



Thought for the Month

People who treat other people as less than human must not be surprised when the bread they have cast on the waters comes floating back to them.

James Baldwin



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 ushers after the worship service

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



Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor

The SMRUMC Staff

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ST. MARY'S ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"A Christ-centered church, where we are,
Loving, Living, Learning and Leading in the kingdom of God"

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Sunday, August 20, 2017 | 10:00 a.m.

2017 FOCUS: ReGROUP: REVIVE AND THRIVE



"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

August 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trustees August 2017 Ray Lakes (706) 580-9708 Curtis Lark (706) 681-0991	1 Men's Bible Study @ David Simmons Home @ 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice @ 6:00 p.m.	2 Veterans Sunday Service Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Youth Group @ 7:00 p.m.	3 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice @ 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Praise Team Practice @ 6:00 p.m.	
	6 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	7 Trustees Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Muscogee County School District BACK TO SCHOOL	8 Men's Bible Study @ Mr. Bob Burton's Home @ 6:00 p.m. New Members Class @ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ 7:00 p.m.	9 Kids Night Out @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. New Members Class @ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ 7:00 p.m.	10 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.	11
13 Bible Study in Library @ 8:30 a.m. Youth Emphasis Sunday	14	15 Men's Bible Study @ Hutman Upshaw's Home @ 6:00 p.m.	16 Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m. Youth Group @ 7:00 p.m.	17 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Veterans Sunday Service Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	18 FOOD PANTRY DEADLINE	19 Advanced Lay Speaker Course @ M.L. Harris UMC @ 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Disciple's Mentoring Program @ 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
20 Health screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m.	21 FOOD PANTRY CONFIRM	22 Men's Bible Study @ SMRUMC @ 6:00 p.m.	23 Same as August 9 th	24 UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTE	25	26 Basic Lay Speaker Course @ SMRUMC @ 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
27 Bible Study in Library @ 8:30 a.m. Baby Dedication	28 Church Council @ 6:30 p.m.	29 Men's Bible Study @ SMRUMC @ 6:00 p.m.	30 Same as August 2 nd	31 Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.	Pro-Active Care Team August 2017 Mary Hosley (706) 563-9824	

OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

11th Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide
Liturgist

Color: Green
Tammie Jordan

THE GATHERING - (Please take this moment to silence your mobile devices.)

Lighting of Candles Acolytes
*Song of Praise Lord You're Worthy Choir/Congregation
*Call to Worship

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us,
People: and may God's face shine upon us,
Leader: that God's way may be known upon earth,
People: and God's saving power among all nations.
Leader: Let all the people praise you, O God!
People: Let all the people praise you!

*Hymn of Praise Come Thou Almighty King Choir/Congregation
*Altar Call Tillford Thomas
Choral Response Great is Your Mercy Towards Me Choir/Congregation

The Ministry of Music Choir
The Message Pastor K

Invitation to Discipleship

The Presentation of Tithes, Commitments & Offerings Congregation

Parish Notices/Welcome Friends in Fellowship Helen Gibson

*Benediction

*Those that are able please stand.

LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE

*Listen to the message from God's Word and record your personal notes.
Revisit them during the week and let God's truths take root in your life.*

Blank lines for notes.

"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." James 1:22

Sermon Series on Relationships

Scriptures: Matthew 9:35-38
Subject: Takin It To The Street

Contributed by Tamiya Bowen

- We must take the gospel of God from the seats to the streets.
- As a church we should build relationships with others.
- People need to know Jesus can heal you in every place you need healing.
- We could take the city, this church, and the world with the gospel of God.
- It is the job of the pastor to preach and teach and the work of the people to seek and reach.
- We must have each other's back.
- God is looking for laborers for the cause of righteousness.
- Be committed to building relationships with others and the work of the kingdom.
- If you are willing, God is able.

Contributed by Cynthia Williams

- The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.
- Jesus performed many of his healings and miracles in the streets not behind closed doors.
- Likewise we must take the gospel to the streets.
- Are we reliable agents for Christ?
- We must be involved in the act of discipleship.
- We are called to build relationships with people.
- Jesus is calling us to be laborers in the streets.
- If more folks would get involved, we could create great things.
- God's plan is that we plant his ministry right in the middle of Satan's territory.
- The world is watching us. Are we looking like Jesus?
- He wants us willing and committed to work.

Notes from Amber Pendleton

- Whenever Jesus spoke to people in a profound way, it wasn't in a synagogue it was in the street.
- Are we reliable agents of God in relation to the kingdom?
- The key to increasing the kingdom of God is being involved in relationship with other people in various spheres.
- The movement today to increase the kingdom of God should be Clergy-led, Holy Ghost inspired and people supported.
- Are we prepared to live out our calling? We must be involved in action verse non-action.
- We cannot label people as "them" and "us."
- Where is our moral credibility in the nation?
- We must recognize the task - The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.
- Harvesting is done on the outside - and therefore we must be outside in the streets witnessing for Jesus.
- When Jesus called the disciples to work for him they were already involved in the work. Matthew was tax collector; Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, etc.

News In The Pews

2017 BIRTH MONTH PLAN - Goal: \$60,000.00

In addition to our tithes and offering each member is asked

To contribute \$425.00

to offset our 2017 apportionment.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Welcome to our Worship Experience! We are glad that you are here. Please take a moment to sign the attendance REGISTER and pass it to the end of your pew. An usher will collect these at the end of worship service. If you do not have a church home, we pray that you will find one with us.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME Sister(s) Melanie Rutherford and Linda Harvey to our Church family.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY has been invited to be the guest of New Bethel A.M.E. Church on August 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate Missionary Sunday. The choir, ushers and congregation along with our pastor are asked to serve at the service.

LEADERSHIP SURVEYS for 2017 are coming soon. #Staywoke!

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will convene on August 28th at 6:30 p.m. You are tasked to read the first three chapters of Overflow before you come.

NOON DAY BIBLE STUDY will reconvene in September.

BASIC LAY SPEAKER COURSE will be offered at St. Mary's Road UMC on Saturday, August 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you feel the call of God to join our lay minister's team, contact Cynthia Williams to register for this training at cynthiajwc1@outlook.com or at (706) 568-0117.

TRUSTEE ON CALL: If you need to enter the church during non-business hours, please contact the Trustee "on call" no less than 24 hours in advance.

WISHING WELL: Bring your dollars and loose change each Sunday and deposit it into the well, which is located in the narthex upon entering or exiting the church. This money is used for our Outreach Ministry.

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LECTIONARY READINGS, WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2017
Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28