

**WELCOME GUESTS  
AND MEMBERS!**

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

**GUESTS**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to become a member
- I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission
- I would like the pastor to call me

**MEMBERS**

Please update any change in information

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**In your daily prayers, please pray for:**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Family of Linda Smith, Deanie Auton, Sally Brookins, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Susan Henthorn, Kelly Kinard, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Nancy Rhyne, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lyn Campbell), Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Dale Gilmore, Nancy Harris, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Ray Hemmann, Denise Hobbs, Mark Johnson, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Mark Ludwig, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceascea, Shedlass Family, Kenny Shrum, Anna Shuford, Laura Smallwood, Nick Swafford, Rhonda Swafford, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Rev. David Wyant

**HOMEBOUND:** Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Mary Robinson

**CARE FACILITIES:** Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab)

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Ron Metzger
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Steve & Jane Morton
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Noah Hardin
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Beverly Beal
<b>ROVER:</b>	Carol King
<b>VALET/SECURITY:</b>	Calvin Thornburg & Thurman Melton

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

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CCLI #20422793 (Music) #20422803 (Streaming) CVLI #504379166 (Video)



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Lincolnton**

*Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.*

**But You Are**  
  
**a Chosen People,**  
**a Royal Priesthood,**  
**a Holy Nation.**  
**1 Peter 2:9**





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- LYNC Youth - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
  - Middle School – 5:00-6:00 pm
  - Dinner – 6:00-6:30 pm
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- **\*\*WE ARE IN NEED OF Diapers size 2 & 3\*\***
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