



Jasper United Methodist Church



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A View from the Crowe's Nest

Tell Me

Well, I think we finally have the house unpacked. I have found almost everything. Though, we are still missing a few critical pieces like the electrical cords to my bed! Hopefully, we will find them for we still have a bunch of boxes in the garage that we need to go through. I am saving those for a rainy day! Now, I just need to find all

those "other" things you have to search for when you move. You know, a general doctor, a hair stylist that has experience in reminding hair what color it is supposed to be. We need to find a cardiologist, kidney specialist, infectious disease, and foot doctor for my mom. A dentist, a dermatologist, a State Farm Insurance representative, a jeweler, a florist, a good place to buy meats, a veterinarian, a dog groomer, and a good reasonable mechanic. I need to know where to get my oil changed and where to buy tires. A great bakery, a caterer, a taxi service (or is UBER available up here?). Sure, I could look them up on internet but I wouldn't know anything about them. I mean, anybody can hang out a shingle and claim to be an expert. But, I want service providers with good customer service. I want people who are reliable, skilled, and personable. I want people I can trust. One of the most effective ways to find good ones is through recommendations from people you trust.

So TELL ME who do you recommend? Text me at 770-842-3025, names and numbers, and recommendations. Email me names of people you trust and their specialty at sheilacrowe@bellsouth.net. Tell me what your experience with them has been like. You know the same is true when it comes to a relationship with God and finding a good church. We need a good recommendation. We need someone to TELL US about God and how he has made a difference in his or her life. People need to hear about others experiences at church. Romans 10:13-15 says: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" This passage challenges the idea that people will just happen upon the Gospel on their own or by local service oriented outreach. It underscores God's ordained plan for His people to intentionally tell others about him and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I still believe the greatest way for people to come to know God and the church is through our sharing our stories with them. A young father was once sharing with his mentor, "I don't want to force my religion upon my children. I want to allow nature to take its course and they will discover it for themselves." A few weeks later the man was visiting his mentor at the mentor's home. The mentor invited the man to the back yard to see his garden of beautiful flowers. When they walked into the back yard the young man declared, "I don't see any flowers at all. All I see is a bunch of weeds." His mentor replied, "I didn't want to force it to grow flowers. I just let nature take its course." How will I know if you don't tell me?

Blessings,

Pastor Sheila

Elevate family!

I can't believe it is the start of another school year! May this year be a year of growing, learning, and loving one another. Here are some things to be aware of coming up! We are going to kick off Elevate with a pool party at Ms Donna's on August 2. We will splash and grill out and it will be a blast! We will NOT be meeting that Sunday, our pool party will replace our Sunday evening. Please reach out to me for the address. The Backpack Blessing is going to be at church on August 3! Bring your bookbag and be prayed over for this school year!

On August 17, we are invited to a "RESET Party" at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. There will be fun, games, food trucks, special speaker and United Methodist youth from all over. We will leave the church at 3:45 and should be back around 8:30.

We will be hosting another youth fundraiser at Buffalo Luke's August 12th! This will be for the Rooted retreat (October 24-26).

I am looking for folks to provide Snack Supper this semester, please let me know and I can give you our available dates!

Cheers!

Anna Faith Adair

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JUMC Kids!

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 18:16

Welcome back to school!
Summer FLEW by! Know

that I am praying for you as you start this new year. Here are things coming up!
Our Backpack Blessing is Sunday, August 3 during church! We would love to have you there and have your school bag ready to be prayed over!

We are going to be changing up our offering of Children's Church this year. We are going to have Children's Church the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays so you can worship with your family on Communion Sunday. I could use some extra teachers to fill a rotation, so if you are willing to serve in that area, please let me know.

KOK is going to start back after Labor Day! We would love to see you bring some friends! If transportation is an issue, let me know and we can find a way!

Have a fantastic school year my friends, rooting you on!

Cheers!

Anna Faith

Director of Children Ministry & Marketing



We begin our first day of the new school year on the 11th. Please be in prayer for lots of laughter and very few

tears. The teachers will be getting ready next week with CPR training, Safe Sanctuary Training, and getting their rooms finished and lesson plans made. It's going to be two very busy weeks in the preschool.

One thing the preschool needs is donations to our scholarship fund. After scholarships were given last year, our total is \$316.00, any donations are greatly appreciated and will only be given to students that are in need.

Donna Dooley, Preschool Director
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Hands-On Enrichment Academy

(HEA), a parent-led learning environment, exists to provide supplemental learning experiences for homeschool families. Our mission is to cultivate consistent social interaction in a flexible, yet structured environment accepting of all learning styles and differences. We believe a love of learning should come before education. If we teach these children to love learning, they will never stop learning and will develop a much deeper and broader education.

These children have grown so much in ways that no test can ever measure. Their confidence and belief in themselves is a sight to behold. I want to thank each one of you for opening your hearts to a group of children who do not fit in because they were born to stand out!

The classes meet at JUMC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.
Shannon Henson, Director and Teacher



The streets of downtown Jasper will again come alive this fall with the 44th Annual Marble Festival Road Race, proudly organized and sponsored by the Dorcas Circle of Jasper United Methodist Church. There are still a few ways you can be involved!

We will be closing out our family sponsor spots (\$75) at the end of the week, so please let us know by August 10th if you would like to have your family name on the t-shirt back. Beginning in early September, we will be asking for volunteers to help block roads for the race, and race day weekend. Many hands make light work for T shirt organization and registration. Registration is now open and available, with forms at the welcome center, church office or on our church website. If you don't want to sweat but still want a cool shirt you can register as a "Phantom runner". Proceeds from our race go to ministries in our church and community focusing on women and children. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact a Dorcas circle member or Juanita Tatum.



I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me!

August Worship Music: Contemporary Gospel and Country Gospel Music. If you ever thought about singing in the choir, now is the time! Come and fill the choir loft and help sing the Gospel songs. Some of the directions for singing by John Wesley states to "Sing all. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Above all, sing spiritually."

Special Music for August Worship:
 August 10- Bent Tree Strings
 August 24-JUMC Men's Quartet

In the process of trying to find a fulltime pianist, we have worked out a great alternative. We have six musicians (Phyllis Pool, Justin Davis, Darcy Douglas, Susan Gooch, David Richards, and Angela Ervin) who will be rotating Sundays. We also have some other instrumental musicians in the mix.

Rehearsals for all choirs will begin Wednesday, September 10:

KOK Children's choir: 4:30 pm
 Youth Handchimes: 5:00 pm
 Handbells: 5:30 pm
 Chancel Choir: 6:30 pm

(All times subject to change as needed)

In His Service,
 Cathy Riley, Director of Music

Marketing

We are looking to recruit a newspaper liaison to assist with getting news of the church to the Progress. If you are willing to serve in that manner, please email adair@jasperumc.org. We also need updated pictures for our church website to reflect our joy of having Pastor Sheila.



Just a few reminders:
 If you move it-put it back
 If you spill it-clean it up
 If you break it-fix it or report it

If you are planning a meeting or gathering, please check with the office to make sure the space is available. The calendar is filling up!

We often have requests for service recommendations so let me know if you have a service business and would like to be on a job directory.

Deadline for bulletin announcements is the Monday before. Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month. Thank you!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST 2025:

A lectionary is a collection of readings from Sacred Scripture. Readings are arranged according to the Church's calendar and are intended to be read at the regular, weekly gathering of God's people. The weekly readings include scriptures from the Old Testament, a Psalm, an Epistle and a Gospel.

- Aug. 3, 2025 Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
- Aug. 10, 2025 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40
- Aug. 17, 2025 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- Aug. 24, 2025 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
- Aug. 31, 2025 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Missions Matters

Taste of JUMC/Silent Auction
Aug. 23, 11:00-1:00.

Support your Kenya Team by:

- 1.) Fixing a dish and serving it. Signup sheet on bulletin board.
- 2.) Contributing to the Silent Auction goods or services with a value of \$25 or more. Bring on Sunday or to the church office. Contribution tax receipts are available.



C.A.R.E.S.

Items can be brought to the church and placed in the C.A.R.E.S. corner in the narthex.

August's focus is Lunch Box Items, Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes.
Non perishable foods are always welcome.



In the Lobby

Sundays in August
Immediately after
the 11:00 service

Join us after church for some
Refreshment and fellowship!

JUMC Women's Circles



The Seekers Circle will meet Thursday, August 14 at 10:00 am in room 106. Welcome for refreshments, devotions and fellowship.

The Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 pm in room 106. Plans are underway for the Marble Festival Road Race. All women are welcome to attend for light refreshments, devotions, and fellowship.

UM Men will meet Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for dinner, devotion and fellowship. There will be a presentation on the Ruth House. All men are invited to attend. The Dorcas Circle will join the meeting for this presentation.

Call the church office to have names put on the list.
(Names will be on the list for 2 months)

Requested names to be lifted up:

Mike Whitten, Burl Chesser, Pam Edwards, Karen Fowler, Sara Fowler, Judy Francis, Steve Hammer, Mitch Henson, Nancy Henson, Peggy Higgins, Maureen Huntington, Linda Judkins, Don Larson, Joyce Leist, George Montgomery, Richard Rambler, Mary Russell, Susan Sherrell, Betty VanValkenburgh, Linda Waitsman

Retreat at Jasper Assisted Living: Carolyn Omundson, Hoyt & Carolyn Jenkins

Rock Creek Manor: Sam & Barbara Peddicord, Donna Dicus, Dayton & Mary Ann Adams

Cedarhurst Assisted Living: George Hall

Our active military family: Kalyn Brooks, Lily Bowen, Max Edward Caylor, Alex Davis, Elliot Gallagher, Emerson Gantz, Dillon Gassaway, David Grossman, Alec Gryski, Dustin Hall, Shawn Hancock, Eric Hunter, Jason Kiernan, John Kiernan, Austin McCormick, Brian Mosiello, Justin Mosiello, Peter Nunn, Stanley Peters, Brett Rush, Mitch Rich, Nathan Russell, Jessie Sams, Ahmed Sohail, Jason Stanley, D. John Thomas, Jesse Vaughan, Steven Walsh, Nathan Watson, Jeremy Willis

Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern, update or to notify us of any family illnesses, deaths or hospitalizations.

For any emergencies after office hours,
Greg can be reached on his cell #770-851-8305

Christian sympathy is extended to Barbara Ledford and family on the death of her husband, Ronald Ledford.

JUMC Email Prayer Chain

Prayer concerns can be requested by emailing or phoning the church office and an email will go out to all addresses on the prayer chain. If you would like to be part of the JUMC email prayer chain group, contact the church office by emailing criley@jasperumc.org.



All are welcome to join
a time of prayer in the prayer room

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm.

For more information contact
Dex Phillips

JUMC STAFF:

Sheila Crowe.....Pastor
Cathy Riley.....Director of Music / Office Manager
Anna Faith Adair.....Director of Children & Youth Ministry/Marketing
Donna Dooley.....Preschool Director
Peggy Litherland.....Financial Manager
Paul Singletary.....Director of Audio/Visual Ministry
Jim Gaston.....Assistant of Audio/Visual Ministry
Emily Countryman.....Nursery Coordinator
Phyllis Pool.....Pianist
Angela Ervin.....Organist
Alan Johnson.....Head Usher
Ministers.....All Who Are Here