

GRIFFIN FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 20, 2018
Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Red

*Making disciples for Christ through vibrant worship,
dynamic education, and joyful service.*

GRIFFIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1401 Maple Drive Griffin, GA 30224 770-228-3020
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Morning Worship Celebration

May 20, 2018 8:45 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS

The Frances Phillips Chapel is open during Sunday worship hours for silent prayer.

Children three years of age and younger are invited to the Nursery in the center of the Ed. Building.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from our ushers.

During the Prelude, you are encouraged to prepare your hearts to meet the living God in worship.

† 11:00 Service only * The People Standing

Service Theme: Loving One Another

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus

Robert Lau

Dr. Richard D. Chewning, organ

† We Recognize our Graduating Seniors

Rev. Daryl Brown & Dr. Med Roach

† Introit

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Chancel Bells

Opening Response

Dr. Stephen J. Mulder

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray. . . .

Give us faith,

that when you come like the wind,

though we do not see you,

yet we may hear what you are saying to us

and discern your movement.

Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful

be burned from our lives.

May we know that it is love that burns so brightly

and love that strips away our sin.

Give us an open mind, Lord,

that the truth you bring may make its home with us:

truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us,

and truth to lead us in the way of your will.

Give us an open heart, Lord,

that we may seek all people for your realm,

and set no limits to the proclaiming of your Word.

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you

in every place and in every generation.

Come, wind. Come, fire.

Come, truth. Come, love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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| *Hymn No. 544 | <i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i> | BRIDEGROOM |
| *Affirmation of Faith | <i>The Apostles' Creed</i> | Hymnal No. 881 |
| | †Debby Stikes, liturgist | |
| *Gloria Patri | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | Hymnal No. 71 |

Words of Welcome & Information

WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR CHILDREN

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| † Anthem | <i>A Mighty Rushing Wind</i> | Arr. Lloyd Larson |
| | Chancel Choir | |

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| Children's Moment | | Mrs. Debby Stikes |
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† Children age 3 through 2nd Grade are invited to go to **Shine Worship in the Education Building**.
 Ages 3 and 4 temporarily meet downstairs in the room nearest the CEC.
 Grades K-2 meet upstairs in regular Shine Worship room.

WE CELEBRATE THROUGH PRAYER AND GIVING

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| Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer | | Dr. Med Roach |
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*We Greet One Another in Love

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| *Hymn No. 328 | <i>Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place</i> | Lanny Wolfe |
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The Giving of the Tithe & Offering

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| Offertory | <i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> | Jonathan A. Noel |
| | Dr. Richard D. Chewning, organ | |

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| *Doxology | <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | Hymnal No. 95 |
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WE CELEBRATE THROUGH HEARING

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| *Scripture Lesson | | John 15:12-13 |
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Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Our thanks be to God.**

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| Sermon | <i>What It's All About</i> | Dr. Med Roach |
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Sermon series: *I Leave You With These Words*

WE GO TO CELEBRATE THROUGH SERVICE

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| *Hymn No. 389 | <i>Freely, Freely</i> | Carol Owens |
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| *Benediction | | Dr. Med Roach |
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| † Choral Response | <i>Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises</i> | South Africa |
| | Chancel Choir | |

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| Postlude | <i>Toccata on "Come Holy Spirit"</i> | Grimoaldo Macchia |
| | Dr. Richard D. Chewning, organ | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 20, 2018

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TODAY

Worship Opportunities

Traditional Worship at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

THE BRANCH Contemporary Worship
at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Ushers

8:45- William Wilson

11:00- Rocky Langford, Lee Howell, Harry
Todd, Reid Flanagan

SERVING MINISTRIES

SHINE Worship

3 & 4 year olds: Rochelle Rodriguez

Parent helper: Bobby or Neal Wheaton

Youth helper: Brittain Gill

K-2nd grade: Shelly Melton

Parent helper: Isaac Melton

Youth helper: Olivia Grace Bell

Help Ministry

May 21 Connie Wynne

May 22 Mavis Johnson

May 23 Rosalyn Gilreath

May 24 Harriett Brock

May 25 Jo Yancey

Golf Cart Drivers

May 20 Hal Peeler

May 27 Amy Daniel

June 3 Bill Powers

*The Golf Cart Ministry is available from 10:00 until
11:15 a.m. and after worship from 12:00 until 12:30 p.m.*

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance (May 13, 2018)

Traditional 8:45 94

Traditional 11:00 225

The Branch 11:00 131

Worship total 450

Sunday School 191

Wednesday Night Supper 88

Christian Enrichment Center 690

Other Activities 408

Non Worship 1,377

Grand Total 1,827

Financial

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2018 Budget \$1,304, 613

Weekly budget 25,089

Received May 13 26,888

Needed in 19 weeks 476,691

Received in 19 weeks 445,399

Requirements to date -31,292

Capital Campaign

Total pledges \$1,005,385

Total received \$1,002,534

GOLF CART MINISTRY

We need more volunteers for our Golf Cart
Ministry. Please let Russ Samples know if you
are willing to be a driver: 404-985-9484.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lou Oxford
Richard Lumpkin
Dot McDonald
Doug Taylor
Patsy Taylor James
Allen Murray
Ray Dender
Pat Wall
Nancy Cook

Continued Prayers For:

Jim and Annella Duffes
Joann and Roger Bass
Stanley and Florence Bozeman
Bill and Anne Edwards
Dan and Trudi Klein
Frances Phillips
Ginny Freeman
John Anderson

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Choir

New and former singers are invited to sing in the **Music Ministry's Summer Choir** for the months of July and August. We will have a potluck lunch on Sunday, July 1, after church, with a rehearsal following (finished around 2:30 p.m.). This rehearsal will cover the anthems for the month of July. The summer repertoire will be somewhat lighter and easier than our standard music. The Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Wednesdays during the summer. If you have ever wanted to "try out" singing in the choir, this is a perfect opportunity to sing without any long-term commitment.

The Chancel Choir will sing for Mt. Zion Camp Meeting on July 12 and for Salem Camp Meeting in Covington on Wednesday, July 18.

IN MEMORY

A gift has been given in memory of Jean Whalen to the CEC.

A gift has been in memory of Gene Sheffield to The Branch.

Gifts have been given in memory of Jean Whalen, Bill Johnston, and Dean Roberts to the Capital Campaign.

A gift has been given in memory of Jean Whalen to the Memorial Fund.

A gift has been given in memory of Bill Johnston to the Family Life Fund.

A gift has been given in memory of Bill Johnston to Stephen Ministry.

Gifts have been given in memory of Irene Anderson Reed, Laura Taylor, Effie Evans, Lucille Taylor, and Bess Johnson to Wesley Woods.

IN HONOR

A gift has been given in honor of Steve Mulder to the Music Ministry.

A gift has been given in honor of Dylan Lefevre to the CEC.

IN SYMPATHY AND LOVE

...to Shirley Whitaker and family on the death of Bob Whitaker on May 15, 2018.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God in loving memory of Jerry Callaway and Raymond Parker by Jackie Callaway and Patsy Parker.

The Branch

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

John 5:6-8 Common English Bible (CEB)

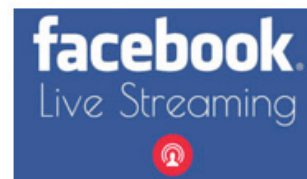


Pentecost
Sunday



[Facebook.com/TheBranchGriffin](https://www.facebook.com/TheBranchGriffin)

Can't be here in person or want to re-watch a worship experience? Check out The Branch Live Stream on Facebook Live!



THE BRANCH WORSHIP: May 20, 2018

Hold on, Don't give up, Help is on the way

Richard Winn, District Superintendent

Start a Fire – *Unspoken*

Soul on Fire – *Third Day*

Holy Spirit – *Francesca Battistelli*

Spirit of the Living God – *Meredith Andrews*

SHINE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children through 2nd Grade are dismissed to SHINE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP after the Children's Moment

TURNING THE TIDE OFFERING (100% Supports our Laundry Ministry)

MORNING OFFERING (Supports the Mission and Ministry of the Church as a whole)



Fed up with the status quo?

**The way things are isn't the way things have to be.
Join us in The Branch starting next Sunday as together
we see what happens when we're ready to say, "I quit."**

NOTES:

The Branch

The Branch Worship Team:

**Alison Kirkland, Katie Patterson, Emory Schroeter, Stacy Brown,
Jerry Daniel, Lewis Patterson**

Congregational Care

On Call This Week

(May 21st – May 27th)

Monday – Daryl Brown

Tuesday – Med Roach

Wednesday – Valerie Gill

Thursday – Debby Stikes

Friday – Andrew Covington

Saturday & Sunday –
Andrew Covington

CHILDREN

Valerie Gill

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May Bible Verse:

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice!* --Philippians 4:4

BRIDGE

We will meet this Sunday, May 20th for Game Night with Clay Cowden and Kevin English! Summer is right around the corner! We will have four BRIDGE “events” that you will not want to miss!

June 10th – Pool Party (at the home of Dan and Valerie Gill)

July 1st – Movie Night (location TBA)

July 15th—Art Night (with Stache Studio. Reservation required)

August 5th—Blessing of the Bookbags Back to School Bash

Promotion Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 27th. Children will move up to their new class for Sunday School!

VBS

The VBS donation board is up in the Education Building. Please take one of the lifesavers and help us by donating! We are also in need of the following items: (these items can be returned!) oars, trunks/ chests, barrels, potted fake ferns/plants/trees and fake greenery.

VBS CDs and digital download cards are available for purchase for \$7.00 in The Branch, the Church office, and Valerie’s office. Come by and get yours today to get a head start learning the songs for this summer! Don’t forget to register! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/griffinfumc>. We are also in need of Crew Leaders! Let Valerie or Shelly know if you are interested!

SEXTONS NEEDED

We are looking for two sextons for our church facility. You must be at least 16 years of age and a male member of GFUMC. Please contact Debby Stikes if you are interested in this position.

UMCOR SHOEBOXES

Members of the Joy Circle, UMW, and the Missions Committee are happy to announce this year’s UMCOR Christmas Shoebox Project. This mission effort focuses on gathering items to fill UMCOR Christmas Shoeboxes. The shoeboxes are distributed to UM Missionaries serving in Central and South America. Our goal is to fill 150 boxes. Each box should contain items in the four categories including: Personal Care, Toys, Clothing, and School Supplies. Christmas Trees will have colored bags for you to pick up in the Sanctuary. Deadline for returns of the bags is June 17th. Labels on the bags will give a list of the most needed items.

MED-ITATION

Dr. Med Roach

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What It's All About

This Sunday I will begin a sermon series entitled, "I Leave You With These Words." In my last four weeks of being your pastor and the last four weeks before retirement, my goal with each sermon is to share with this wonderful congregation the four scriptures that have guided my calling as an ordained United Methodist pastor and as a Christian. Of course, these four scripture texts will continue to guide my life as I continue to be a witness of the Christian Gospel.

This Sunday's scripture is from John 15:12-13 with the words of Jesus that focus in on what it really means to follow Him as a disciple. It is a calling of Jesus upon the lives of all who intend to follow Him and a calling into the Christian way of life. The words of Jesus here are so important that he calls the words, "my commandment." I believe that this "commandment" of our Lord is the very heartbeat of the entire Gospel message. Think about it, if we all followed this commandment, we would not need any other commandments.

Friends of Griffin FUMC, I have cherished my 5 years with you as your pastor. We've been through many life experiences together. Many occasions have been joyous and many have been sad. Yet, we have trusted God together through all these experiences, and we all have become better people together.

I used to end my weekly "Meditation" with the words, "I love being your pastor." You have pastored me! You have seen me through open heart surgery and a recurrence of cancer, and each of you has given me the will and courage to survive.

I still love being your pastor.

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UMW

RADA Knives

There will be a RADA Knives Sale held on Sunday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building; 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and at 12 noon in the Welcome Center.

Meetings

Genesis Circle and the Love Circle will meet Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Fay Cobb.

The Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the CEC.

PRESCHOOL

Debby Daniel-Bryant

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School's Out for Summer!

We have finished a fantastic school year, and we graduated 9 Kindergarteners. Keep your Preschooler or Kindergartener busy this summer with Summer Blast, Vacation Bible School, and visits to the library. The Summer Reading Program begins with a kick-off celebration at Griffin Auditorium, Thursday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Summer Blast

We are going to study Noah's Ark for our Preschool Summer Blast. Children ages 2 through Kindergarten may register for Summer Camp which runs from June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$75 and includes a snack and all materials. Registration cards are available around the church or call the Preschool Office at 770-228-0166.

Twice as Nice Consignment Sale

Our Annual Consignment Sale for gently used baby and children's items will be August 17-18 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have items you would like to sell, consider putting them in the sale. More information will be available soon on the church website for registration for the event.

CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT CENTER

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678-688-3858

In Jesus' Name We Play...

**Check us out online and/or join our
'Christian Enrichment Center' Facebook page
for up-to-date information and chances to
win free memberships, classes, and MORE.**

2018 SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Trainings and Certifications

American Heart Association First Aid/CPR
Certification – Tuesday, May 29th @ 8 a.m. - 1
p.m. Cost is \$35.

Summer Camps/Workshops

Truth Be Told Art TRUTH TRAVELERS Camp
(Ages 7-14)

Led by ELICIA Gordy, Truth Be Told Art

June 25-27 @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost - \$105 (includes all supplies, snacks, and
three masterpieces)

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2018

'Express Yourself' Creative Writing Camp (Grades 6-8/9-12)

Led by Betsy Harris and Taylor Smith

June 18-22 @ 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Cost - \$75 (includes all supplies and field trip)

Registration Deadline: June 11, 2018

Cooking Camp (Grades 3-5)

Led by Trudy Gill, Barnstormer's Grill Founder

July 16-19 @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost - \$120 (includes all supplies)

Registration Deadline: July 9, 2018

Cooking Camp (Grades 6-8)

Led by Trudy Gill, Barnstormer's Grill Founder

July 16- 19 @ 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost - \$120 (includes all supplies)

Registration Deadline: July 9, 2018

Ukulele Lessons – offered throughout the
summer

Led by Anne Stansell, Christian Enrichment
Center Instructor

Ukulele 1: Beginner – June 4, 11, 18, 25 @ \$55
for 4 sessions

Ukulele 2: Intermediate – July 9, 16, 23, 20 @
\$55 for 4 sessions

Session Times: Ages 6-8 – 5-5:30 p.m. / Ages
9-12 – 6-6:30 p.m./ Teens & Adults – 7:7:30 p.m.

*We also offer fitness classes for all levels, full
fitness facility with cardio/weight rooms, indoor
walking track, and basketball court all summer
long! Call for center hours and class times.*

CEC Ongoing Activities

Art Group – 10:00 a.m. Thursday

Bridge Club – 1:00 p.m. - 2nd & 4th Wed.

Chair Exercise and Stretch for Seniors –
9:00 a.m. Tuesday

Deep Stretch Yoga – 10:15 a.m. Thursdays

Guitar Lessons – 4:00 p.m. Mon. & Wed.

Majong Class– 1:00 p.m. - 1st, 3rd, & 5th
Wednesday

Pilates Classes – 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Tue. & Thurs.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – 9:30 a.m.
Monday

Weight Watchers – 6:00 p.m. Monday and
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday

Wellness Class – 11:15 a.m. second Thursday

Yoga Basics – 10:15 a.m. Tuesday

ZUMBA Exercise –

8:00 a.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.

6:00 p.m. Monday

7:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check the **EVENTS CALENDAR** on the website for a complete listing of activities.
www.griffin-fumc.org

SUNDAY, May 20

1 Chronicles 27-29

- 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. The Branch Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. GLOW Missions
- 6:00 p.m. BRIDGE Game Night (CEC)

MONDAY, May 21

2 Chronicles 1-3

TUESDAY, May 22

2 Chronicles 4-6

- 6:30 p.m. YOGA (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Piano Recital (Alpha Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 23

2 Chronicles 7-9

- 6:00 p.m. The Branch Worship Team (Conference Room)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups (The Lodge)
- 6:30 p.m. Daily Companion Bible (Stephen Ministry)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Alpha)

THURSDAY, May 24

2 Chronicles 10-13

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Preconference Briefing (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. AL-ANON (Seekers)

FRIDAY, May 25

2 Chronicles 14-17

- 6:00 p.m. Laundry Mission (Solomon & 13th St.)

SATURDAY, May 26

2 Chronicles 18-20

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume in August!

YOUTH

Daryl Brown

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Instagram: GFUMC.GLOW

FaceBook: GFUMC Student Ministries

Today

GLOW Missions

High School Mission Trip

NOLA Mission Trip:

We are excited that 20 of our High School students and adults are heading to New Orleans to volunteer to rebuild homes with SBP (St. Bernard Project), a nonprofit that is helping families rebuild the homes they owned before Katrina. It's hard to imagine there are still families who struggle this far beyond the storm, and we are excited to do what we can to help. We are committed to helping New Orleans's families by raising money for SBP in addition to the work we will do while we are there.

Please help us help SBP bring more families home. Simply send your donation here to the church. You can also place your donation in the offering and mark on the memo line "NOLA Donation". We will be accepting donations until Monday, May 21st.

Upcoming events:

May 27th—June 1st High School Mission Trip
New Orleans, LA St. Bernard Project

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Thursday; 8:00 AM to Noon Friday

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| Med Roach | Senior Minister |
| Andrew Covington (770-367-1620) | Associate Minister |
| Richard Lumpkin | Minister Emeritus |
| G. Alan Benson (770-468-3206) | Minister Emeritus |
| Stephen J. Mulder | Director of Music and Worship Arts |
| Debby Stikes (678-758-9159) | Director of Discipleship |
| Jennifer Vining | Director of the Christian Enrichment Center |
| Brian Love | Operations Manager |
| Daryl Brown (404-569-2881) | Youth Minister |
| Valerie Gill (404-247-2245) | Director of Children's Ministry |
| Lisa Rogers | Financial Secretary |
| Sandra Sanders | Administrative Assistant |
| Mollie Covington | Administrative Assistant |
| Denise Hayes | Church Hostess |
| Tom Vause | Assistant Director of the Christian Enrichment Center |
| Richard Chewing | Organist |
| Alicia Smith | Pianist |
| Alison Kirkland | The Branch Interim Worship Leader |
| Debby Daniel-Bryant | Preschool Director |
| Angie Bergen | Preschool Financial Secretary |
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| Nursery Staff: | Paige Samples, Reba Partin, Kathryn Partin |
| Housekeeping Staff: | John Berry, Ray Merritt, David Pack, Anita Berry |
| Sextons: | William Ballard, Thomas Parker, Carson Brown, Wesley Partin, Dylan Lefevre, Jalen Favors |
| Our Missionaries: | Michael and Mildred Oye (Nigeria) Joanna Davis (West Virginia) |

LOW COUNTRY BOIL DRAWING

The Journey Sunday School Class is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Children's Ministry! A \$20 donation gets you a ticket for a drawing for a Low Country Boil party. The winner gets an all-expense paid party for up to 40 of your closest friends at "The Pool House." This is an all-inclusive event! All you have to do is show up! The date of the party will be mutually agreed upon by the winner and hosts.

Tickets are available in the church office, from any Journey Sunday School member, and through the website: <https://www.journeyfumc.org/>