

# The Disciple



St. John's Anglican Church, 230 Southland Rd., Americus GA 31709

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We continue to bask in the joy of Easter, celebrating Jesus' great victory over sin and death. Jesus' resurrection means that we can have confidence in Jesus' promise of eternal life and salvation to all who believe.

Sin damages us deeply and causes profound separation between us and God. But by Jesus' death and resurrection, Christ does much more. He heals us fully from the wounds of sin, and he brings us into the very family of God.

We all participated in Adam's fall, but all who trust in Christ have gained more than a simple restoration of what was lost. We've gained a fullness through Christ that was never available to us before. We have much to be thankful for. God's love for us is great and full of grace.

And it is that love that animates the life of our church, our little outpost of the Kingdom of God. We've got a lot going on in this season of the church calendar, and it is the love of God as we experience it in the Good News of Jesus Christ that propels our church forward.

I want to invite you to press in to the Good News of all that Jesus has done for us throughout this Eastertide and Pentecost. We have rich worship opportunities throughout the course of this month. Don't miss out on them!

We were reminded of the centrality and supremacy of Christ at the recent GAFCON IV conference held in Kigali, Rwanda April 17-21. Gafcon is a movement of orthodox Anglicans committed to upholding the apostolic faith--the unchanging word--in the midst of a changing world. Gafcon is the body that has authenticated our

province, the Anglican Church in North America, as a genuine expression of the Anglican Way, and it is their fellowship that grafts us into the Anglican Communion.

In Kigali, over 1300 delegates from over 50 countries gathered with the hope of reviving, reforming, and resetting the Anglican communion. The Kigali Commitment, the official statement the conference produced, is the fruit of that hope. It is a strong statement establishing a new direction for the Anglican Communion. I encourage you to read the whole statement for yourself. We've linked to it in the body of the email that delivered this newsletter.

The aim of the Kigali Commitment is to ground the Anglican Communion more deeply in the Headship of Christ by giving a bigger role to the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. This is a welcome aim, and I am praying that well crafted structures emerge that support this goal.

The real upshot of all this is that we are part of a large, diverse, global fellowship of Christians with vibrant and authentic faith. The presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable at many points over the course of GAFCON IV. I was honored to be able to represent you in Kigali as a delegate and serve alongside so many courageous brothers and sisters in Christ. God is on the move in his church, bringing many to glory through the reign of his risen Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us rejoice to be called his people!

In Christ,  
Jim



Jim Barton



## **Harvest of Hope Food Pantry**

*Sharing the love of Jesus Christ*

Good morning from Americus Harvest of Hope Food Pantry!

We are busy this morning with our weekly distribution. We are serving approximately 390 families each month. We have been able to purchase shelf stable milk that will be distributed next month in each food box.

For the month of May, we are working toward adding a box of salt and mayonnaise to each box. At this time, we still need mayonnaise and salt to have enough for 1 of each in each food box. Please contact us if you have items for donation that need to be picked up. 229 891 1967

We also request that our supporters pray for breakfast cereals, oatmeal, and grits to be available to purchase through Second Harvest. These items would be distributed in the summer when children are out of school. Currently these items are not available through Second Harvest.

We have started an afternoon distribution time on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This time is 4 pm to 6 pm. Members of BCM and First Baptist Church are volunteering during this distribution. Please join us if you feel lead to help with this distribution.

As always, we appreciate volunteers that take time to help with packing and distribution. We could not open the doors without volunteer help!

We are greatly appreciative of food and financial donations. We would not be able to give out the food boxes each week without something to fill the boxes.

In His Service, Chris and Rhonda

### **Feeding the hungry in Americus**

Join us to make a difference for neighbors without enough to eat: children, the elderly, the disabled, and the unemployed.

Responding to the call of Jesus Christ, the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry feeds the hungry, promotes physical and spiritual health, and brings people together in a community of love.

We are an all-volunteer organization providing food assistance to low-income households each month through the work of local churches, community volunteers and farmers.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

One in twelve American children under the age of 13 suffers from hunger.

One in five elderly people in Georgia lives below the poverty level and one in four children lives below the poverty level.

29 percent of the people in Sumter County live at or below the poverty line.

Unemployment in Sumter County is more than 13 percent.



# Palm Sunday And Easter Sunday



## Men's Christian Fellowship

The April gathering of the Men's Fellowship was a great success. David Wingard's magic touch on the grill fed 41 of us with thick, juicy pork chops. They were served with baked potatoes and salad, topped off with chocolate cake, and there was little left over at the end of the evening. We closed the day with compline and everyone left with body and soul edified. Thanks to all who contributed and to the good folks who joined us for an outstanding event.



## Children's Sunday School Breaking for Summer Last Session May 14

Children's Sunday School will take a break for the summer and will resume when school starts back. We thank all of our children's Sunday school leaders for the time they commit to pouring into our children so that they can hear the gospel on their level every Sunday. Also please be praying if leading children's Sunday school might be a way that the Lord would have you to serve this next school year and let Jim know if so! Happy Summer!

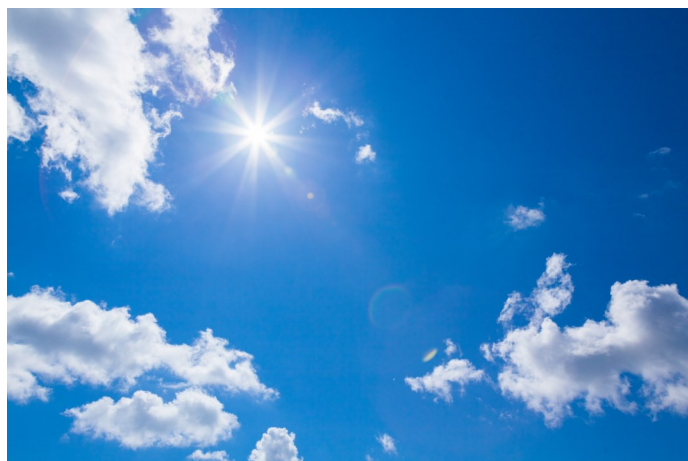


## His Only Son

We are excited to host a church movie night (in lieu of Wednesday Evening Prayer) on Wednesday, May 17 at 6pm showing the newly released His Only Son!

After being asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Abraham's faith is tested as he journeys to the mountain of Moriah to make an unthinkable sacrifice.

You can purchase tickets for this event by going to <https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/hisonlyson/553579> or following the link from the church in an email to follow about the event. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$9 for kids, plus ticketing processing fees. Please don't let the cost deter you- the church is happy to help where needed. We will have popcorn and light refreshments. Come on out to see this new film together as a church family!



### Ascension Day

May 18, 2023

Noon

### Service of Holy Communion

Come celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven with a simple service of Holy Communion designed to fit into your lunch break.



### Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

Don't forget to wear **red**!



### Holy Chow

June 4, 2023

More information to follow!



### Men's Christian Fellowship

May 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Parish Hall

Fish Fry-Bring a friend



## MEETING NOTICE!

### Vestry Meeting

May 16, 2023

6:00 PM



### May

- 12-Brady & Selby Fowler
- 23-Darrell & Jan Hobgood
- 26-Daniel & Denise Deuel

### May

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| 1-Carson Fowler  | 15-Ed Hall           |
| 1-Cameron Fowler | 16-Austin Trollinger |
| 2-Stuart Perry   | 25-Sarah Romeo       |
| 3-Leigh Peak     | 28-Tom Dowdy         |
| 15-Daniel Deuel  |                      |



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| DATE | SERVICE                  | LEM                     | LECTOR             | USHER        | CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 5/3  | Evening Prayer & Healing |                         | Everett Byrd       |              |                          |
| 5/7  | Holy Communion           | George Peagler          | Peter Banse        | Jeff Joiner  | Beth Cameron             |
| 5/10 | Evening Prayer & Healing |                         | Beth Cameron       |              |                          |
| 5/14 | Holy Communion           | Lou Chase               | France Pierce      | Brady Fowler | Shelby Fowler            |
| 5/17 | Movie Night              |                         |                    |              |                          |
| 5/18 | Holy Communion           | Beth Cameron            | Susan Curtis       | Alan Curtis  |                          |
| 5/21 | Morning Prayer           | (Crucifer)<br>Lou Chase | Courtney Wingfield | Jeff Joiner  |                          |
| 5/24 | Evening Prayer & Healing |                         | Jeff Joiner        |              |                          |
| 5/28 | Holy Communion           | Jeff Joiner             | Susan Curtis       | Sid Cameron  |                          |
| 5/31 | Evening Prayer & Healing |                         | George Peagler     |              |                          |
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