

THE POINTER

July 21, 2026



It seems as though summer break had just started and now we find August on our doorstep. Life has a way of moving quickly, sometimes too quickly, and we find it difficult to slow down no matter how much we may want to. That's part of the reason we need church and our spiritual practice of worship. It helps to bring a much needed rhythm to life, a chance to recharge and renew

With travel and other summer plans coming to a close, now's a good time to get back and stay connected through some of the opportunities you'll see in this edition. I'll let you read the details for yourself but I can't wait to see what God will do through these events and in our very lives. I hope you will make the time and effort to be involved in whatever ways you can. Have a safe and blessed week!

Peace, Pastor Ed



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Join us every Sunday in August at 11 o'clock for inspiring preaching from Pastor Ed, barn burning anthems, Gail's gift of "tearing it up" on the piano, and foot-stomping, hand-clapping, old time hymn singing! Come prepared to be uplifted and filled with joy each and every Sunday! It will be the best hour of your week for sure!!



Be sure to join us for worship this Sunday, July 26, whether in person or online!

The choir will present a beautiful piece entitled "The Windows of Heaven." Along with the anthem itself, Ed has been working on a montage of George Slade's Sanctuary windows photographs to show on the

screens while the choir is singing. It promises to be a beautiful and spirit filled morning.



Wednesday Night Suppers
resume on August 5 at 5:30 pm



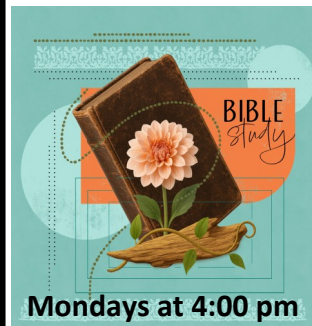
Lunch-In—Tuesday, August 11, High Noon

Come ready to enjoy the last smoothies of the summer, Terri and Tracy's Homemade Pulled Pork and Brunswick Stew, Chuck Wagon Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread, and Cherry Cobbler! Wear your boots, jeans, plaid shirts or t-shirts, and Stetson hats (if you dare!). No six shooters allowed!

AUGUST Birthdays

August 6: Ryan Fuller
August 9: Gus Darden
August 10: Jim Duttera
August 11: Bishop Porterfield
August 14: Tiffany Reeves
August 15: Becky Sands
August 20: David Kelly
August 20: Tammy Hollis

Opportunities to Learn and Grow



Handbell practice resumes Sunday, August 9.



Sundays 12:15 - 1:15 pm
 Mondays 12:45 - 1:45 pm

If you are interested in joining the Handbell Choir, see Gail Douglas or call the church office.



Game Night resumes on Thursday, August 13, at 6 pm. Second and fourth Thursdays in the Zachry Center. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER list

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant,
 Sharon Cowart, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs,
 Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester,
 Cindy Smith Huff, Don Mathena, Nell Oates,
 Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick,
 Mona Sikander, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Julie Squire,
 Nelle Sturdivant, Pam Borders Vaughan, World Conflicts,
 Our Country, Unspoken Requests,
 Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster,
 Those suffering from dementia and their families,
 Congregations and Clergy with new appointments

New Prayer Concerns:

Robert and Debbie Eason (Joe Doughtie's cousin and his wife),
 J. R. Bowen (Friend of Gerrie Slaughter)

*Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Billy Williams
 on the loss of his sister,
 Gladys Hester, who passed away on June 13.*



Rise Against Hunger meal packing event following worship on August 23 with a light lunch and setup activities followed by meal packaging beginning at 1:30 pm. In addition to our own folks, we're hopeful that participants from LaGrange First and Pine Mountain UMCs will be able to attend as we grow that connection, along with others from the local community. More information coming soon...