

AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH
1589-SC 174, Edisto Island, SC
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

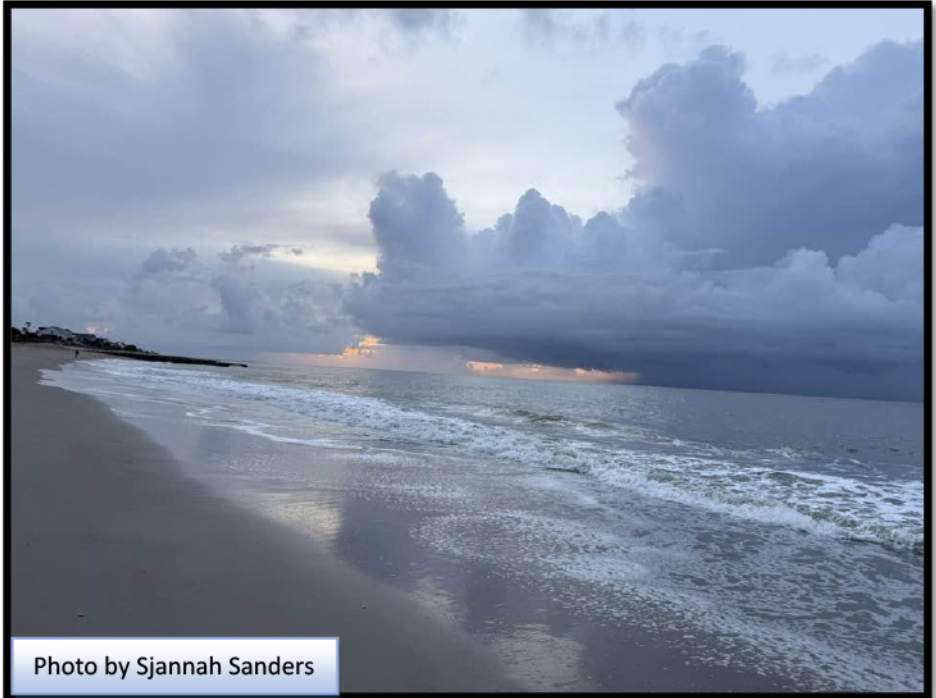


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REV. KEVIN P. STROOP

Music Director: Megan Whitt

Church Service: 9AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



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2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Green **June 7, 2026**

PRELUDE "O Lord, You're Beautiful" - Green

INTROIT

"Sanctuary"
Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live!

Leader: The Lord watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless.

People: The Lord will reign forever, thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, we gather in Your presence with thankful hearts. We pray that You would help us to put aside distractions and to give You our full attention. May this service be a time of true worship, where Your Spirit moves in our hearts and lives. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us" Hymn #197

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Petitions and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "The Summons" - Bell

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN** "Rescue the Perishing" Hymn #175

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON MESSAGE Rev. Kevin Stroop

***HYMN** "Where He Leads Me" (insert)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "God Be with you till We Meet Again"

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.

POSTLUDE "O Lord, You're Beautiful" - Green

****Those who are able, please stand***

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

(Scripture continued on back of bulletin)

18-26 ¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. ²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." ²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. ²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

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PRAYER CONCERNS

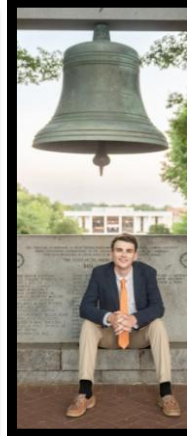
Marilyn Davidson Ethelynn Boozer Jane Loy Cliffie Jarrell
Nancy Culclasure Mary & Billy McCollum Kem Younts

Just a note ... Evan McMillian, 319 East Shore Lane, Charleston, SC 29407, Ethelynn Boozer, 14107 Seabiscuit, Milton, GA 30004, Nancy Culclasure, 1110 Marshall Rd., Apt. 6409, Greenwood, SC 29646, and Mary Ann Odom, 1215 Still Hopes Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169. Web Page: www.amazinggracegmc.org



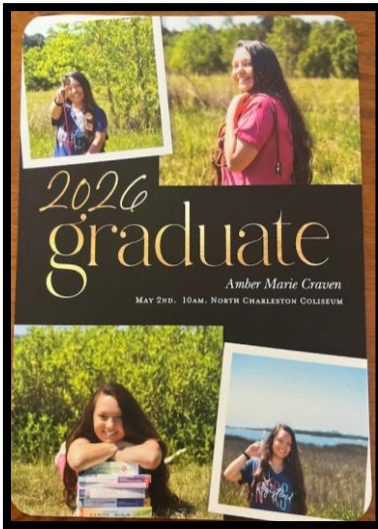
Jeremiah 29:11-12 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

WHITMAN MCGUCKIN



Shelby and David's grandson Whitman graduated from Clemson May 8 with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

AMBER MARIE CRAVEN



Marsha & Ronnie Inabinett would like to celebrate the graduation of Amber Marie Craven, our youngest granddaughter from Nursing School. She will graduate from Trident Tech on May 2, 2026. We are so proud of her. She has worked full time and put herself through nursing school. I am sure this caring young lady will make us proud with all of the skills she has learned.

CONGRATULATIONS

JACOB WINSTON GENTRY



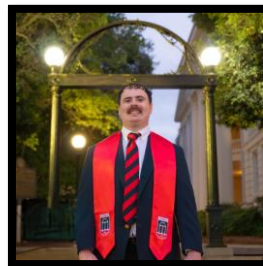
Jacob graduated from the University of SC with a major in Biological Sciences. Jacob is the son of Anthony Dana Gentry and grandson of Winston and Marilyn Davidson.

GRACIE CHARIKER



Gracie is the granddaughter of Charlie and Johnsey Thompson. She graduated from the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business with a degree in marketing and a concentration in sales leadership. She will be starting a sales job in July for Continental Tires.

GAINES WILLIAM THOMPSON



Gaines is the son of Carmen Jenkins Thompson and the late Dr. Bobby Gaines Thompson. He graduated from the University of Georgia on May 8, 2026, proudly following in the footsteps of his father. Gaines plans to take time to prepare for the LSAT before beginning law school. He aspires to pursue a career in Maritime Law.

HARRISON RILEY

Harrison is the grandson of Jack and Judy Yielding who graduated from Georgia State College on May 5, 2026 with a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy and will be practicing in the Atlanta area.



Behind you,
all your memories.

Before you,
all your dreams.

Around you,
all who love you.

Within you,
all you need.

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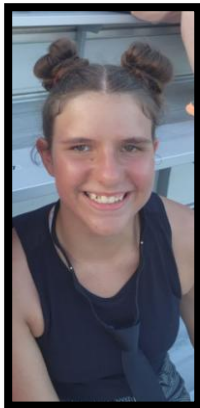
BELIEVE

WILLIAM JONES



William graduated from Clemson and will be headed to MUSC Pharmacy School next. He is the son of Helen Pedersen Jones, grandson of the late Pete Pedersen, Suzanne Pedersen and Christine Pedersen.

SKYLAR SPAINHOUR



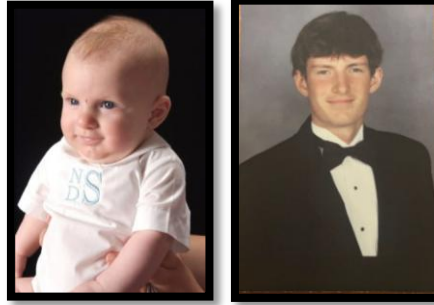
Skylar graduated from 8th grade at LLCS. Skylar is the daughter of Cantey Spainhour and Keith Wingard, granddaughter of Paulette Wingard and Rev. Rob Spainhour. Skylar wants to be a fireman when she graduates from high school.



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CONGRATULATIONS GRAD

NATHANIEL SMOAK



Nathaniel is the grandson of David and Shelby Smoak. He graduated from James Island Charter High School in May. He has spent the last two years in the ClayBusters Gun Club and with the Wando Warriors Rugby Team. He plans to attend the welding program at Trident Tech starting this summer.

JUDE WHETSTONE



Jude Whetstone graduated from 8th grade at Carolina Voyager Charter School and will be attending West Ashley High School.

SARAH GOLDEN



Sarah is the daughter of Neal and Gretchen Golden. She is also Jimmy and Boot Golden's granddaughter. She graduated from Lucy Beckham High School in Mt Pleasant. Sarah is very excited to join her brother, Jameson, and cousin, Thomas Martin, at Clemson this Fall! Go Tigers!!



EASTON CARTER DEEHR



Easton is a 5th grade graduate and will be going into middle school in August. He is the son of Aubre and Sheldon Deehr, grandson of Chris and Robby Garvin, and great-grandson of Micky & Bobby Garvin.

ELOISE HARPER DEEHR



Eloise is a kindergarten graduate and will be going to first grade in August. She is the daughter of Aubre and Sheldon Deehr, granddaughter of Chris and Robby Garvin, and great-granddaughter of Micky & Bobby Garvin.

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WELL DONE!!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU

JOHN "JACK" VAUGHAN



Jack is the son of Dallas & Laura Vaughan, big brother of Theo Vaughan, grandson of Emily Vaughan and nephew of Jessica Vaughan. He graduated from James Simmons Montessori.



CLAYTON RICHARDSON



Clayton graduated from Kindergarten at Jane Edwards and will be attending 1st grade there. His mom is Marlynn Richardson and he is the big brother of Holden. Grandparents are Greg and Jenny Mixon.



Music Notes from Megan

Every year, as graduates walk across the stage, the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" fill the room with a sense of accomplishment, anticipation, and hope.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE



Written by Edward Elgar in 1901, the piece was meant to convey grandeur and celebration- and over time it became the soundtrack of new beginnings.

Graduation itself is a moment of "pomp and circumstance." There are caps and gowns, speeches and applause, tassels turned and diplomas received. But beneath all the ceremony is something deeper: a reminder that every season of growth prepares us for what comes next.

Scripture often speaks of journeys, callings, and stepping forward in faith. Just as graduates leave behind what is familiar to embrace an unknown future, we are all continually invited to trust God into new seasons of life.

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." — Proverbs 16:3

The beauty of graduation is not simply in reaching the finish line, but in recognizing all the lessons, challenges, friendships, and moments that shaped the journey. God works the same way in our lives - preparing us little by little for purposes we may not yet fully see.

As the music plays and graduates take their next steps, may it remind us all that every ending can become a beginning, every season of preparation has value, and every path forward is best walked with faith, courage, and gratitude.

A Prayer for Graduates

At this exciting time of changes and challenges, no matter what life brings, may you always be:

Gracious, your life a reflection of our good and gracious God.

"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus," 2 Pet. 3:18

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit," Phil. 1:25

Reliant, on God in every area of life, work, and relationships.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding," Proverbs 3:5

Assured, of God's love, presence and protection always.

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," Hebrews 13:5

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;" Jeremiah 31:3

Diligent, remembering always—you serve the Lord Jesus.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31

Unwavering, in your commitment to what is right.

"So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left." Deut. 5:32

Attentive to your Lord because he promises to guide you.

"Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

Truthful, never lying in any way to yourself or others.

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment." Proverbs 12:19

Eternally-focused, so all else in life is in proper perspective because:

"Only one life, will soon be past.

Only what's done for Christ, will last."



ANNOUNCEMENTS 2026

WMMC Acolyte & Crucifer for Sunday, June 7 are Jude Whetstone and Brantley Hanna.

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YOUTH SUMMER OUTREACH is each **Thursday from 6PM-8PM for 3rd-12th graders led by Thomas & Ford Martin and Will Hutto.**

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