com.

Do you enjoy meeting new people and greeting old friends? If so, then we have just the spot for you on Sunday mornings!

We need your help as we restructure our Sunday morning Hospitality Ministry. We want to build teams of greeters that will greet on the same Sunday each month.

We will need 25 people per Greeter team, *so we need you!* This is a great way to give back your service to the Lord in an easy way when you are already at church. Contact Jamie Bone at parkbone@gmail.com or 229-242-3562 to sign up.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - JANUARY 16, 2019

DINNER TIME: 5:30PM
DEVOTION: Jamie Bone
MENU: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream.

If you want to be on the Standing List each week, do so by checking on the reservation form at Church, email Jessie at jessiedorsey@paumc.com or call in your reservation to Jessie (242-3562). PLEASE call before 5pm on Tuesdays. Also, PLEASE call Jessie and cancel if you cannot attend. You may also sign up online by clicking the Family Night Supper icon on the church website at www.paumc.com and at mypaumc.com.

Children - \$4 (preschool to 10 years old) and Adult - \$5

MUSIC & WORSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019 is here! May we all have the courage to draw closer to God this year. His word promises that if we draw near to Him, He WILL draw closer to us. That's worth the effort, right?

Choir rehearsals have resumed for all choirs - so come join us!

A reminder: Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays 7:00PM, Youth Choir meets Sundays 4:30PM.

Plans are well underway for THE PROMISE! I am so excited! Find a place to participate - you will be so blessed. Have a wonderful week,

Kathy

Save the dates:

Baptism January 27th

The Promise - March 23rd-27th

Kathy Wright, Director of Music & Worship



K Kids-It was great to have all of our children, volunteers, and parents back in the building this week!

Big Time Believers resumes this Sunday, January 13th. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our Fourth and Fifth Graders. We will

be out on January 20th, due to the MLK holiday that Monday, but should get a few weeks in without an interruption after that. Begin in the Fellowship Hall with Snack Supper and pick up at the Children's Building at 7:00pm. Don't forget \$3.00 for supper and your Bible!

Here are a few dates to mark on your calendars as you plan vacations:

Children's Sunday: May 5th

Vacation Bible School: June 10-14th

Epworth Summer Camp: July 8-12 (For children entering 4th and 5th grades)

Camp Do Re Mi: July 14-18

Lynn Yost, Dir. Of Children's Ministries
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UMW NEWS

South Central District Mission Study
Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

All ladies are invited!

Speaker: Ellen Jeter, S GA Conference Mission Coordinator - Spiritual Growth

Date: Saturday, January 26th

Registration: 9:30am - 10:00am

Breakfast: 9:30am - 9:45am

Program Time: 10:00am - 2:30pm - A light lunch will be served.

Fee: \$5.00 for materials and breakfast

Please contact the church office at 242-3562 to register.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Happy New Year!!!

Sunday, January 13th - New Year Dinner for parents and youth - 6:00 - 7:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for a dinner to hear about all of the upcoming events in Student Ministry! It will be a great way to come and fellowship with other parents and students!! You are to bring your family's favorite side item and/or dessert and we will provide the meat.

Sunday, January 13th - Confirmation Class Parent Meeting - 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Wednesday, January 16th - Harlem Globetrotters - 7:00pm at the VSU PE Complex.

Bring your family to support our Youth Choir! They will sing the National Anthem before the Harlem Globetrotters game.

Save the Date....

Confirmation Class begins January 27th at 6:50 - 7:30pm

Elizabeth Holley, Dir. of Student Ministries
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

9:00am Traditional Worship & 11:00am Contemporary Worship

SERMON SERIES: Action Figures Series (Week 2)
 "Action Figures at Home"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:12-27 (NLT)

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service	297
Early Nursery.....	6
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service	383
Late Nursery	39
TOTAL FOR MORNING WORSHIP.....	725
Sunday School	391

PRAYER CONCERNS

AT HOME:	Jadan Pitcock	Virginia Chapman
Jake Jarnagin	Jason Booth	Patty Himmelreich
Justin Wright	Sharon Stalvey	Billie Anne Huling
Bo Blalock	David Beaty	Angela DiMascio
Bettie Bazemore	Jane Hearn	Mercer Sherman
Roger Mullican	Buddy House	Willie Beasley
Buddy Webb	Hilary Gibbs	Mary Beth Altman
Claire Hall		

The members listed above are lifted up in prayer each week by your Church Prayer Team. Names may be added or removed by calling the church office at 242-3562.

Harlem Globetrotters



A couple of months ago in Youth Choir we talked about our "why". We split into boys and girls with Ben Parten and Gunner Chancey taking the boys and Jennifer Clark and Sarah Parten taking the girls. I was so impressed with their results. The boys came back with goals of wanting to increase their faith and grow closer together through singing! The girls came back with wanting to sing in worship more (we have sung once a month), wanting to do more in the church as a Youth Choir (we filled 2 shoe boxes and had a Trunk or Treat car), wanting to be seen more in the community..... Well God sure answered that prayer. I received a phone call a month or so ago asking if the Youth Choir wanted to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" when the Harlem Globetrotters were in town! WHAT?!? **GOD IS BIG**, isn't HE?

So, January 16th, our Youth Choir and Chancel Choir will combine to sing the National Anthem for this event. We have sold over 200 tickets! What a tremendous way to start 2019!

Great is God's faithfulness! I can't wait to see what February holds!!

Be a blessing to someone today!

Kathy Wright, Director of Music & Worship

When: Wednesday, January 16th

Venue: Valdosta State University Gymnasium

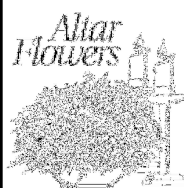
Time: 7:00pm

Ticket Cost: \$15.00, available at the Blazer ticket office, 229-333-SEAT (7328) or tickets@valdosta.edu.

Contemporary Worship Ushers Needed



If you are interested in being on an usher team for the Contemporary Worship service please contact Brad Folsom at 229-347-6055.



The 2019 Flower Calendar is here!

Sign up for a week to put flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone! Call Heather Halter in the office at 242-3562 with any questions.

Contemporary Worship Leader: Brooks Mooneyham, brooksmooneyham@paumc.com
 Dir. of Children's Ministries: Lynn Yost, lynnyst@paumc.com
 Dir. of Missions: Jennifer Clark, jenniferclark@paumc.com
 Dir. of Operations: Terry Hiers, terryhiers@paumc.com
 Dir. of Student Ministries: Elizabeth Holley, elizabethholley@paumc.com

Sanctuary of Life
 Sunday
 1/20

ONE CHURCH CHRIST CENTERED - SPIRIT LED Loving God, Loving People Reaching Out and Making Disciples

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

- 9:00 - Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Contemporary Worship Service
- 4:00 - Titus2 led by Jamie Bone
- 4:30 - Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 - 4th & 5th Grade Handchimes
- 5:00 - Griefshare
- 5:00 - Snack Supper
- 5:00 - Big Time Believers
- 6:00 - Merge - Parent/Student Kick Off Dinner
- 7:00 - Confirmation Parent Mtg.
- 7:00 - AA Meeting
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

MONDAY, January 14, 2019

- 10:00 - Monday Morning Bible Study
- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 6:00 - American Heritage Girls - Family Night
- 6:00 - Cub Scout Pack Mtg.
- 6:30 - Dr. Rikard's Bible Study
- 7:00 - AA Meeting
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

- 9:00 - Parent's Morning Out
- 9:00 - Living Bridges - Mom's Connection
- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 6:00 - SonLight Circle
- 6:30 - Missions Committee Mtg.
- 7:00 - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

- 7:00 - Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 8:30 - Women's Step by Step Through the Old Testament Bible Study
- 9:00 - Clothes Closet
- 9:45 - Keenager Khorus - Fellowship Home
- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 3:30 - K Kids
- 4:15 - Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 - Prayer Team Mtg.
- 5:30 - Family Night Supper
- 6:00 - Harlem Globetrotter Event
- 7:00 - AA Meeting
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

- 7:00 - Thurs. Morning Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 - Parent's Morning Out
- 9:15 - Deliver Snack Packs
- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 5:30 - Living Bridges - Transformation Class
- 7:00 - AA Meeting
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 4:30 - Girl Scout Troop Mtg.
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

- 12:00 - AA Meeting
- 8:00 - Narcotics Anonymous

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100 Days That Could Change Your Life

We're so excited that 2019 is here! The new year offers a fresh start and great opportunities. I'm always looking to get better at whatever I'm doing. This time of the year is the perfect time to go deeper, turn over a new leaf, try something new and become a better person! One key way to do that is to increase our understanding of scripture.

So, we hope you are joining in the **100-Day Bible Reading Plan** that we introduced on Sunday. Debbie and I did this a few years ago and loved it! If you do this plan, you'll read all of the major highlights of the Bible. You will receive fresh insight into the heart and nature of God. And, as we discovered during the Week 1 Action Figures sermon, **knowing** and **applying** the Bible puts us in the best position to be a real Action Figure!

And, here's the deal - we realize everyone will not be able to read everyday. That's okay - the main thing is to complete the reading as close as you can to 100 days. Double up when you know you will miss an upcoming day or do a make-up when needed. The point is not to make it a burden, but to make it a joy as you read these incredible Bible passages, and grow in faith.

There is great value in doing this plan together as a church! So, jump in and the next 100 days could change your life! There are hard copies of the plan at the church or you can find the plan on our website.

We're ready for 2019 and ask you to join us in asking God to give us even more of His presence, His grace, His power and His love so we can be the heroes the world needs today in our homes, at work, in our schools - wherever we interact with others! We believe this could be the best year ever!

Debbie and I sure do love you guys!

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