

Welcome

We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and our 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services are live-streamed on our website at athensfirstumc.org/webcast.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

Children

Worship activity bags (age-appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday School for all ages, kindergarten through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit *athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool*.

Connect

If you would like to find out more about our church or are interested in becoming a member, we invite you to attend our Newcomer Orientation every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, athensfirstumc.org, for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit athensfirstumc.org/thesteeple to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the eSteeple. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athens_firstumc on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

The Worship of God

*Please stand as you are able. The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type.**

Gathering

The flowers on the altar today are

given to the glory of

God and in loving

memory of Martha

Thurmond and Mr.

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and Mrs. Charles

Clement by Mr.

 $and\ Mrs.\ John\ W.$

Thurmond, Jr.

The flowers in the narthex and

the lectern side entrance to the

sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and are from the

wedding of Megan

Davis and Andrew

Kummings which

sanctuary August 2.

They are placed in

memory of Megan's

grandfather,

Earl F. Davis.

THE PRELUDE

"Our Savior, Our Shepherd" | Sikes

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Beth Dickinson

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. | "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Praise & Thanksgiving

* THE HYMN 529

"How Firm a Foundation" | FOUNDATION

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORSHIP BULLETIN | 1

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. "Out of the Deep—Psalm 130" | Caldwell

Julie Caldwell, guitar and alto; Chris Enghauser, bass; Hans Holzen, mandolin; Adam Pouin, violin; Martha Aenchbacher, soprano

Out of the deep have I called to you, oh my Lord, oh my Lord. Hear my voice. It's your mercy that I seek, oh my Lord, oh my Lord. As I am, who could stand before you Lord, oh my Lord, oh my Lord. But with You, there is forgiveness for the man, oh my Lord, oh my Lord. I wait for You. My soul waits for You, like the watchmen for the morning, like the desert for the falling dew. I wait for You.

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. "I Come with Joy"

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir | Music: Marrolli, Text: Wren I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends. Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. I come with joy, a child of God. I come.

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

- ² Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
- ³ If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?
- ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- ⁶ I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- ⁷ Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins

THE MESSAGE

"A Trail of Trash" | Chuck Hodges

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our

sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

At Athens First United Methodist Church, all are invited to commune at Christ's table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the stations in the front of the sanctuary.

THE MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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* THE HYMN 121

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" | WELLESLEY

THE BLESSING

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Depart in Peace"

Depart in peace, and may God's grace sustain and bless you day by day. Depart in joy and may His truth support and guide you in His way.

* THE POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" | arr. Page

Sermon Notes

If you would like an audio copy of this sermon or would like to listen to previous sermons, visit athensfirstumc.org/sermons for a complete library of sermons.

GREETERS

Marian and Joe Block, Sharon Broun, Kasey and Bill Clayton, Judy Hill, Sharon Sellars, Dianne Wall, Mason Jones, Virginia Beth Butler, Annie Miller

AUGUST USHERS

8:30 a.m. Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowery, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and Sharon Broun

9:45 a.m. Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill 11:00 a.m. Al Hawley, Charles Grimes, Henry Folsom, Tom Henson, Henry Garrard, Jim Lyons, Jake Riley, Frank Thornburg, Mike Scott, Tom Dean

OFFERING STEWARDS

Bob Booth and Charlie Grimes, Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Jackson Keene, Larsen Block, Samantha Harvel

9:45 a.m. Millican Jarrett, Lili Hollis **11:00 a.m.** Bo Allen, Lauren Griffith, Morgan Grace

ATTENDANCE ON JULY 27

Total Worship | 683 Sunday School | 275

8:30 a.m. | 126 9:45 a.m. | 208 11:00 a.m. | 284 Online | 65

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2014 | \$2,431,008 Amount Given YTD | \$1,555,480 Goal for July | \$153,843 Amount after 3 Sundays | \$155,702

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The Steeple



ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Churchwide BBQ

August 17 | 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. | Sandy Creek Park $R.S.V.P. \label{eq:R.S.V.P.}$

athensfirstumc.org/bbq

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Allison and Bobby Chesnutt on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Jane, "Sam," on November 3.

Promotion Sunday | Today

Today we begin a year of *Joy* in Sunday School for children and youth. We are excited to welcome everyone to their new classrooms. Please visit our website to view your child's new classroom location.

Website | athensfirstumc.org/promotionsunday

Welcome | New Staff

We would like to welcome Johnny Jarrett, Sarah Lawing, and Laney Hunter to the Athens First United Methodist Staff. Johnny Jarrett joins us as our new Director of Facilities and Grounds. Sarah Lawing will lead our children in song as the Director of Children's Music Ministry, and Laney will assist Josh Miles as the Assistant Director of Student Ministries.

Kid Check | Attention All Parents

A safe and loving environment is a top priority at Athens First United Methodist. This year we will implement an electronic check-in system which will provide an important level of security for children in our building. This will complement the Safe Sanctuary procedures that we currently follow. We're excited about this opportunity to partner with parents in ensuring the safety of our church's children and youth. Check-in and check-out will be required each time any child or youth between with ages of infant through grade 12 participate in programing (Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening). With your help, we can increase our safety measures significantly. Our system will be used for everyone through grade 12. We ask that all families create an account before August 15 through visiting our website. Website | athensfirstumc.org/kidcheck Ashley Gottschalk | ashley@athensfirstumc.org

Agape | School Supplies

If you are an educator or if you know of anyone in need of school supplies, please contact Betsy Butler to receive donations for your classrooms and/or students. On August 9, Bethel Homes will be distributing these school supplies to children in need. If you would like to donate school supplies, we are collecting pencils, glue sticks, 24-count packs of crayons, notebook paper, composition books, and folders with pockets and 3-ring tabs. Please bring any donations to the basket behind the reception desk.

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

The Bishop's Award of Excellence

The Bishop's Award of Excellence recognizes congregations and Scouting units in the United Methodist Church that extend their ministry by creating a faith-based environment for children, youth, their families, and their leaders. Cub Scout Pack 1 and Boy Scout Troop 1 will be recognized by Barry Herrin, the Scouting Coordinator of the North Georgia Conference, for earning this achievement at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 10. This is the highest recognition of a Scouting unit given by a conference of the United Methodist Church, and we celebrate this achievement with our Scouts, their families, and their adult leaders.



Football Reserve Parking Available

We have a limited number of parking spaces available to reserve for the 2014 UGA football season. Proceeds from selling reserved spaces support our youth missions, youth choir, and Boy Scout programs. For more information and to reserve a spot, please visit athensfirstumc.org/footballparking.

Contact: Susan McCullough | susancmc@uga.edu

Churchwide BBQ | August 17

Join us for the Churchwide BBQ on Sunday, August 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park. There will be delicious food and good music. The Churchwide BBQ is one of the few times when our entire church gathers in one place and the same time. This is great time to meet or catch up with friends who attend different services. Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration. Website | athensfirstumc.org/bbq Cookie Daniel | 706-543-1442

Youth funONE at SkyZone August 24

We will be kicking off another awesome year in ONE Student Ministries with a funONE at SkyZone! After the 11:00 a.m. service on August 24, join us for lunch in the youth area. We will leave for SkyZone at 1:00 p.m. and return by 4:45 p.m. The deadline to register is August 17. Register online | athensfirstumc.org/funone Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org



Route 56 JumpStart | August 23

All students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to join us on Saturday, August 23, for the Route 56 kick-off event at SkyZone! We will begin our year together with a day of fun as we travel, jump, and eat lunch together. The deadline to register is August 17.

Register online | athensfirstumc.org/jumpstart Contact: Leslie Rogers | rt56afumc@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Kick-off August 27

Join us Wednesday, August 27 is a special night at Athens First United Methodist Church as we kick off our Wednesday night programming! We invite children to raise their voices in song and let their light shine in Children's Choir! Those in grades 5-6 are welcome to be a part of God's Positioning System (GPS) with Route 56 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Youth will gather at 6:00 p.m. for Engage, a time to hang out and have small group Bible study. Wednesday Night Kick-off is a night to try something new. If you have ever been curious about the Sanctuary Choir, now is the time to check it out, or consider dropping in on a Bible study. More information about all areas is available online or contact any program leader listed below.

Wednesday Night Programs

Adult Bible Studies and Small Groups athensfirstumc.org/studies Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org

Adult Music

athensfirstumc.org/adultmusicministry Stephen Mitchell | smitchell@athensfirstumc.org

Children's Choirs athensfirstumc.org/childrensmusicministry Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org

Route 56 athensfirstumc.org/route56 Leslie Rogers | leslie@athensfirstumc.org

Student Ministry athensfirstumc.org/youth/students Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org

Register Online | Taste of Wednesday Night athensfirstumc.org/registration

Welcome Ministry | The Helper

We are pleased to introduce a new volunteer role in Welcome ministry. The Helper will be a guide and a new friend who is knowledgeable, available, and capable.

As visitors try to determine if Athens First United

Methodist Church is right for them, the Helper can come alongside them to graciously assist them in their journey. The Helpers can also help members who are entering a new season of discipleship. There are times we all need assistance and encouragement to try new groups.

Our hope is that this servant role will enhance our welcome to new and old friends on Sunday mornings and at special services. They will extend a genuine, deep welcome to everyone who walks through our doors. Using a variety of tools to teach what it means to be a part of the family of faith at Athens First United Methodist Church, they will engage with anyone who needs help. You can help the Helpers help by praying for this ministry effort! Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org



Children's Choir | Shine Your Light

This year in Children's Choir our theme is Shine Your Light which focuses on John 8:12; Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." We are happy to give a bright welcome to our new choir director, Sarah Lawing. Starting August 27, all children ages 3 (by September 1, 2014) through grade 4 are invited to join us. Worship arts classes including drama, chimes, art, and instruments will be offered to grades 1-4. Registration begins August 3.

Website | athensfirstumc.org/childrensmusic Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org

Join Wesleyan Youth Choir September 7

The Wesleyan Youth Choir is comprised of singers in grades 7 to 12. They rehearse every Sunday from

4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the music suite. No audition is necessary; everyone is welcome! The first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 7. If you want to catch a glimpse of how much fun this choir, has check our their Facebook page facebook.com/athensfirstumcwyc, or hang out with them at SkyZone on August 24.

Website | athensfirstumc.org/wyc Janis Maxwell | janis@athensfirstumc.org



On Trend at Athens First United Methodist | September 18

Join us for a night of faith and fashion on September 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Hancock Hall. This will be a delightful evening for women to see fall trends provided by local stores and hear fashion tips over punch and dessert. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and is a great opportunity to learn more about this group and our church. There is no cost for this event and we hope to see you there!

Contact: Kim Griffith | kimgriffith@bellsouth.net

Serve at the Children's Consignment Sale

There is truly a place for anyone to serve at the Children's Consignment Sale. From tagging, to organizing, to cashiering—there is a place for everyone! You can help us spread the word on social media by sharing our Facebook posts. Please consider volunteering your time and service August 12-16. Visit athensfirstumc.org/ salevolunteer to review more information about the different volunteer roles. And last but never least, pray for the Children's Consignment Sale. Facebook | facebook.com/afumcsale Website | athensfirstumc.org/sale Diana Zylow | diana@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Covenant Bible Study | New Series Beginning in August

Covenant Bible study consists of three modules of eight weeks each: Creating the Covenant (C1), Living the Covenant (C2), Trusting the Covenant (C3). Each module of this series builds upon itself as participants read, study, and discuss the Bible together and learn how to love God—and each other—better. Covenant Bible study shows the interconnectedness of scripture while demonstrating how the covenant relationship between God and people is woven through the entire Bible. Covenant represents a relationship —a living, breathing conversation. Preview the course on August 27.

Numerous Creating the Covenant (C1) sessions are offered:

- Sundays | September 7, 4:45-6:15 p.m. Led by Beth and Keith Dickinson
- Sundays | September 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Led by Mark Graham
- Mondays | August 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Led by Bob Noble
- Tuesdays | September 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Led by Beth and Keith Dickinson

- Wednesdays | September 3, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays | September 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Led by Taylor Miller and Tina Powers
- Wednesdays | September 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Led by Pat Morrison and Tom Reichert
- Wednesdays | September 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Led by Don Griner and Alan Cannon
- Wednesdays | September 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org



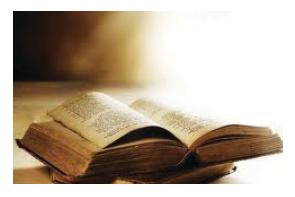
Love Stains Bible Study | August 27

The volunteer team of REACH International is called "The Towel Brigade." This name is reflective of the servant leadership Jesus displayed when He performed actions like washing His disciples' feet. The mission of the Towel Brigade is to share the love of Jesus with the world. This fall the Towel Brigade is offering a study on Wednesday evenings that explores how love inspires others to embrace our Savior.

This study is based on the book Love Stains by Bob Johnson, and will encourage participants to break free from any guilt or pressure to "share the gospel" and instead encourage simply "leaking" Jesus wherever they go. This study will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings August 27-October 22. The cost of this study is \$16. Childcare is available by registration. Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration Lynn Bryant | athens1stism@aol.com | 706-202-9017

Men's Study: The Power of God's Names

All men are welcome to this Bible study based on Tony Evans' book, *The Power of God's Names*. This study, beginning on August 27, looks at how through the names of God the nature of God is revealed to us. This study meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and is led by Keith Wilson and Bruce Powers. The materials for this study cost \$12. Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration Keith Wilson | kcw2236@amail.com



Monday Disciplines Bible Study

This is an ongoing Bible study group that is open to everyone. This group will begin meeting on August 18 from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the John Wesley Parlor. The weekly scripture readings include passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Psalms. No registration required.

Dianne Morrison | dianne.morrison@gmail.com | 706-207-5538

Acts Bible Study

Led by Beth Dickinson, this study will be looking at the book of Acts in relation to the letters of Paul. There is no cost for material, but registration is requested. This study will meet Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Hull Dining Room beginning September 3.

Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Early Book Group

This group meets weekly beginning August 27 at 4:45 p.m. in the Cornerstone classroom (Room 261). Anyone interested may join this group. This group will read *Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Selves* by Richard Rohr. This book costs \$12. Materials and childcare are reserved with online registration

Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration
Cindy and George Kuhlman | gckuhlman@charter.net

Later Book Group

All those interested in wide-ranging discussions concerning challenges to faith in a modern world are encouraged to join this small group. This group meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone class room beginning September 10. This group will read A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life by Parker J. Palmer. This book costs \$17. Materials and childcare are reserved with online registration.

Register online | athensfirstumc.org/registration April Webb | apriloglio@gmail.com | 706-546-6274

This Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 | GENESIS 32:22-31

8:30 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR

9:45 a.m. Elementary Sunday School THIRD FLOOR

Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel FIRST FLOOR Youth Sunday School: First Word FIRST FLOOR

Worship Service SANCTUARY

10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE Worship Service SANCTUARY Adult Sunday School Leader Meeting ROOM 224 Volleyball Performance GYM Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting HULL DINING ROOM Classic City Volleyball Clinic GYM Adult Pick-up Volleyball GYM
	MONDAY, AUGUST 4 PSALM 17:1-7
7:00 a.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
6:00 p.m.	Volley Performance GYM
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 ROMANS 9:1-5
5:30 a.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
5:30 p.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
	Tagging Tuesday GYM
	Trustees Meeting HULL DINING ROOM
7:00 p.m.	Classic City Volleyball Clinic GYM
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 MATTHEW 14:13-21
7:00 a.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering PANERA BREAD
6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals ROOM 148
7:00 p.m.	Adult Pick-up Volleyball GYM
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 Isaiah 41:8-10
5:30 a.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
9:00 a.m.	International Student Life Orientation Preparation SERVING AREA
5:30 p.m.	Fashion Fitness GYM
6:00 p.m.	Women's Study: Beth Moore Esther ROOM 256
	Coed Adult Volleyball League GYM
	Men's Basketball League young harris gym
	FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 ISAIAH 14:1-2
9:00 a.m.	International Student Life Orientation Lunch SERVING AREA
6:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class HANCOCK HALL
6:30 p.m.	REACH International Bible Study & Dinner YOUTH AREA
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 GENESIS 31:1-21
8:30 a.m.	Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class HANCOCK HALL

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