



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5pm—6:30pm Line Dancing	2 6pm FNF 6:30pm Worship 7pm Choir Practice	3 12pm National Day of Prayer in downtown Albany 6:30pm Emmaus F'ship Hall	4	5
6 8am UMM B'fast 9:45am S.S. 11am Worship/ Holy Communion Youth Salad lunch / F'hall 3pm Children's Council Meeting 5pm S.E.W.N.	7 7pm Boy Scouts	8 10:30am UMW Ex Committee 11:30am General Meeting 12pm Lunch/ Program 5pm—6:30pm Line Dancing	9 10am Staff Meeting 6pm FNF 6:30pm Worship 7pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 Mothers Day 9:45am S.S. 11am Worship NO Evening Worship 	14 7pm Boy Scouts	15 11:30am 49'ers Lunch (Invite someone)	16 6pm FNF/Honor Graduating Seniors 6:30pm Worship 7pm Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 9:45am S.S. 11am Worship 3:30pm Church Council Meeting 6pm Worship	21	22	23 6pm FNF 6:30pm Worship 7pm Choir Practice	24  5:30pm Bingo	25	26
27 9:45am S.S. 11am Worship 4pm Youth Council Meeting 6pm Worship Meeting	28 Memorial Day 	29	30 6pm FNF 6:30pm Woeship 7pm Choir Practice	31		

LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Total Membership as of May 1 231
 Receipts for Week of April 20th \$5,306 .00

**Sunday Schedule: 9:45am Sunday School
 11am Worship—Sanctuary
 6pm Worship 6pm Youth**

Dr. Nita Crump, new Director of Connectional Ministries

As most of you have heard, our DS will be leaving us in June. Dr. Nita Crump will be advancing from ~~the Southwest~~ the *Best* District, to take on the role of Director of Connectional Ministries for the South Georgia Conference. As we know, the Bishop has made a wise choice in his selection for this ministry. Nita has a passion and a vision for strengthening our churches and helping develop our church leadership. It is going to be exciting to see what is in store for connectional ministries in our Conference! Don't think she is getting completely away, though. For us, she will always be the *inaugural* Superintendent of the Southwest District, and our special relationship is going to be beneficial as the SW District continues to lead the way in churches working together and increasing our outreach.

The District Leadership Team began discussing getting Nita a parting "Thank You" gift. As District Lay Leader, and someone who has worked closely with her these past few years, I have seen firsthand how tirelessly committed she has been to our district and our churches. With vision and fortitude, she helped bring us together as a brand new district, under a new organizational structure. Immediately she began a deliberative process of visiting every single one of our churches, listening to your congregants, finding out what our churches felt *they* needed to help them be successful. From there, she has strived to provide the necessary resources the churches have asked for – training for our laity and committee leadership; development funds for churches willing to match those dollars with passion and effort; I.T. resources to help churches utilize social media; seminars educating us on how to reach the communities around us, change the communities around us, and welcome them into our church homes. Under Nita's leadership, our churches have been uplifted, our laity have been empowered, and our clergy have been inspired. We most certainly owe her a tremendous "Thank You!"

As we talked about what to get Nita and Jackson, in true Methodist form, we quickly realized we could not agree on anything. Just as a motion was about to be made to form a committee to explore appropriate gifts (or bake a casserole, I'm not sure which), the question was asked, "What do Nita and Jackson need right now?" What a great question that turned out to be.

Not only is Nita taking on a new and challenging role, this move will be different from those in the past. For this move, there is no parsonage provided. So, they will need to buy a house. A house for which they will need furniture, and appliances such as a washer & dryer. In this light, we determined the best idea might be to give Nita and Jackson a basket of gift cards, which they could then use to get the things they need and they like. Gift cards to places like The Home Depot or Amazon are obviously good choices. Likewise, restaurants, movie theater, even Dairy Queen (because ice cream is good for the soul!). There are any number of places, both practical and fun.

We are inviting everyone in the district to participate, if they would like to, with a gift card, contribution or personal note of encouragement. Regardless, there will not be a list of names accompanying this gift – it will be from the district as a whole. For those who find it more convenient to send a check, please make it out to, Southwest District. We need to receive your gift by May 18th. Gift cards / checks may be mailed to:

Albany FUMC
ATTN: Becky Herndon
307 Flint Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

Kindly write "Crump" in a bottom corner of the envelope.