



Thought for the Month

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
the gladness of Christmas give you hope,
and the warmth of Christmas give you love.

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Welcome Visitors...The Road UMC is the place to be!

The mission of **The Road UMC** is to become a community of believers committed to helping all people to personally know Jesus Christ by delivering a biblically based teaching and preaching of the gospel to those saved and seeking Christ and thereby developing disciples, families and communities through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are new to our community and looking for a church home or desire to explore your spirituality, please consider us.

At The ROAD, we are engaged in the **L4** experience:

Loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and loving neighbor as thyself

Living a life that is Christ-centered and biblically oriented.

Learning to be a disciple of Jesus Christ as we live counter to the culture following wholeheartedly after God in a broken world.

Leading others to experience God; being light in darkness and salt in a decaying environment.

If you would like to enter into fellowship with *The ROAD UMC*...

- Come during the Invitation to Discipleship
- See our pastor or a member after church
- Call the church office and schedule an appointment to speak with the pastor
- Email us at stmarysrd@theroadumc.org
- See one of our greeters or ministers after the worship service

This is the working church!
The lazy church is down the street!



James R. King, Jr., Resident Bishop Rev. Dr. Buddy Cooper, D.S.
Cynthia Williams, Lay Leader Willie Belfield, Associate Lay Leader

The SMRUMC Staff

Shea Ellis, Receptionist
Jacqueline McCall, Administrative Assistant
Jacquelyn Ekins, Director of Music
Debra Alexander, Youth Musician

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F/B: The ROAD UMC

Pastor's Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday
(and by appointment)

Email: PastorK@theroadumc.org
Telephone Number: (706) 221-7643

**ST. MARY'S ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*"A Christ-centered church, where we are,
loving, living, learning and leading in the kingdom of God"*

**3993 St. Mary's Road
Columbus, Georgia 31907
Office: (706) 689-8707 Fax: (706) 687-6944
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Sunday, December 14, 2014 | 10:00 a.m.

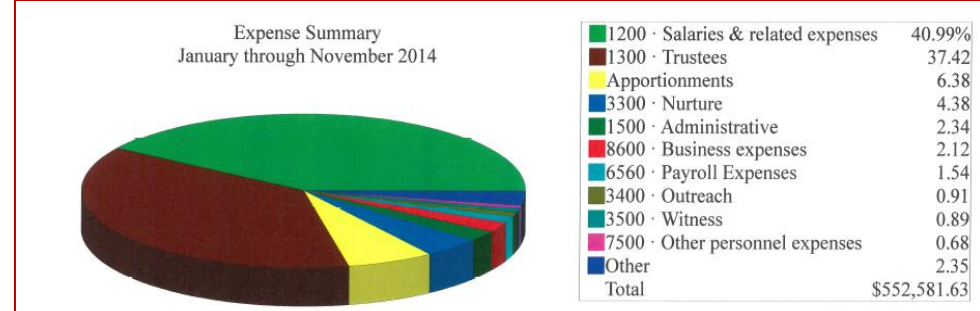
Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor



**"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."**

1 Peter 2:9

~ December 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
TRUSTEES ON CALL FOR DECEMBER West Dryden (706) 888-0381 James Jones (706) 332-9698	1 Worship Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	2	3 Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Children/ Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m. Central UMC in Atlanta, GA Advent Revival @ 7:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.	4 Zumba Class @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.	5 Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.	6 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Golden Agers Lunch @ 1:00 p.m.
7 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	8 Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Married Couples @ 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Kids Night Out @ 6-7:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.	11 Zumba Class @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m.	12 Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 p.m. FOOD BOX DEADLINE	13 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
14 Christmas Cantata @ 6:00 p.m.	15 ROCK Ministry Mtg. @ 11:30 a.m.	16 Pro-Active Care Team Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	17 Children/ Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m.	18 Zumba Class @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. FOOD BOX PICK UP @ 12:00 p.m.	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Children's and Youth Christmas Celebration and Rehearsal @ 11:00 - 2:30
21 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Christmas Program @ 8:30 a.m.	22 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	23	24 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSES AT 1:00 p.m.	25 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 Baby Dedication	29	30	Vital Signs for December 2014 A: Attendance B: Offering Week 1: 305 \$16,380.09 Week 2: \$ Week 3: \$ Week 4: \$ TOTAL RECEIVED: \$16,380.09 TOTAL NEEDED: \$46,500.00			



Our Time of Worship

3rd Sunday in Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

THE GATHERING (Time of Prayer And Meditation)

The Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

*The Song of Praise

“Emmanuel”

Bulletin

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the everlasting joy of God’s heart and the Holy Savior of our Nations.

People: You come among us to release us from our burdens and take great delight in our eternal happiness. Lord Jesus quieten us with your precious love and fill our spirits with heavenly joy.

*The Morning Hymn

“Jesus the Light of the World”

Bulletin

*Invocation

Choral Response

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Bulletin

**Parish Notices/Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Thomas Family

Worship Through Music

The Youth Choir

The Scripture Lessons

The Hebrew Testament

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Mekhi Brown

The New Testament

John 1:6-8, 19-28

D’Andre Thomas

Altar Prayer

Robert Gathers

Worship Through Music

The Youth Choir

The Sermon

Minister Charlotte Edwards

Invitation to Discipleship

The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings

*The Benediction

*Congregation standing

**Ushers may seat those entering

Song of Praise

Come, come let us adore Him, Kneel down before Him,
Worship and adore Him...

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
We worship You...

Hymn Of Praise

Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world.

Glory to the newborn king, Jesus the light of the world. (Chorus)

Verse 2

Joyful all ye nations rise, Jesus the light of the world.

Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Christ by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world.

Christ the everlasting Lord, Jesus the light of the world. (Chorus)

(CHORUS)

We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light,

come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night; Jesus the light of the world.

Choral Response

O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord! For He alone is worthy...

Christ the Lord! Let’s give Him all the glory... Christ the Lord!

LISTENING TO THE SERMON

Listen to the message from God’s Word and use this sheet to write down your personal notes. Reflect over them during the week and let God’s truths take root in your heart and produce fruit in your life.

Scripture:

Subject:

“Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.” (James 1:22)

News in the Pews

The Gospel of Mark: We will begin our church-wide study of the Gospel of Mark beginning in January. See small group facilitator for more information.

Corporate Fast: Directions regarding the fast can be retrieved from the church website. Our conference prayer call will be held on Monday, December 15th at 5:00 a.m. The conference call number is 1 (267) 507-0400, access code: 2797318#. Please remember to mute your telephone when you call.

Today at 6:00 p.m., The Road UMC Music Ministry, presents its 16th Annual Christmas Cantata Spectacular, "Joy Through All Generations!" We hope to see you here! Invite your family and friends to attend this magnificent celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Children/Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal: The Children/Youth Christmas Luncheon Celebration will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Please see Mrss. Rose McRae, Ramona Williams, Ms. Beverly Brown or check in the Church School Office for speeches for the Christmas Program.

Watch Night Service: You are invited to welcome in the New Year with us on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 10:00 p.m. with our Gospel Jazz Vesper Service featuring Otis Davis and The Home Cookin’ Jazz Band.

New Members Orientation: If you are interested in joining us for the next new members’ class (New Connexions), please contact the church office at (706) 689-8707.

The Annual Poinsettia Drive is in progress! It is time to purchase a Poinsettia In Honor of or In Memory of your loved one(s). The Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and will beautify our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season. Please see Mrss. Doris Upshaw, Rose McRae, or any Altar Guild Member. Poinsettias may be picked up on Sunday, December 28, 2014 after the morning worship service.

News in the Pews Continued...

Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship Fund: All members are encouraged to give a financial contribution to the Brandice Arlene Martin Scholarship Fund. Active church members who are high school seniors may apply for this scholarship through the United Methodist Women. Make your checks payable to the United Methodist Women and notate “Scholarship Fund” in the memo line, or give cash donation to Pamela Shaw-Grant, UMW treasurer.

Don’t forget to deposit your change in the Faith Well located in the lobby next to the kiosk, each week before or after service. This money will be used to fund our Sunday Breakfast Ministry! We also need cooks, servers, van drivers. Contact Ms. Sheila Woodbury, Mrs. Sherry Lark, or Mr. Robert Montgomery. Thank you for all you do!

Usher Servants Needed: If you desire to serve the Lord on the dynamic Usher Ministry, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex for you to sign up.

Nursery Servants Needed to serve one Sunday a month. We need you! Please see Mrss. Rose McRae or Courtney Lamar.

DVD copies of our 10:00 a.m. worship service are available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 each. Please complete a form located in the narthex and leave it with an usher. You may have it mailed or you may pick it up the following week.

Announcements must be received in our church office no later than Wednesday at 12 noon.


Church newsletter: Please submit information that you would like to share with the church to the church office at receptionist@theroadumc.org.

Trustee Alert - Church Facilities Rental: Rental of church facilities (sanctuary, fellowship hall and classrooms) must be approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will meet on the first Monday of each month unless there is a holiday. Request(s) to rent the church facilities should be submitted in a timely manner to allow the coordination with all concerned parties.

Sunday School Teachers are needed! Contact Ms. Beverly Brown at (706) 304-8692 or b_brown.8645@yahoo.com to serve or get more information.



Please remember to silence cell phones and personal communication devices during our morning worship. Thank you!

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<p align="center">Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of December</p> <p align="center">Ms. Sheila Woodbury (706) 687-9562</p> <p align="center">Prayer Concerns</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Raven P.K. Arnold</td> <td>108 Inlet Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909</td> <td>(619) 886-6918</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harold Claytor</td> <td>926 Celia Drive, Columbus, GA (07)</td> <td>(706) 563-6499</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jameka Claytor</td> <td>307 Garfield Drive, Trenton, NJ 08629</td> <td>(706) 563-6499</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rev. Frederick Gray</td> <td>3601 Springside Drive, Decatur, GA 30032</td> <td>(404) 254-2358</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Francine Joyner</td> <td>1290 Thelbert Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301</td> <td>(910) 286-6359</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Liggins</td> <td>1204 Rainey Street, Longview, TX 75609</td> <td>(903) 757-6690</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David & Susie Simmons</td> <td>11600 NW 110 Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686</td> <td>(352) 351-1244</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wendy Solomon</td> <td>7553 Parkland Bend, Fairburn, GA 30213</td> <td>(706) 332-3951</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John & Delores Thomas</td> <td>6801 Playfield Drive, Columbus, GA (07)</td> <td>(706) 610-1122</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emily Walker</td> <td>5339 Rockwell Court, Columbus, GA (07)</td> <td>(706) 689-7510</td> </tr> </table> <p align="center"><i>Please call the church office at (706) 689-8707 to notify the staff of any known illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths.</i></p>		Raven P.K. Arnold	108 Inlet Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909	(619) 886-6918	Harold Claytor	926 Celia Drive, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 563-6499	Jameka Claytor	307 Garfield Drive, Trenton, NJ 08629	(706) 563-6499	Rev. Frederick Gray	3601 Springside Drive, Decatur, GA 30032	(404) 254-2358	Francine Joyner	1290 Thelbert Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301	(910) 286-6359	George Liggins	1204 Rainey Street, Longview, TX 75609	(903) 757-6690	David & Susie Simmons	11600 NW 110 Avenue, Reddick, FL 32686	(352) 351-1244	Wendy Solomon	7553 Parkland Bend, Fairburn, GA 30213	(706) 332-3951	John & Delores Thomas	6801 Playfield Drive, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 610-1122	Emily Walker	5339 Rockwell Court, Columbus, GA (07)	(706) 689-7510
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