

2022 Graduates



Hamin Kim
Springwood School



Jesilyn Marie Mabrey
Springwood School
2022 Valedictorian



Chloe Ann Matthews
Troup County
High School
Distinguished
Honor Graduate



Madisen Lee Reeves
Springwood School

Mary Claire Finlay

The University of West Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages and Literature, with a focus on Spanish
and a minor in Business Administration
Graduated May 14, 2022

Connor William Matthews

The University of Georgia at Athens
Bachelor of Arts degree in English
Graduated May 13, 2022

Harrison Hurst Spivey

Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences
Graduated May 7, 2022

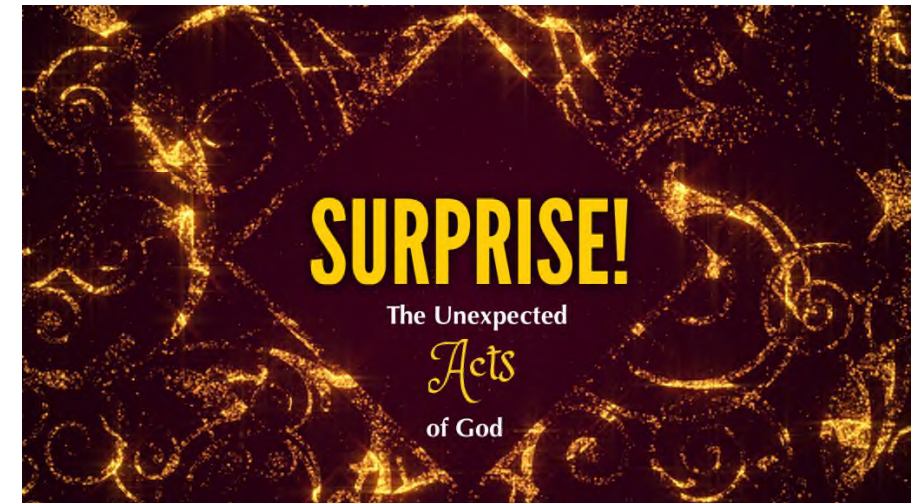
Mary Charles Spivey

Auburn University
Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education
Graduated on December 11, 2021

Welcome to



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Graduate Sunday
May 15, 2022



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Invite. Grow. Serve.

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Erik A. Mays

Chiming of the Hour Gail Douglas

Prelude "How Majestic Is Your Name" Edward Broughton
Gail Douglas

Lighting of the Candles Avery Mays

Choral Call to Worship "O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship
Let praise to God resound in the heavens!
Let praise to God fill the earth!
Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!
Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!
Open your hearts and spirits today.
Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

Opening Prayer Rev. Mays

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

Presentation of 2022 Graduates

Presentation of Bibles from The New Beginnings Sunday School Class

Presentation of the Grady Webb Memorial Scholarship

Children's Moment Teresa Futral

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O Searcher of Hearts" Gene Clark
Gail Douglas

*Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer "O Living God" Ken Bible/Shenandoah
Chancel Choir arr. Ken Bible

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Mays
**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.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Anthem "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" Joel Raney
Based on Psalm 103

Scripture Reading Acts 11:1-18

Sermon "An Unexpected Change of Menu" Rev. Mays

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

*Benediction Rev. Mays

*Choral Benediction "With Singing and Praying" John Horman
Chancel Choir

*Postlude "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Granaham/Berry
Gail Douglas

**Please stand as you are able.
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*

Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

Whether this is your first time with us or not, we greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time, we are especially glad that you're with us and pray you experience the peace and love of God through worship today. As a first time guest, please come to the side door nearest Ave C following the service so we can give you a gift to say "thank you" for coming. If you need assistance for anything, please see an usher. A Nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level.

Prayer Concerns:

Brad Adams, Alaine Wright, Barbara Ruddick, Larry Prestridge,
Ryan Johnson, Linda James, Al and Jackie Hammer,
Mary Louise Smith, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Sharon Cowart, Cara Coleman,
Gerry Lanier, Alice Ward, Bentley Bryant, Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett,
Cody Martin, Lakin Rayfield, Jacob Grubbs, Kristie McKelvey,
Matt Edmondson and Family

New Prayer Concerns:

Connie Benson, The People of Ukraine and Russia

This Week at WPFUMC

Sunday, May 159:00 am: Patchwork Worship
.....9:45 am: Sunday School
.....11:00 am: Morning Worship
.....12:00 pm: Leadership Board Meeting

Monday, May 16..... 10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 17.....6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, May 18 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
.....6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert
.....7:00 pm: Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 1912:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, May 20.....6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Announcements



Leadership Board
Immediately following
the 11 am
Worship Service
In the Zachry Center



Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God
(7-Week sermon series: April 24,
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5)

Who doesn't like surprises?! Okay, sometimes we don't. In the book of Acts God is full of surprises. The resurrection set off a host of unexpected events and changes for the followers of Jesus (including us). The book of Acts contains stories that will awaken in us a new desire for God's redemptive work to be done through the lives of unsuspecting and ordinary people like us. Over the course of this series that will end on Pentecost Sunday, we will learn how to welcome the surprising ways God works through us.



Please note:
The Handbell Choir
will practice from 2-3:00
pm today.



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newsletter! Hard copies
are available on the tables
by the doors.



Scan the QR code to learn
more about our church!

A Prayer for All Graduates

*As your classes and grading are now complete, may you strive toward excellence in all you do.
As the speeches conclude, may your voices rise up to pronounce justice and peace in the world.
As the fanfares cease, may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places.
As the applause quiets, may you celebrate and lift up those around you.
As you graduate, may your achievements grow and cause growth in your communities.
And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things.*

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