

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Pianist: Garrison Sickles

"The Luckiest" - Ben Folds © 2001 Free From The Man Songs

"Hallelujah, What a Savior" Arr. Jay Rouse ©2007, this arr. 2008 Meadowgreen Music, Thankyou Music and Alltrophe Music.

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" © 1987 and this arr. © 1998 Make Way Music, admin by Music Services

"How Majestic Is Your Name!" - Broughton c. 2008 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Call to Worship courtesy of Ministry Matters

The pink roses at the altar are for two birth announcements.

Elaine Hope Iverson was born on May 16. Elaine is the daughter of Elizabeth and Deacon Iverson and granddaughter of Tina and Curtis Wofford.

Margaret Anne Steinberg was born on May 17. Margaret's parents are Katie and David Steinberg and grandparents are Lynn and Don Hodges.

### Congratulations Graduates

# 2022

#### We Honor You!

Leah South

Jack Sturges

Addie Lu Nails

Banks Dement

Colwell Banks

Courtlyn Collins

Owan Poovey

Amelia Hicks

#### Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, May 29, 2022: "Theophilus," Acts 1:1-11

Have you ever met someone named Theophilus? Any guesses as to what that name means? It's a name we can all claim as Easter people—it means "friend of God" or "beloved of God." This is how the book of Acts begins. These words are for us! This Sunday is also known as Ascension Sunday, which is the Sunday we remember Jesus' departure from his life on earth after his resurrection. What is his big commandment to his followers who are remaining behind?

**Lunch Bunch** is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs. Wed, May 25, Garrison Sickles will provide entertainment playing the piano.

The church office will be closed on May 30th for observance of **Memorial Day**.

The **Youth Mission** trip is June 12 - 16, in Asheville, NC; The youth will be serving the poor, homeless, and veterans in the Asheville area. We will meet at the church on Sunday, June 12, at 7:30. We want to leave by 8:00!!!

**SUNDAY in the PARK** is June 26 – 10:30am Worship Service – Pot luck lunch – GAMES for the kids  
Our church service will be at Delano Park at 10:30 – there will NOT be any Sunday school on this day!

#### May Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received May 15	\$10,945
Needed for May	\$46,472

#### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	168
Online:	45

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



616 Jackson Street  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
256) 353-6941  
[CUMC@CentralUnitedMethodist.com](mailto:CUMC@CentralUnitedMethodist.com)  
<https://CentralUnitedMethodist.com>

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

#### Calendar

##### Sunday, May 22

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)  
10:30 AM Worship Service

##### Tuesday, May 24

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L  
2:30 PM Prayer Team

##### Wednesday, May 25

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

##### Thursday, May 26

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

##### Friday, May 27

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH– Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.  
[www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com](http://www.CentralUnitedMethodist.com)



# EASTER PEOPLE

## Acts 16:9-15

### PAUL & LYDIA

Central's mission:

### Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "The Luckiest"

Ben Folds

Welcome and Announcements

Courtlyn Collins

\*Call to Worship

Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

**Let's gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!**

From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God's people!

**And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!**

Our journey brings us to God's wondrous river of Life!

**Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.**

Opening Hymn #723 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain**

**Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.**

On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

**Refrain**

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

**Refrain**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

**Refrain**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Amelia Hicks

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Hymn #2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**Refrain**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Every changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain**

Recognition of High School Seniors

David Kross

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Special Music "Hallelujah What a Savior"

*Arr. Jay Rouse*

God of Heaven You descended  
For all of our sin and shame.  
Hands so holy, offer healing  
For every scar and stain.  
And we bow down, we bow down;

**Refrain**

**Hallelujah, what a Savior.  
We worship and adore.  
Hallelujah, what a Savior.  
We glorify the Giver of life,  
The light of the world.**

Holy King of angel armies  
Hanging between two thieves.  
Holy feet that walk the heavens  
Nailed upon a tree  
And we bow down, we bow down;

**Refrain**

Senior Reflections

Leah South & Jack Sturges

Bible Reading — Acts 16:9-15

Addie Lu Nails

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "Paul & Lydia"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #2150 "Lord, Be Glorified"

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our world, Lord, be glorified today.

In My life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In My life, Lord, be glorified today.

Musical Gift "How Majestic Is Your Name"

*Broughton*