

### **Welcome - Invitation to Church Membership**

We welcome you to worship today. We pray you will be blessed of God in this place. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. We promise you an exciting and meaningful life in Christ. If you desire to join with, please meet the pastor at the altar during the last hymn.

### **Green County Food Pantry Food Items for September**

Canned meats such as: tuna, chicken, salmon, Vienna sausage, canned ham. Bring your gifts to the church by September 22. Thanks.

### **New Hope Baptist Homecoming - October 6, 2019**

#### **Swords Homecoming, October 6, 10:30 a.m.**

Our homecoming preacher this year is **Lay Servant Joey McQuaig**. Joey is close friend of our Lay Servant Ron Hess and his wife Louise. More information will be shared next week. In the mean time, be in prayer that showers of blessing will fall on Joey and us as we celebrate Homecoming.

#### **Surprise House Warming for Adam Rice**

We are going to surprise Adam Rice with house warming gifts for his new home. When Adam's home was destroyed by fire several months ago, we wanted to do something. Now he has rebuilt and we can help with miscellaneous items for his new home. If you want to participate, please bring your gift next Sunday 9-22-19 and we will give to Leroy and Donna for Adam. If you forgot your gift, you may bring it next week.

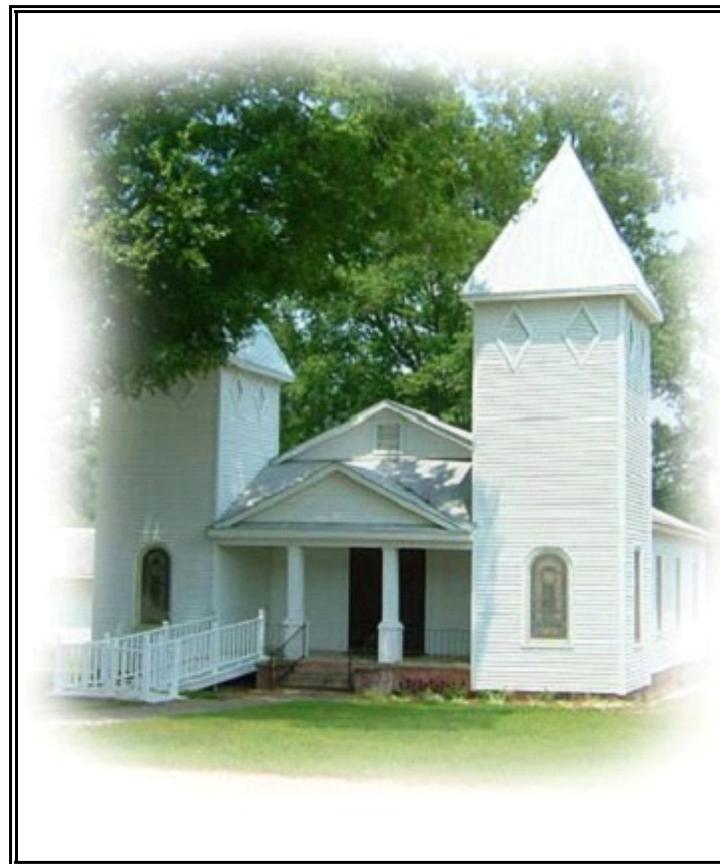
#### **Charge Conference - Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Walnut, Grove UMC,  
940 Church Way, Walnut Grove, GA 30052



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September 22, 2019

Pentecost 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn Sing

**Swords and Fork Chapel: No. 496: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

**Fork Chapel:** Second hymn chosen by Zandy and George

\*Apostles' Creed 881

+No. 71: "Glory Be to the Father"

Prayers of the People

Lynne Hester or Wynn Copelan

**Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31**

Pew Bible: Swords-552; Fork Chapel-OT 667

Our gracious, eternal God, give your attention to us as we pray:

When we are weak-kneed and world weary lift us up.

When we have lost our way or lost hope may we hear you speaking softly and tenderly to us.

When we cannot banish from our minds and continue to hold close the sins of the past give us the courage to claim your grace and to say: "enough is enough."

When we are fearful of our own mortality give us the trust in your word which endures forever.

When we are timid or fearful about the message of hope which we proclaim give us the courage to claim and to witness to the good news.

In the midst of all the despair the world and life can present cause us to find comfort in the good news. May we never forget that our message is a message of comfort and of love and of faithfulness.

**Lift us up to a high mountain of living.**

**Lift us up to know the power of your might.**

**Lift us up to know that you will "feed your flock like a shepherd."**

**Lift us up to know that you will hold us close to you.**

**Lift us up to know that you will gently lead us.**

What we pray for ourselves we also pray for others.

Be with your church on earth, that we may come to that bond of unity that is ours in Christ Jesus

Be with Sue, our Bishop, Brian, our District Superintendent, Tony, our Pastor, and with all ministers of the Gospel.

Be with our President, and all in authority, that they may serve us in godly fear.

Be with all those places where inhumanity is shown toward any of your children.

Be in those places of war and conflict.

Be in the sufferings of those who have experienced natural disasters, persecution or famine.

Be with those whom we now name before you....

May all the earth be captured by the will to love.

May all the earth be touched to change.

**Lead me Lord, lead us in your righteousness;**

**make thy way plain before my face.**

**For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,**

**that makest me to dwell in safety.**

The Pastor's Prayer

+The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Offering

\*Doxology

Special Music: Zandy Cook (Fork ChapelaAA)

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Swords: 792; Fork Chapel: NT 72

Sermon:

**"Let Us Dare to Pray"  
("And Not Just For What We want")**

Dr. Gavalas

\*Hymn 526: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

\*Charge and Blessing

Dismissal Chorus

*God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

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Prayer Leaders Next Week

Swords: Ron Hess; Fork Chapel Erica Philyaw