



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Did you know that you can get The Upper Room Daily Devotional via email? Click [here](#) for more information.
- A reminder for all our delegates and delegates-at-large for annual conference: our Pre-Conference Briefing/District Conference is coming up on Sunday, June 1, at Bascomb UMC beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- Our New Creation Youth Choir will be participating in their Summer Tour/Mission trip June 1 – 7 in Charleston, SC. We are coordinating a prayer team to cover our 25 students and 11 adult shepherds with prayer during the trip. Please contact Martha Joyce at (770) 883-0693 or marthajoyce@marykay.com to sign up for the prayer team.
- Here's some interesting news from the United Methodist News Service. Methodists have the highest positive ratings of religious and spiritual groups in the United States, new research by the Gallup Panel shows. Ninety-six percent of the 1,005 persons interviewed during the "Americans' Views of U.S. Religious and Spiritual Groups" March poll had either a positive or neutral view of Methodists. Larry Hollon, chief executive of UM Communications (UMCom), credited the UMC's seven-year-old Igniting Ministry advertising campaign for moving "Methodists" out of the pack. The advertising campaign primarily targets persons seeking spiritual fulfillment who may not necessarily have a church affiliation. "One of the challenges that denominations typically face is that people don't really know that much about them," said Hollon. "The survey data gives us a snapshot of how others see us. The indication is that the campaign has helped to reframe people's indistinct perceptions about the church into something more positive." Methodists received the highest marks in the total positive and net positive categories of the survey. You may have seen the "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. The people of The United Methodist Church" spot on local Atlanta stations.

I hope you will be with us in worship this Sunday as we commemorate Memorial Day and focus on putting first things first. Read Matthew 6.24-34 in preparation.

Almighty God, You are the creator of all that is. When we turned from you and placed ourselves in the center of our universe you came to us in Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves. You have sent Your Spirit to be with us forever. We give you thanks that we are in a Church that is concerned with making disciples for the transformation of the world. Help us to grow in grace and in knowledge that we might accomplish our mission. Thank you for those who serve in harm's way – protect them from all harm. We remember the families of those for whom Memorial Day is a painful day this year. May they feel your peace which passes all understanding. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.