

CONNECTING

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional (Sanctuary)

Sundays 8:30am and 11:00am

Contemporary (Patricia Tidwell Hall)

Sundays 11:00am

Dinner Church (Good Samaritan)

1st and 3rd Saturdays 5:00pm

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sunday School- Sundays 9:45am

Small Groups- Start September 16

Young Adults- Sundays 5:00pm

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"IN THE LOOP" TEXT UPDATES

Text LOOP to 770-285-5600

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Text DVILLE APP to 77977

LOOKING AHEAD

September

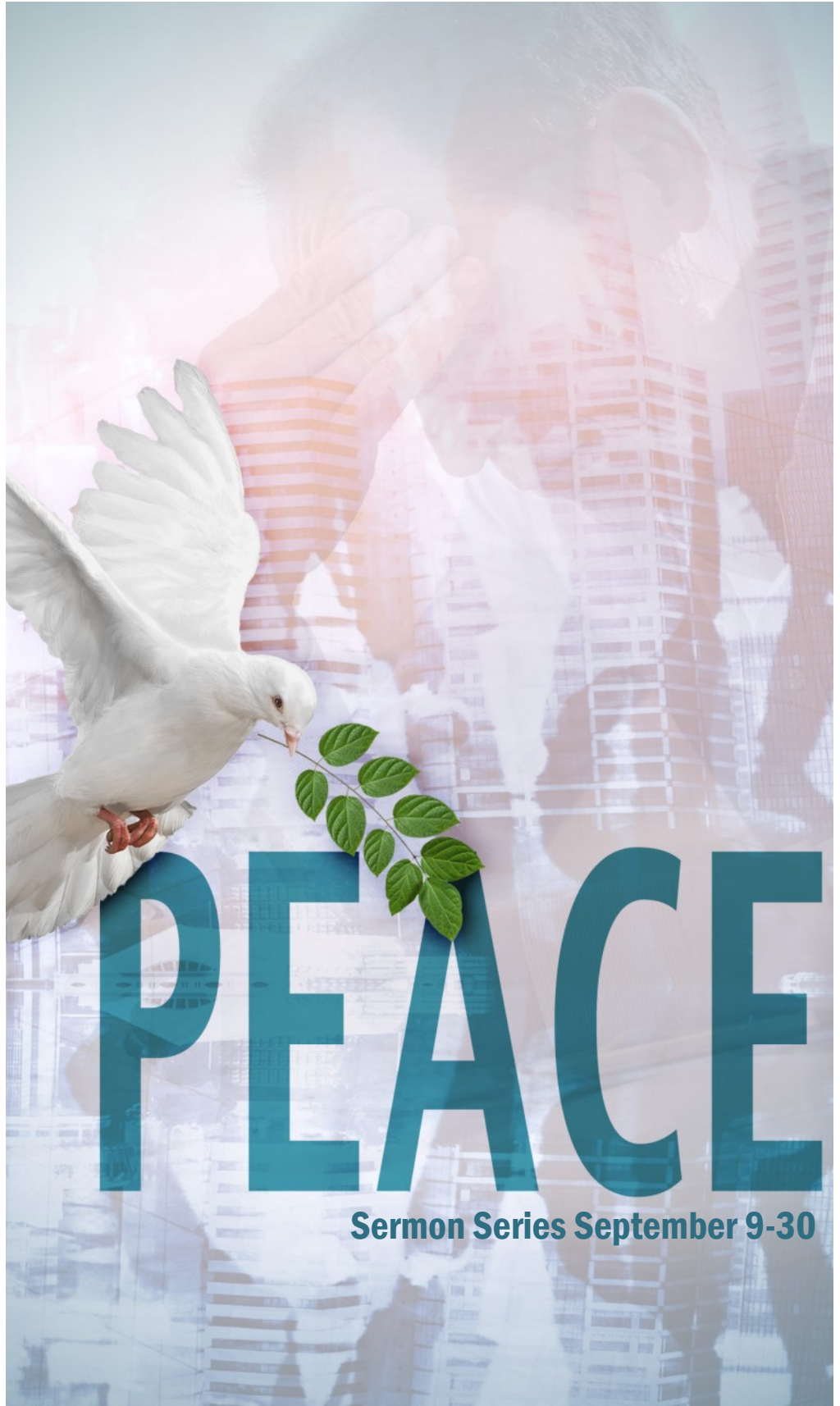
- 2 One Combined Worship
- 8 Great Day of Service
- 16 Trinity Soup Kitchen
- 16 Starting Point
- 28-30 Young Adults Retreat
- 28-30 Confirmation Retreat
- 29 September Saturday

October

- 3 Kids' Pageant Rehearsals begin
- 13 Servant Saturday
- 25 Foster Care Info Meeting
- 28 Kids' Church Party
- 28 All Saints' Evensong Worship

November

- 4-11 OCC Shoebox Collection
- 10 Servant Saturday
- 12-19 OCC County Receiving
- 18 Chamber Singers Messiah



Small Groups Ready to Launch

By Robin Payne, Connections Director

BIBLICAL

The early church, in Acts 2:42-47, met together in homes for fellowship, meals, study and prayer. The result of their time together was that the Lord added to their number, daily, those who were being saved. The early church gathered in Small Groups after the Lord ascended. Small Groups were a way of life and it encompassed every area of their lives. And this practice has continued for nearly two thousand years. They are NOT just another program at the church. Small Groups are tested, tried and true.

There are all kinds of reasons why you should join a Small Group...

10. You'll be amazed what God can and does do with just two hours
9. You discover that you are not alone in your questions or in your trials
8. You meet people you have never had the privilege to meet
7. You have a place to talk through your faith, your doubts, your questions and your struggles
6. You begin to see God very clearly as you talk with others about struggles- yours and theirs
5. You will discover that you are in need of others in your life
4. You learn how to study and reflect on the Word of God
3. You discover that, while your circumstances remain the same, there is something different in YOU
2. God begins to seem more personal and real than ever before
1. Because Jesus was in a small group

PEOPLE

Christianity is not a Lone Ranger faith. It is a faith that was meant to be lived out in community. Carolyn Taketa says "It would be impossible to experience biblical community apart from spiritually significant, intentional relationships with other Believers. Theologian Francis Schaeffer asserted, "Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful - Christian community is the final apologetic." Our non-believing and 'on the fence' friends, family, co-workers and neighbors are watching and deciding on the validity of the gospel message. We need others to help us to live lives worthy of God's calling so that people will see the power of God's love in and through us."



COMMISSION

Before Jesus left He gave us a command - "Go, make disciples of all nations." Small Groups is what happens when the church stops doing church and starts BEING the church! Small Groups are Church scattered all over Douglas County.

GROWTH

When we dive into God's Word in small groups a wonderful thing happens - we begin to change and this change is not just individually, it is corporately. And the world begins to change in our communities because our vision is no longer our own it is God's vision.

EVANGELISM

This word is loaded with all kinds of emotions, as well as varied meanings and definitions. But when I think of this word, I think of this... "evangelism is what happens when we get out of the way and show who Jesus is to people who do not know him. It's what happens when we remove the barriers to others considering Jesus. It is making Jesus so contagious that others wants to know more." Small Groups remove many barriers starting with this one - there are people today who will never step foot in a church, but they will come to your living room. Small Groups opens the door to foster invitations to homes, discussion and so much more!

You are robbing yourself of a GIFT if you do not try out Small Groups. What do you have to lose? Small Groups last nine weeks and our leaders are outstanding! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING FOR 9 WEEKS. Try it, I know you will be blessed.

You can select the small group that works for you, whether it is dictated by the day of the week you are available, the time offered, or the leader. Registration is open until September 10 at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/smallgroupfall. ■

Nine Ways to Give

- ◆ Recurring, Consistent Gifts Online or on the App
- ◆ In the offering during worship
- ◆ On our DFUMC "My Church" App
- ◆ Text DVILLE to 77977
- ◆ Online- www.douglasvilleFUMC.org
- ◆ In the Grey Donation Boxes
- ◆ Mail a Check to the Church
- ◆ Give IRA Distributions, Stocks/Bond
- ◆ Remember the church in your will or trusts



By Rev. Brett DeHart

Imagine if next month you couldn't feed your family. That's exactly the situation for many working, middle class people in Venezuela. One million percent inflation (you read that correctly) and empty grocery shelves have left thousands starving.

I am the Chair of the Advisory Board of Venezuela Now, a non-profit that supports the Wesleyan Seminary there and its' graduates and their churches. Every day we are receiving news from people we know in Venezuela. They can't find food. And they often can't afford what they find. People are starving to death. Recently we successfully sent 100,000 meals. Churches are feeding starving people (particularly children) with this food. Lives are being saved. And the churches are using this crisis to share the hope of the Gospel along with the loving service of the food. Thanks to our churches, we are one of the few outside organizations able to distribute food to those in need in Venezuela.

God has now opened a new door to ship 900,000 meals to the churches to distribute for only five cents a meal. To support this effort, Douglasville First UMC will receive a special offering on Sunday, September 9. You can also give now on our church smartphone app or at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org. ■



This year's event is dedicated to honor the memory of Jerre O'Neal and Garey McManus – two great servants who exemplified what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. These two men touched thousands of lives in this community because of their passion to serve Christ by serving those in need. No doubt they touched our lives, too, and inspired many of us to serve as well.

Please make plans to join us Saturday, September 8, for this Great Day of Service. There are 13 projects to choose from covering two shifts- 8:30am-12:30pm and 12:30-4:30pm. Sign-up today at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/GDOS. Childcare is available for infants through age 8, but a reservation is required by Wednesday, September 5.

PRC Medical's Walk for Life, September 15

Join us at O'Neal Plaza in downtown Douglasville, registration is at 9:00am and the walk begins at 10:00am. Pledge forms are available in Sunday School classrooms contact Susan Pece at susanpece@gmail.com for more information. You may also sign up or donate online at www.partnersofprc.com.

Trinity Soup Kitchen, September 16

For the 25th year, Douglasville First UMC will serve at Trinity Soup Kitchen in downtown Atlanta. We need people to make soup (jugs with recipe are available in a bin in the office floor lobby of the B-building). We also need donations to provide 200 to-go bags with non-perishable food (the cost of each bag is \$2.50). Please make your check to DFUMC and write "Trinity Soup" on the memo line. To serve with 40 other DFUMC volunteers at Trinity on Sunday, September 16, contact Jerry Pece at jpece1stad@gmail.com or 770-920-1358.

Serve at the Monthly Burnett STAR Student Breakfast

An easy way to connect and support Burnett Elementary is by serving on the Star Student Breakfast Team. On the first Friday of the month, this team serves breakfast at Burnett to students that are being celebrated for their achievements and their parents. To serve, contact Rev. Heather Jallad at HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org.

Burnett Mentors Needed

Mentors impact not only children's lives, but the communities they grow up in. In order to continue to grow in our support of our Partner in Education, Burnett Elementary, we want to provide 10 mentors. Mentors are trained by the Douglas County School System and once matched with a student meet with them one hour a week during school on the school campus. The next training is Thursday, September 6, 3:30-5:00pm. To make an immeasurable impact, contact Dr. Stephen Redmond at StephenR@douglasvilleFUMC.org.



RECRUITING NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

By David Hall, Stephen Leader

At one time or another we have all found ourselves in a time of crisis and needed someone to just "walk beside us." Be it Death or Divorce - Job Loss or Health Loss, ALL of us have needed someone to just "have our back". That is where Stephen Ministry steps in.

Stephen Ministry is a lay lead ministry to people who are experiencing difficulty coping with the calamities of life. LIFE IS HARD AND GETTING HARDER! We are not "professionals". We are people, just like YOU. We are trained to assist you in dealing with what Life throws at you. Our motto/credo is We Are The Caregiver/GOD Is The Caregiver.

If you find yourself "lost in life", in a place where you don't know your way out, and you need someone to guide you, a Stephen Minister is there to suggest a way for YOU to find your way back to the path. We won't tell you where to go, but help you figure out the best direction for YOU. All you need to do is contact Pastor Heather or a Stephen Minister (we're the ones with the BLUE badges!) and let us hook you up with someone who can help.

If helping people find their way is something that just "lights you up" or if you feel GOD telling you that HE wants you to do this, we need YOU as a Stephen Minister. Right now we are recruiting "God Called" people to join us on this exciting journey. If you feel GOD wants you to do this, contact Pastor Heather Jallad at HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org or a Stephen Minister (REMEMBER! Blue Badges) and we will get you all the information you need to start this life changing experience.

I look forward to joining you on the journey. ■



Good Samaritan CENTER

SEPTEMBER

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

Please donate:

**NON-PERISHABLE
BREAKFAST ITEMS**

Place your items
in the bin labeled

**GOOD SAMARITAN
CENTER**

✓ New and used Bibles
are always
appreciated.

Do You Know the Strengths of Our Staff Members?

StrengthFinders 2.0

Jeff Aybar

Adaptability, Inclusiveness/Includer, Relator, Strategic, Woo

Brett DeHart

Competition, Strategic, Achiever, Significance, Maximizer

Katie Faller

Input, Empathy, Intellection, Developer, Responsibility

Wayne Gilreath

Adaptability, Context, Deliberative, Relator, Responsibility

Nancy Hunt

Adaptability, Belief, Consistency/Fairness, Harmony, Responsibility

Heather Jallad

Responsibility, Relator, Discipline, Belief, Connectedness

Helyn Mayhew

Connectedness, Input, Intellection, Learner, Positivity

Paul Mosley

Includer, Input, Adaptability, Connectedness, Arranger

Robin Payne

Input, Strategic, Learner, Intellection, Activator

Stephen Redmond

Input, Learner, Context, Arranger, Intellection

Ivy Smith

Achiever, Developer, Empathy, Positivity, Responsibility

Jessica Suh

Discipline, Relator, Context, Consistency, Analytical

Amy Thigpen

Learner, Belief, Relator, Developer, Positivity

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Starts September 19

The money class that will change your life. You'll learn seven, easy-to-follow "baby" steps to create a budget, get out of debt, and make a plan for money earned. Nine Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm. Leader: Dr. Jim Lantz. Register and buy your member kit for \$119 at www.financialpeace.com.

Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm in Huffine Hall. Reservations are not needed. The cost is \$5 per person. Adult, kids and youth programming from 6:30-8:00pm. Adult Classes (no registration required): Adult classes: **The iPhone Class** with Robin Payne, September 5 and 12 from 6:45-7:45pm (B220). Maximize the use of your smartphone to improve your life and save money. **Sticky Faith Parenting** with Rev. Heather Jallad, through September 12, 6:45-8:00pm (B228).

Young Adults Retreat

Our Young Adults Group is going away on a Spiritual Retreat September 28-30. Grab your tent and head to the lake with us while we look at The Names of God. We will be studying God's character and kayaking and canoeing and more! If you are 19-30 years of age and want to be confident of God's trustworthiness, his unfailing love and his provision then you need to join us! Cost is \$45. For more information, contact Robin Payne at RobinP@douglasvilleFUMC.org or sign up at www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/YARetreat

Confirmation

We had our first meeting for the 2019 Confirmation Class, an informational meeting on August 26 where we laid out the plan for the class. We discussed the schedule including a retreat to Camp Glisson (September 28-30) to start building the bond between our confirmands, a trip to the Jewish Temple in Atlanta, and the service project the students and leaders will plan together. Any sixth grade students that missed are still welcome to join. It is a very exciting time, but we need your help. Heather and Paul are on the hunt for mentors for each of our students- adults who will walk alongside these young Christians and help guide and develop their understanding of their faith. Mentors will meet with confirmands six times between January 12-April 2. If interested in serving, please contact Rev. Heather Jallad at HeatherJ@douglasvilleFUMC.org. Heather and Paul are also going to being recruiting

Sunday School classes to sponsor a student by getting to know them, supporting them, and walking with them as ones who came before. Please, when they ask you to be a part of these confirmands' journey take a second, pray about it, and say yes! You will change the lives of our young students for the better.

OAKS is Off to a Grand Start

OAKS (Outstanding Adults Keeping Step) got off to a fantastic start at our 2018-2019 Kickoff meeting August 27. We are eagerly anticipating our Annual Apple Trip to North Georgia. Join us in October as OAKS travels to Mercier Orchard in Blue Ridge and eat at Pat's Kountry Kitchen. We will leave the church at 9:00am on Tuesday, October 23. Register online so we know how many are traveling on the bus. Cost for lunch is \$16.50. To register, please visit www.douglasvilleFUMC.org/2018OAKSApples

Caregivers Conference

Due West UMC (Marietta) and the Alzheimer's Association will host the Caregivers Conference from 8:30am to 2:00pm at Due West. The event is free and offers inspiration, hope, and dementia education. Register at www.caregivers.echurchevents.com/booking/attendees/new.

Kids' Wednesday Night

Join us for Kids' Wednesday Night Programming (6:30-8:00pm) in September for our different weekly themes before we start our Christmas Pageant rehearsals on October 3.
September 5 - Missions Night
September 12 - Chalk the Walk
September 19 - TBD
September 26 - Food Night



Kids' Church Sundays at 10:50am

We continue in our Wonder World series as we learn the Creation Story. We'll wrap up the series on September 30 with a big party, celebrating God's marvelous creations, thanking Him for rest, and enjoying a visit from live animals! All are invited.



Thank You Kara

We want to thank Kara Lovegrove for two years of ministry as Director of our preschool. Kara led our Little Scholars Academy through a major revisioning that included a new name, renovated facilities, and the addition of enrichment programs. The Preschool has seen a 30% increase in enrollment and financially the school has seen a significant turnaround that will ensure continued fruitful ministry. We are sad to lose Kara (and her family) but wish them many blessings as they move to Tennessee. We are confident that our new director, Amy Thigpen, will continue this strong ministry of the church.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in:

- [September 2] loving memory of Vernon Hall. Vernon and I would have celebrated our 64th wedding anniversary today. Placed by Joan Hall.
- [September 9] loving memory of Kenneth Robert Boggs by his family.
- [September 16] honor of Melissa Sanders and the Worship Committee for their contribution to our worship experience throughout the year. Placed by Betty Noland.
- [September 23] honor of and gratitude for my beautiful Mother, Elizabeth M. Hutcheson. Placed by her daughter, Susan Beth.
- [September 30] Loving memory of our parents, Evelyn and Jack James and Vera Turner. Placed by Bob and Brenda.

SEPTEMBER REGULAR EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship (not 9/2),
8:30am, Sanctuary
Breakfast, 9:00am, AHH
Sunday School, 9:45am, All areas
Kids' Church (not 9/2), 10:50am, A201
Traditional Worship (not 9/2),
11:00am, Sanctuary
The Journey Worship, 11:00am, BPTH
Young Adults, 5:00pm, B220

MONDAYS

Little Scholars Academy (not 9/3),
9:00am, A101-A107
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC

TUESDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101
-A107
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Cub Scouts, 7:00pm, CYAC/A201/
A204/A206
Emotions Anonymous, 7:00pm, B222

Chamber Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm,
B132
Survivors of Suicide Support Group
(2nd) 8:00pm, B226

WEDNESDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101
-A107
Bible Study, 10:00am, B220
Men's Lunch & Bible Study, 12:00pm,
AHH
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Rachel's Blankets (2nd), 4:30pm, B220
Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, B132
Nursery, 6:30pm, A101-A107
Youth Activities, 6:30pm, CYAC/B224/
B226
Kids' Activities, 6:30pm, A201
Disciple Bible Study, 6:30pm, B122
Small Group (starts 9/19), 6:30pm,
B220
Scoutmaster Meeting (3rd), 6:30pm,
C103

iPhone Class (9/5 & 9/12), 6:45pm,
B220
Sticky Faith Parenting Study, 6:45pm,
B228

THURSDAYS

Little Scholars Academy, 9:00am, A101
-A107
Fine Arts Academy, 3:00pm, B132/B136
Stephen Ministry (2nd & 4th),
6:30pm, B220
Boy Scout Committee Meeting (2nd),
6:30pm, CYAC

SATURDAYS

Servant Saturday (2nd), 8:30am
Dinner Church (9/1 & 9/15), 5:00pm,
Good Samaritan Center

AHH- Huffine Hall (A-bldg)
BPTH- Patricia Tidwell Hall (B-bldg)
CYAC- Youth Activity Center (C-
bldg)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or a family members name is missing from the birthday calendar, please contact the church office at 770-942-3146.

1 John Burk	9 Ruth Matteson	17 Ann Anderson	24 Carole Johnson
1 Kelsey Hoydar	9 Gina Melilli	17 Kathleen Martin	24 Larry McLeod
1 Mary Winsley	9 Glenda Myers	18 Valerie Davis	25 Rosanne Goolsby
2 Sophie Bentley	9 Scott Randolph	18 Ryan Garrett	25 Janice Morris
2 Quentin Farmer	10 Brian Baker	18 Tammy Kone	25 Ashley Payton
2 Tina Occhipinti	10 Paul Henry	19 Melba Council	25 Trent Powers
3 Mary Gibson	10 Helyn Mayhew	19 David Schad	26 Patrick Hoydar
3 Emmaline Pursley	10 Mark Tidwell	20 Rebecca Camp	26 Doris Kieh
3 Jack Sutton	11 Benjamin Davidson	20 Daniel Cloud	26 Betty Noland
3 Gary Woodell	12 Andrew Garbade	20 Bonnie Faller	27 Tyler Carroll
4 Charles Fuqua	12 Davis Gibson	20 Emily Holsey	27 Jordan Murphy
4 Albert Lee	12 Jeffrey Helms	20 Ralph Leprone	27 Elizabeth Olson
4 Marge Schulhof	12 Easton Johnson	21 Chris Black	27 Matthew Vots
5 Sandra Cueto	13 Lauren Harper	21 Deena Canup	27 Amanda Wojcikowski
5 Martha Hopkins	13 Alexis Volckman	21 Steve Cole	29 Sera Clower
5 Donald Pridgen	13 Brooke Wilson	21 Donald Martin	29 Addison Cowart
5 Jordan Ramsey	14 Madison Dittman	21 Dylan Scoggins	29 Walter Elmore
5 Ken Stephens	14 Susan Dodson	21 Gloria Wilson	29 Liam McDonald
6 Cyndi Chappel	14 Allison Horan	22 Julia Allen	29 Denny McFarland
6 Christopher Davis	14 Blake Protzman	22 Eugene Gooden	29 William Milush
6 Blake Watkins	14 Judy Webb	22 Anne Ludlam	29 Lonnie Thigpen
7 James Brown	14 Margaret Wike	23 William Bowen	29 Evan Volckman
7 Byron Hunt	15 Pamela Hites	23 Christopher Carle	30 Kim Daniell
7 Peter Ogbuagu	15 Joleene Holmes	23 Daniel Denucci	30 Alexandria Edmondson
7 Anderson Ray	15 Gina Jackson	23 Sarah Gilley	30 Emerson Garbade
8 Grayson Douglas	15 Annette Lee	23 Todd Thompson	30 Charles Jordy
8 Mike Moffett	15 Tamara Powers	23 Sandra Williams	30 Betty Parrott
9 Larry Bentley	15 Chanda Williams	24 Lawrence Dickinson	30 Chris Wynn
9 Madeline Dowdy	16 Christine Bentley	24 Joseph Douglas	
9 Diane Hemmings	16 Pam Blackerby	24 Alison English	

Douglasville First United Methodist Church

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Samaritan Center
2 Combined Worship Service, 11:00am, BPTH	3 Labor Day – Office Closed	4	5 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Iphone Class, 6:45pm, B220	6	7	8 Great Day of Service, 8:30am, BPTH/AHH/ A201/A101 Scout Training, 8:00am, CYAC/B220
9 Kids' First Prayer Team, 12:15pm, A201 Trustees Meeting, 12:30pm, B120 Dinner Church Meeting, 2:00pm, B220	10 Worship Committee, 6:00pm, B120 Journeys of Paul, 6:00pm, B220 Nominations, 6:00pm, B220	11 Staff Meeting, 1:30pm, B220 Care Team Training, 5:30pm, AHH	12 Rachel's Blankets, 4:30pm, B220 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Iphone Class, 6:45pm, B220	13 Stephen Ministry, 6:30pm, B220 Scout Committee, 7:00pm, CYAC	14	15 Trinity Soup Preparation, BPTH Dinner Church, 5:00pm, Good Samaritan Center
16 Trinity Soup Kitchen Starting Point (Small Group Launch), 5:00pm, BPTH/A101	17 UMW General Meeting, 6:00pm, AHH	18 Mission Team Meeting, 7:00pm, B120	19 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH Scoutmaster Meeting, 6:30pm, CYAC	20	21	22 Journey Launch Party, 10:30am, BPTH
23	24	25 Reserved, 5:30pm, AHH Pack Meeting, 7:00pm, BPTH	26 Dinner, 5:30pm, AHH	27 Stephen Ministry, 6:30pm, B220	28 Confirmation Retreat (28-30), Glisson/Bus Young Adults Retreat (28-30)	29 September Saturday, Courthouse
30 Newcomer Dinner, 6:00pm, DeHart parsonage						