

We are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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The sanctuary flowers are given to the
 Glory of God and in honor of Mildred Rodger's
 Birthday by Julie, Stevie and Madison Jackson.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday, May 13, 2012
 Mother's Day
 9:00 AM Blended Worship Service
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
Monday, May 14, 2012
 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall Reserved
 6:30 PM UMM Meeting
 7:00 PM New Life UMW Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2012
 5:15 PM Prayer Team
 6:15 PM Praise Team Practice
 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Thursday, May 17, 2012
 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2012
 4:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday, May 20, 2012
 8:00 AM Graduates Breakfast
 9:00 AM Blended Worship Service
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday, May 24, 2012
 2:45 PM Feeding Our Neighbors
Monday, May 28, 2012
 Memorial Day - Office Closed
Tuesday, May 29, 2012
 7:00 PM Reachers UMW Meeting
Sunday - Tuesday, June 3-5
 South GA Conference - Macon, GA

Unwritten Rules Leave A Lot to Be Desired

Do you remember imagining you'd hit the home run that won the World Series? Full count, two outs, bases loaded, bottom of the ninth, game seven. Well, imagine being the pitcher who struck that guy out? Imagine winning the game for your team and being named MVP? It is not imagining for Cole Hamels. He did it in 2008. A first round pick in 2002 out of high school, he started his first game for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2006 at the age of 25. He's won 77 games since then and throws with velocity and accuracy. Both were on display on Sunday night. Unfortunately, nobody is talking about his skill with a baseball. They are talking about what he did with it and then said afterward.

Cole Hamels threw a fastball that plunked rookie Bryce Harper in the small of the back in the first inning. Harper was playing in his eighth game for the Washington Nationals. Hamels said the pitch was his old-school way of welcoming the 19-year-old phenom to the big leagues. "I was trying to hit him," the two-time All-Star lefty said Sunday night. "I'm not going to deny it." He went on to say he was just playing "old baseball" and referred to the unwritten rules of how the game was played in the good old days. Needless to say, everybody with any sense thinks Hamels is an idiot.



My mind is racing with thoughts and questions. How selfish is he to think he decides for everyone which rookies, with lots of promise, need to be thrown at? What kind of 'junk' does he have going on inside that he would feel the need to literally take a shot at someone else? Why the need to take a shot at someone else living his dream? What was he thinking when he bragged about doing it afterward? Are these really the unwritten rules of baseball today? Would the world be better off if we operated less from unwritten rules and more from rules we all agree on? The Apostle Paul wrote some words that are a good beginning on which to use for drafting rules for living:

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil...live peaceably with all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12***

Since Sunday, Cole Hamels has received a five-game suspension from Major League Baseball for his actions and words, which will amount to just over \$400,000 in lost salary. That hurts more than the bruise on the rookie's back. Maybe one bad day at work can be used to learn, grow and live into the written words of peace and kindness God intends for all of us. Grace and Peace, Scott

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM

THE CHILDREN'S CLASS
Pre-k - 2nd Grade: Carolyn Gambill
3rd - 6th Grade: Diane Morris

THE FRIENDSHIP CLASS
Study: The Good Shepherd
Teacher: Class

THE JOY CLASS
Study: Signs of Life
Teacher: Michele Thurman

THE NATHAN PATTERSON CLASS
Study: Proverbs - Ch. 12
Teacher: Bobby Smith

THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Study: If Experience is a Good Teacher...
Teacher: Wayne Morris

THE "NO NAME" CLASS
Study: Faith from the Back Side - Ch. 1
Teacher: Steve Sawyer

THE QUESTORS CLASS
Study: TBA
Teacher: Gary Tomlin

THE SEEKERS CLASS
Study: Do You Have Alligator Arms - Ch. 9
Teacher: Faith Newton

THE WESLEY CLASS
Study: The Good Shepherd
Teacher: Becky Britton

THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS
Study: Nooma Series
Teacher: Julie Hagan



Happy Mother's Day
To All Our Wonderful Mothers
From Your Staff
At Epworth UMC

THOSE WHO SERVE SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012

9:00 AM Worship Service:

Greeters: Barbara Stubbs

Ushers: Randy Morris

Acolyte: Ushers

Children's Church: Jeanne Guilbeault

11:00 AM Worship Service:

Greeters: Lillian Wooldridge

Ushers: Bill Adamson, Steve Whittington

Acolyte: Ushers

Children's Church: Debra Johnson

Financial Secretary: Shawn Jandreau

Turn Key: Wayne Morris

OUR STEWARDSHIP

May 6, 2012

Tithes & Offering: \$11,248.00

Received To Date: \$129,310.12

NEW BUILDING/MAINTENANCE

Received This Week: \$150.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School: 94

Worship: 9:00 AM 36

11:00 AM 110

Total 146

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship - Bible Study is every Sunday, at 5 PM, at the church and Fellowship is Tuesday at 6 PM. Check with Ben Hale for location.

2012 Elementary & Mid-High Camps - at Epworth By The Sea. For dates, fees and more information, go to www.sgaumc.org. Families who are having difficulty paying the camp fee may apply for a Conference scholarship and/or Church scholarship. These scholarships are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the church office for more information.

MISSIONS

Mission Focus for May - is both learning and doing. We're feeding our neighbors via Wynnton Neighborhood Network (WNN) in a church-wide project on May 20 for people and families of all ages and numbers. We're calling on you to help with your hands by picking specific items from the list you'll receive in worship on May 20th.

Magnolia Manor - is a ministry of the United Methodist Church that serves older adults of all faiths throughout South Georgia. This Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, South Georgia United Methodists are asked to take up a special offering to support this vital ministry. Epworth will participate in this special offering. See the insert and envelope in this weekend's bulletin or to learn more about Magnolia Manor visit www.magnoliamanor.com.

VBS Needs - cardboard paper towel rolls and clean, dry 2-liter drink bottles for decorations.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Epworth and the Pastoral Institute offer counseling to everyone at deep discounts and with priority scheduling. This great service is such a help to families and individuals. Call the church for more information or simply give our church name when calling to schedule an appointment, (706-649-6500).

HONORARIUM

Given to the Choir Fund in honor of Steve & Lyn Pharris by Bob & Linda Lee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Give a warm welcome to our newest members to join Epworth UMC on May 6, 2012. We welcome Lori Bernardo and Ellen Pilgreen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Teach Me...To Pray - Join Scott around a table to talk and do. This series is intended to help members and visitors grow in their faith through studying the habits of faithful people. Everyone should consider joining us. We'll meet next Wednesday, at 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall for about an hour. You're welcome to bring a sandwich to eat.

UMM Meeting - There will be a quick meeting this Sunday, at 10 :00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Business meeting will be on Monday, May 14, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the door for dinner.

New Life UMW - will meet at Theresa Mullican's place at the river for a cookout on Monday, May 14. Supper begins at 6:00 PM and the program starts at 7:00 PM.

Church Council Meeting - Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage all leaders to be present and all others are welcome.

Attention All Graduates - Contact the church office if you will be graduating from high school or college since June 2011. The UMM would like to honor your accomplishment. Sign up, by May 13, on the Fellowship Hall door for the Graduates Breakfast on Sunday, May 20, at 8:00 AM.

VBS Countdown Has Started! - Get ready to dive into Operation Overboard on June 11-14, 6:00-8:30 PM. Register your children and grandchildren online or at the church. A special Family Movie Night kicks it all off on Sunday, June 10, at 7:00 PM. You don't want to miss it!

Keeping You Informed - Refer to the weekly, monthly, online calendars available for all events, meetings and happenings of Epworth.

EPWORTH PRAYER LIST

Church Family

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Linda Smith	Brayden Cavanaugh	Vanessa DeSoto	Adamson Family
Marjorie Pearce	Bob Nellums	Jane Sanders	James Toney
Andrea Carbaugh	Judy Frantz	Wayne Sanders	Doris Toney
Larry Cooper	Sara Rice	Knight Family	Diane Champagne
Deborah Cooper	Fred Carswell	Bob Wells	Blount King
Lillian Wait	Emilie Carswell	Sybil Wells	Cleon King
Bob Wait	Jan Shackelford	Rick Baker	Cammie Van Over
Aaron Jackson	Annette Taff	Judson Mullican	Ellen Ayers

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Butch & Anita Sloan	Janice Frank	Wanda Crowe	John Rogers
Victoria Thompson	Daisy Purvis	Jacob Freiler	Lin & Dora Spires
Dr. Edith Thompson	Steve Guilbeault	Frank Karastury	Wilie Ryles
Judy McMann	Roy McMann	Jeff Waldo	

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Magnolia Manor- East - Brenda Goodwin
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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Mittie Lou Adkison
Pauline Albers
Thelma Anderson
Rachel Barden
Lillie Beasley
Margaret Beatty
Hazel Breland
Irene H. Britton
Lida S. Britton
Leander Buckley
Mary Bynum
Rose Theresa Calabro
Mrs. Frances Carroll
Beatrice Clark
Katie Mae Colbert
Sarah Combs
Kathy Combs
Imogene Combs
Mary Hilliard Conklin
Ann Crews
Eloise Crews
Walterine Dean
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Kay Doucet
Donalyn McTier Elich
Ruth Enlow
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Ann Fohan
Georgie Gaines
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Judy May
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Ellen Pilgreen
Lee Rogers
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The Crews Family
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Ellen Pilgreen
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Anne Wilson
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Martha Conklin
Lauren Cook
Betty Creamer
Shannon Crews
Mary Lee Crews
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Julie Friend
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Alvis Newton
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Jean Ogletree
Wilma Osborn
Marion Palmer
Linda Phillips
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Lillian Poirier
Alice Renshaw
Carol Revell
Becky Revell
Bessie Richardson
Ruby Robinson
Mildred Rogers
Jean Smith
Mildred Snell
Bertha Taff
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Mary Thrower
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