



The Americus FMC Bulletin

February 8, 2026

FINDING PURPOSE IN THE NEW YEAR EXPERIENCING GOD'S NEW MERCIES

Lamentations 3:22-23

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

1. How does knowing God's mercies are new each day encourage you to walk forward in the stresses of life?
What does it mean that God's mercies are new every morning?
2. What does “steadfast love” signify and how have you experienced it in your life over the last week?
3. How does focusing on God's constant faithfulness shift your perspective of life?
How does it shift your thinking of your current circumstances?
4. What does it look like to live out daily renewal in your life?
How does receiving God's unending mercy equip or compel us to show more mercy and kindness to others?
5. How does the message of Lamentations 3:22-23 offer comfort and strength to your life?
6. How has God blessed you today?
How have you honored him and given him thankfulness for his blessings?

May the Lord renew us, strengthen our faith in Him, and remind each of us that He is God of all things!

God bless,
Daryl

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First Methodist Church of Americus

Worship 11:00 am

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP	Sam Morris
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	(#3 OGRP)
I Sing the Almighty Power of God	(#4 OGRP)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881.....	Rev. Daryl Brown
GLORIA PATRI #71	Sam Morris
PRELUDE	Alwen Yeung
PASTORAL PRAYER.....	Rev. Daryl Brown
ANTHEM	Chancel Choir
Down By the Riverside	(arr. Mary McDonald)
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Sam Morris
OFFERTORY	Alwen Yeung
DOXOLOGY #95	Sam Morris
SERMON SERIES	Rev. Daryl Brown
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WORSHIP	Sam Morris
I Will Sing of the Mercies	(#57 OGRP)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	(#43 OGRP)
BENEDICTION	Rev. Daryl Brown
POSTLUDE.....	Alwen Yeung

Media: Bob Slenker

Greeters: Willie Maxwell, Janis Webb

Ushers: John Argo (Captain), Justin Arnold, Horton Davis,
Arnold Durham, Terry Duncan, Buddy Guth,
Bill Harris, Kevin Reeves, Donnie Roland, Wes Wheeler

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

February 8, 2026 - 9:00AM - Social Hall

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Rev. Daryl Brown

This Week's Worship

John Cook, Rebecca Ferguson,
Rev. Daryl Brown, Danny Minick

Media & Sound

Camille Cochran

Greeters

Sheryl Rush; Mary Nell Rush



Needlepoint Class

Our church **Stitches Group** is hosting a special **Needlepoint Class** with guest instructor **Carmen Wiggins** from Albany, Georgia. Carmen is the owner of **The Peachy Needle** in Sylvester, Georgia.

Date: TBD

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

(Up to 15 participants. If an additional 8–15 participants register, an afternoon session will be added.)

Location: Social Hall

Fee: \$60.00 (includes supplies and project materials)

To register, please contact **Jane Brown**.

Deadline to sign up: Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Come enjoy a fun time of fellowship, learning, and creativity with us!



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cuyler Barr, Holly Roquemore Bickel, Jim Bolin, Alice Buchanan Brown, Christina Brown, Mary Tom Byram, Diane Corning, Mary Comer, Evelyn Dean, Trey Dixon, Lyn Dozier, Tripp Duncan, Sharon Dutton, Betty Ellis, Waylon English, Anne Gilfoil, Melanie Hahn, Janice Haugabook, Steve Hudson, Marcia Johnson, Nick Klein, Lynne Knecht, Floyd Martin, Tyler Mazey, Brooks Starlin Mechler, Christian, Robert & Jennifer Parks, Lutrelle Perry, Joyce Perry, Gene Pierce, Gayle Price, William Rambo, Chris Revell, The Family of Marice Richardson, George Roquemore, Jennifer Sizemore, MJ Skipper, Susanne Stanfield, The Family of Patsy Summerford, Caden Stone, Connor Taylor, Landon Thorpe, Terry Thorpe, Millie Trussell, Emily Waller, Morgan Whaley, Rick Whaley, Patsy Whitaker, Karen Willis, Carolyn Wright, Kathleen Wright



Happy Valentine's Week! We will have our parties on Friday at 10 am. If you would like to visit and read to one of our classes, please reach out to schedule a time. Our children love having special visitors!

Registration for the upcoming Summer/Fall sessions have begun.

Please see the dates below.

Current Student Registration: February 2nd-13th

Church Member Registration: February 17th-20th

Waiting List Registration: February 23rd-27th

Public Registration: March 2nd-6th

If anyone has any questions or would like to register your child, please contact us at casey@fmcamericus.org or give us a call. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS



3/22
3PM

VBS Volunteer Zoom



4/1
6PM

Easter Egg Hunt



6/3

Wacky Wednesdays Begin

6/15-19
9AM

VBS



Confirmation

In the Foundry at 10 am every Sunday with

Beth & Beth

young people learning about faith
and God!

Youth & College Ministry

*Sunday Gathering

Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Foundry

*Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM in the Foundry

Bring a friend — snacks provided!

*Awakening Collegiate Fellowship (ACF)

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the FMC Foundry

*Women's Small Group Meeting (ACF)

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in FMC Foundry

Family Night Supper

Baked Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans &
Dessert

February 11th, 2026

Please make your reservations by
Monday at Noon

to the office or on Communication Cards

at 5:15 pm in the Social Hall

Fun & Fellowship Together





GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1923

Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

—Psalm 36:5

The author of this hymn, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. At age sixteen, he began teaching school, despite the paucity of his own education. He came to Christ at age twenty-seven under the ministry of evangelist H. C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment in which he did everything from journalism to insurance to evangelistic work. Through all the ups and downs, he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations became precious to him: "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is your Faithfulness" (verses 22-23).

Thomas later admitted there was no dramatic story behind the writing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." While serving the Lord in Vineland, New Jersey, Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who was so moved by this one that he prayed earnestly for special guidance in composing the music. Runyan was in Baldwin, Kansas, at the time, and the hymn was published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets.

"It went rather slowly for several years," Thomas recalled. Then Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago discovered it and would say in chapel, "Well, I think we shall have to sing 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness.'" It became an unofficial theme song for the Institute; and when Houghton died, it was sung at his funeral.

Still, it remained relatively unknown until popularized around the world by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

Thomas spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey, where he was frequently seen walking by the ocean and along town streets. Tom Rich, a resident of Ocean Park, recalls his pleasant demeanor as he dropped by the diner, sat on park benches, and fellowshipped with friends at Ocean Park's summer Bible conferences.

Thomas died in Ocean Park in 1960. During his lifetime he wrote 1,200 poems and hymns. In addition to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," he is the author of well-known "O to Be Like Thee," and the hymn "Living for Jesus."

Gifts in Memory of

Jerry Rowland

From

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Rush & Rush, CPA

Arnold & Mara Durham

Smitty & Linda Cason

Joyce Buchanan

Johnnny Burnette

From

Mike & Carol Denham

Carson & MaryLen Walker

Reggie Comer

From

Carson & MaryLen Walker



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Tin Roof Flowers.

Events This Week

Sunday, February 8th

9:00 am Early Worship in the Social Hall
10:00 am-12:00 pm Infant Nursery in the Sanctuary Building
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, February 9th

11:00 am Staff Meeting in the Coffee Café
1:30 pm WSC Executive Board in the Coffee Café
5:30 pm Trustee Meeting in the Coffee Café

Tuesday, February 10th

8:00 am Red Roosters Reunion Group in the
Coffee Café
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal in the Music Suite
5:45 pm ACF Meeting in the Youth Foundry

Wednesday, February 11th

3:30 pm Stitches in the Parlor
4:00 pm ACF Women's Small Group in the Youth Foundry
4:30 pm Butterfly Reunion Group in the Coffee Café
5:15 pm Family Night Supper in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Bible Study in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Youth Worship in the Foundry
6:00 pm Children's Activities in God's Playhouse
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite

Thursday, February 12th

6:00 pm, Men Serving Christ is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner
in the Social Hall. All are invited.

Friday, February 13th

Office Closed

Upcoming Events

February 12th at 6:00 pm, Men Serving Christ is hosting a Spaghetti
Dinner in the Social Hall. All are invited.

February 17th at 5:30 pm, Missions Committee invites you to a
Mardi Gras Pancake Supper in the Social Hall.

February 28th starting at 8 am, Lunch at 12 noon, Pheasant Hunt at
LORAC Plantation.

Total Sunday Worship Attendance for February 1st: 236

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	64	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship ...	102
Sunday School.....	70	Wednesday Activities	83

Giving as of February 1st:

Budget Giving This Week.....	\$	7,696.09
YTD Budget Giving	\$	55,091.33
YTD Budget Expenditures	\$	73,361.41