

WAY BACK YONDER — Bobby Lewallen

How did the town of Homer get it's name?

I have always heard the rumor that a Committee was appointed to select a name. The Committee met for several hours and could not reach a decision on a name. One member of the committee said, "I'm getting tired and sleepy. Let's just go home and call it Homer".

The town really was named in 1858 when Banks County was formed as a new county by the Georgia General Assembly. The new county seat was to be located in the center of the county. A committee of three men was to select a site and name the new town. They were also to build a new courthouse and jail. This Committee named the new town Homer after the Greek Poet.

Sunday Bible study takes a break in June and July. It will start back in August.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP last week:

Offering, 5498 Building Fund, 175 PRF, 100 SON, 150 Second Mile, 1500

TOTAL: \$7423



Happy birthday May 22nd Jon Chambers!

NEW HERALD FORMAT UNDERWAY

This issue, replacing the Homer Herald newsletter to which we have been accustomed so long, is the work of our Dianne who has so willingly stepped forward to make certain a weekly bulletin continues without interruption during this time of pastoral change. Thank you, Dianne! Future Heralds will continue to be emailed (only), as always. Plans for a Homer UMC newsletter are underway that will be mailed to those who request it.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 20, 2018:

8:45a.m. Bible Studies (All Ages)
9:45a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, May 21, 2018:

6:30p.m. Rehearsal: Handbell Choir

Tuesday, May 22, 2018: BCHS Track Banquet

Wednesday, May 23 2018:

5:45p.m. UMYF (All Youth)

Thursday, May 24, 2018:

4:00p.m. Sisters of the Heart Bible Study
6:30p.m. Rehearsal: Chancel Choir

Friday, May 25, 2018:

Graduation BCHS

Saturday, May 26:

9:00a.m. Serving Our Neighbors (SON)

Thought for the Week:

"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

John Wesley, May 24, 1738

The Homer Herald *Homer United Methodist Church*

James J. McLendon, Pastor
Helen Caudell, Worship Chairperson
Judy Thompson, Prayer Leader
Sandra Smith/Nancy Sullivan, Co-Hostesses
Mike McLendon, Security
Chuck & Lisa Enslin, Directors, SON
Dixie Merck, Nursery Director
Bill Ratliff, Ret. Pastor/Chaplain

Dianne Cheek, Dir. Ch. Ministries
Jessica Thomas, Dir. Children/Mid. School
Bud Reiselt, Board/Stewards Chair
Chuck Enslin, Lay Leader
Rob Mabry, Worship Ldr, Staff-Parish Chair
Tim Willbanks, Board/Trustees Chair
Darlene Brown, Church Pianist
Merritta Thompson, Office Manager

May 20, 2018

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY!



Kendle Chambers

Jimmy Cochran

Hunter Cochran

Melinda Garrison

Ean Hubbard

Sergio Bonilla Lex Mason

Katelyn Templeton

CONGRATULATIONS!



"In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love."

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Bell Ringer: Jackson Collins; **Acolytes:** David Adams & Cam Mabry; **Cross Bearer:** Lane Seahorn; **Communion Assistants:** Hunter & Jimmy Cochran; **Welcome:** Bud Reisel; **Greeters:** Matt & Jon Chambers; **Music Special:** Chancel Choir; **Worship Leaders:** Rob Mabry, Dianne Cheek; **Nursery:** Dixie Merck; **Sound System Engineer:** Fred Wendt, Mike McLendon, Tim Wilbanks.

USHERS: Harlee Pearce, Chairperson

Brandon Adams, Offering Steward. Glenn Cooper, Ted Elliott, Steve Harmon, John Mitchell, Ricky Nelson, Tom Nix, Steve Stephens. **Offering Counters:** Brandon Adams & Usher.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The "Circle of Prayer" is included in the bulletin each week and updated monthly. Please place on an attendance sheet or email to the church any for whom you would have the whole church pray during the months of May/June in addition to others whose names appear below:

Brother Jim and Marilyn, Brother Mike

David and Melanie Collins

Marie Blalock and Karen Sexton

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to **Chris and Jenny Kitchens** upon the loss in death of Jenny's nephew, Paul Nuckols of Cordova, Alabama.

A donation has been made in memory of Nolan Ragsdale by Sam and Anne Moon.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to **Johnny and Lisa Nation** and family upon the loss by death of Johnny's father, William Nation of Homer. Funeral services will be conducted at McGahee-Griffin & Stewart Funeral Home in Cornelia Thursday, May 17th, at 2pm with visitation before from 12-2pm.

GROWING WITH HOMER METHODIST

Andy and Nichole Marple, who reside on Rock Springs Road with their children, **Betty Brooke and Brady**, are welcomed this Sunday into the church family by transfer of their letters from other Christian denominations.

Veronica Albanese and two grandchildren, **Abby and Riley**, who reside near Lula have expressed a desire to unite with Homer Methodist by transfer of their memberships from another Christian denomination and will be officially welcomed later in the summer.

We are extremely privileged to receive into our Homer UMC family all of these dear friends and pray their stay among us will be lengthy and filled with happiness.

LAUGH A LITTLE

Bullfrog sitting on a lily pond says:
"Life's fun when you're having flies!"



Service of Divine Worship

Sunday, May 20, 2018 — 9:45A.M.

Day of Pentecost

Altar Color: Red

NURSERY AVAILABLE

We offer a Nursery across the street in the Family Life Center which parents may want to consider for their youngest from birth through 3 years. They will be happy there, and parents may enjoy the service more.

THE GATHERING

THE RITUAL OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS

(Please sign the Registration Booklets & Stand when Recognized.)

THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

THE PRELUDE WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES

THE CHORAL INTROIT

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*THE PROCESSIONAL No. 77

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 880

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 71

THE RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

*THE HYMN No. 707

THE ALTAR OF PRAYER

*THE CANTICLE No. 112

*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 310

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: O, God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept the offering of your people.

People: Remember in your love those who bring it and those for whom it is given,

ALL: and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD No. 95

THE MUSIC SPECIAL

THE SPOKEN WORD

THE MIGHTY WIND OF GOD

(Pew Bible: NT, Acts 2:1-11, pg. 119)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

(Andy and Nichole Marple, Brady and Betty Brooke)

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

(The Invitation to Christian Discipleship)

*THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*THE TAKING OF LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE RINGING OF THE HERITAGE BELL

*THE POSTLUDE

**Denotes standing if you are able and so desire.*

HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYERS

Holy Communion is made available to worshippers each Sunday at 9:45a.m. Worshippers of every Christian denomination are invited to participate and receive the consecrated elements representing the body & blood of our precious Lord. Regular & Gluten-free breads are available.