

Thought for the Month



Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion that day, or it will be killed and eaten. Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up and knows that it must run faster than the slowest gazelle that day, or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter if you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up you'd better be running.

~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Trustees on Call for May 2015 Robert Montgomery (706) 315-6551 Ray Lakes (706) 687-9067					1	2 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m. Children's Workshop 10-2:00 p.m.
3 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. Scholarship deadline	4 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	5	6 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.	7 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	8 Education Mtg. @ 12:00 p.m.	9 UMM Mtg. @ 8:30 a.m.
10 Mother's Day	11 Married Couples @ 6:20 p.m.	12 Church Anniversary Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	13 Bible Study @ 12:00 p.m. Children/ Youth Choir @ 6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out @ 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry @ 6:15 p.m. Unity Choir @ 7:00 p.m.	14 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.	15	16 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 10:00 a.m.
17 B/P, Diabetes and Cholesterol screenings Children's Church @ 10:00 a.m. Confirmation and Believer's Baptism New Member's Class	18 Rock Ministry @ 11:30 a.m. Finance Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	19 SPRC Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.	20 Same As May 6th	21 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.	22 Newsletter Deadline Food Box Deadline	23
24 Heritage Sunday	25 Memorial Day ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED	26 Pro-Active Care Team Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. Council Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.	27 Same As May 13th	28 Zumba @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m. UMW Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m. Food Box Pick Up	29	30
31 5th Sunday Family and Friends Day Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. Catfish and Grits						



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
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loving, living, learning and leading in the kingdom of God"*

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Sunday, May 24, 2015 | 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."**

Our Time of Worship

**Day of Pentecost
Liturgist**

**Color: Red
Willie Belfield**

**THE GATHERING
(Time of Prayer and Meditation)**

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

***Song of Praise**

“Let Him In Today”

Congregation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: You will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

People: Then to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name-there you are to bring everything I command you.

Leader: And there rejoice before the Lord your God-you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites from your towns who have no inheritance or allotment.

ALL: Offer them only at the place the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you.

Praise Medley “Since I Gave The Lord My Life” **Congregation**
“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

***Invocation** **Willie Belfield**
Choral Response “There’s Something About That Name” **Congregation**

****Parish Notices/Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

Worship Through Song **The Youth Choir**

The Scripture Lessons

Hebrew Testament **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** **Aiyana Egins**
New Testament **Romans 8:22-27** **Tyra Conwell**
Altar Prayer **Amari Conwell**

Worship Through Song **The Youth Choir**

Sermon **Emery Ramsey**

Invitation to Discipleship

Worship Through Giving **Congregation**

Benediction

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.

The Faith of Finance

Three theological principles that direct our path around finance.

**ONE: WE ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST
A TITHING COMMUNITY.**

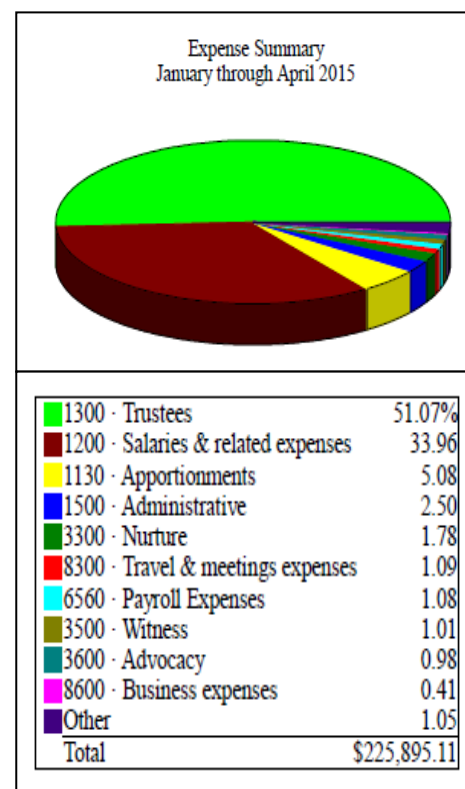
22 Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. 23 In the presence of the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.(Deuteronomy 14:22-23, NRSV)

**TWO: WE WORSHIP A LIVING LORD WHO DEFINES
VALUE AND ETHICS, NOT MONEY.**

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. (1 Timothy 6:6-10, NRSV)

**THREE: WE DO NOT OPERATE LIKE A BUSINESS,
BUT AS THE COUNTER-CULTURAL
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST.**

18 And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, 19 but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. 20 And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold. (Mark 4:18-20, NRSV)



**SMRUMC
MORTGAGE PLEDGE**

	Amount
5 Year Goal	\$1,000,000.00
1 Year Goal	\$200,000.00
Pledged	\$468,570.00
Contributed	\$52,209.50
Total Payments	\$42,000.00

Need 200 paying units for 5 years at \$1,000.00 per year.

Pledging Units YTD: 114

News in the Pews

The Church Council meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This month’s meeting is a special, "For Your Information Only" meeting, where we will receive short, informative reports from some of our amazing ministries. Come and hear how you (we) are working for the Kingdom of God.

Men’s Day Choir Rehearsal will be each Thursday beginning May 21, 2015 through June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the church choir room unless otherwise arranged in preparation for Men’s Day, June 21, 2015. We would appreciate you making every effort to be present and on time so we will not have to increase the end time. Should you have any difficulty or issues, contact Henry Holt at (706) 527-8731 or Chris Mickey at (706) 662-4331.

The Prayer for Peace Rally will be on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. The City of Columbus’ Mayor Teresa Tomlinson and the Mayor’s Commission on Unity, Diversity and Prosperity, will sponsor the second Prayer for Peace Rally at the Columbus Civic Center, 400 4th Street, Columbus, Ga. The Prayer for Peace Rally is a broad multi-denomination, multi-cultural effort to bring an end to violence in our community. Contact the Mayor’s office at (706) 225-3163 to RSVP your attendance. Please share this with others within your circle. We look forward to seeing you there.

VBS 2015 is June 8, 2015 through June 11, 2015 and is fast approaching! We anticipate an increase in children this year and would appreciate your assistance. If you or your ministry would like to sponsor a snack night, contact Ms. Helen Gibson at (706) 464-7747 or email her at hmgjuly1@gmail.com.

Our Kid’s Summer Day Camp needs teachers and servants! If you are interested, or know of anyone interested in teaching for the camp, applications are now available. You may retrieve an application from Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Brother Roy Sumlin, Jr. or from our website at www.theroadumc.org. The camp will begin on Monday, June 1, 2015 through Thursday, July 9, 2015 and will be held Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We need you to help us make a difference in the lives of our children and this community!

The Education Store is opening again to reward our children and youth for their participation in the church. Please bring the following items to the Education office for all ages; games, toys, school supplies, technology and electronics. For more information, contact Ms. Beverly Brown and Mrs. Paula Shaw-Powell.

Don’t forget to deposit your change in the Faith Well located in the narthex next to the kiosk each week before or after service. This money will be used to fund our Sunday Breakfast Ministry!

The UM Men will support several events and projects in 2015. Each man is asked to support with a \$200.00 assessment. If contributing by check, please clearly notate your giving to UM Men Support in the memo area of your check and if by cash, notate on your offering envelope. For more information, contact Henry Holt at (706) 527-8731.

24/7-365 Prayer Request/Praise Report is now available online.

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

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Lectionary Readings, Week of May 24, 2015	
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	
Prayer Warrior On-Call for the Month of May	
Mr. Emery Ramsey (706) 326-0785	
Prayer Concerns	
Harold Claytor	926 Celia Drive, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 563-6499
Curtis Milliner	5369 Gettysburg Way, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 682-3043
Emily Walker	5339 Rockwell Court, Columbus, GA (07) (706) 689-7510
Christ in our Homes, Christ in our Church, Christ in our Community, Christ in Us!	
Call the church office to notify the staff of any known Prayer Request or, you may enter your Prayer Request on our website, www.theroadumc.org.	

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