Claud & Kathryn Riddles

Claud & Kathryn Riddles both graduated from Texas Tech University and met and married in St. John’s UMC in Lubbock, Texas. Both Claud & Kathryn have both been deeply involved with their church home and volunteering in the local community via numerous career transfers. Their most recent relocation was to be closer to their daughter, son-in-law (both graduates of Georgia Tech), and granddaughter Avery Kate Wethington (a future Ramblin’ Wreck). They both are lifelong Methodists and avid Houston Astros fans who enjoy traveling, discovering new places, and meeting new friends.

Royal (Pete) Francis Dawkins

Pete is currently retired and a graduate of West Georgia College. He has four grandchildren ages 8, 8, 8 and 10 years old including a set of twins. In his spare time Pete enjoys making pickles and jelly. He also loves music and has found a wonderful group of friends in our choir, led by an outstanding choir master.

Chuck & Jody White

Chuck and Jody have two sons and 4 grandchildren. Chuck’s passion is shooting, hunting, and fishing. He spends much of his days and time on the farm in Palmetto where he can enjoy all his outdoor fun. Jody is a real estate agent with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby’s Int’l Realty in the North Atlanta office (Alpharetta). She’s been an agent for over 25 years. Jody’s hobbies are reading, biking, walking and community service. Jody just stepped off the Board of Atlanta Mission, Wounded Warriors, and Folds of Honor. She will continue her volunteering with these groups plus Restoration Atlanta. She has been involved with Samaritan’s Purse for many years. Both Chuck & Jody have a love of travel. They spent their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Portugal and the United Kingdom. Next July they plan to visit the Calgary Stampede in Calgary Ontario, Canada.
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The Grice Family

Will & Allie both grew up in small towns in South Carolina. Will, went to University of South Carolina and Allie, went to Clemson (house divided). They met/got married in Charleston. They’ve been in Atlanta for 5 years recently moving to The Branches in May 2022. They both love the community here in Dunwoody. Will works for Red Bull and Allie works for Home Depot. They have a daughter named Andi who loves going to the nursery at DUMC on Sunday mornings! They are thrilled to have found this church for Andi to grow up in. Will & Allie both love traveling and going out to eat. Allie’s newest hobby is tennis (played on the Branches C team this fall) & Will is really into music and vintage/HiFi audio stuff.

The Williams Family

Caleb & Morgan grew up in Rome, GA, and they’re high school sweethearts. Both are UGA alumni. They have a daughter who is almost 2 and attends the DUMC preschool. Caleb & Morgan love to travel, go to Braves games and UGA football games, and spending time as a family. Fun fact - Their daughter’s first time in Sanford stadium was for the National Championship celebration (she doesn’t know how spoiled she is!).

Ben & Holly Middleton

Ben and Holly have been in Atlanta for over 30 years. They both grew up in Texas and still go there often to visit family. They have two daughters, Claudia who just got married and lives in Houston and Harriet who is a junior at Wake Forest University. Holly is a clinical psychologist specializing in children, adolescents, and parenting. Ben is in the marketing communications world. They love good Tex Mex food, live bluegrass, and a good trivia night. Ben & Holly love making dinner for people if they don’t mind their crazy, huge golden retriever.
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The McJunkin Family

Jeff & Linda have been married almost 20 years and have lived in Dunwoody for almost as long. Jeff is from Pittsburgh, PA, where he graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. He works for VM Ware and enjoys playing golf and helping the girls’ sports teams. Linda is a Georgia native who graduated from Brookwood High School and Georgia Tech. She volunteers for the girls’ schools and activities. Jeff & Linda have three daughters, Jenna, 16, attends Dunwoody HS where she is on the cross-country, track, and swim teams. Callie, 11 is in the 6th grade at Cornerstone Christian Academy where she participates on the cross-country, tennis, swim, and soccer teams. She also plays softball. Anna, 8 is in the 3rd grade at The Schenck School. She enjoys playing with her friends, but you can also find her at one of her many activities outside of the house.

The Saunders Family

Darbie is an Atlanta native who graduated from Georgia Tech. In her free time, she enjoys gardening and playing tennis. David is an avid sports fan and enjoys coaching his son’s basketball team at DUMC. He graduated from Georgia State and is a Georgia Bulldog fan. He is originally from upstate NY and still pulls for the Buffalo Bills. Their son, Bryce, is seven and daughter, Lane, is four.

Dick & Linn Dee Jones, III

Dick and Linn Dee just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2022. Dick retired from Sears after 40 years. He was a VP of Florida Builder Appliances in Pompano Beach Florida. Linn Dee grew up in Pensacola, FL and enjoys golf and tennis. They have two sons, Rick & Gordon, and two grandchildren Palmer & Hagen. They are into Corvettes and doing trips with their Corvette Club.
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Gale Owens

Gale has been working and attending DUMC since March 2022. She has two daughters, Sarah who is married to Blake and lives in Tennessee and Alicia who lives in downtown Atlanta. Gale also has 4 grand-dogs – “I love them all, but I do love Wilson & Fred the most (don’t tell the others).” Welcome to DUMC Gale!

Susan Smith

Susan was born in Pennsylvania and raised in the Smokies of East TN. She enjoys the outdoors, hiking and painting. Susan loves dogs and is an avid Gardener. Welcome to DUMC!

Lauren Topits

Lauren lives in The Branches with her husband Chase, son, Alden (6) and daughter, Julia (2). Alden went to DUMC Preschool and Julia currently attends Preschool there. Both children have been involved with soccer and basketball at DUMC. Lauren is an Interior Designer for hotels and resorts and enjoys playing tennis.
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Carl Welch

Carl enjoys reading, relaxing, and traveling with Joan. They both especially love cruising. Carl used to be a good tennis player, but his game just left him. Carl is looking forward to becoming active in the life of Dunwoody UMC.

The Meehan Family

Ryan & Ashley have three kids – Maddie (almost 7), Regan (5) and Harper (2). Maddie and Regan attended DUMC preschool and are currently at Atlanta Academy. Harper is in the DUMC preschool. Both Ryan & Ashley grew up in Atlanta and currently live in The Branches. Ashley attended Greater Atlanta Christian and Georgia State University. She is a pediatric respiratory therapist and worked in the NICU at Piedmont until Ms. Harper joined us. Ryan attended St. Pius and Oglethorpe University. He runs the Acquisitions group at Stonemont Financial Group which is a commercial real estate development and investment management firm. He is a die-hard Braves fan and lifelong Florida Gator. Ashley’s whole family is from Alabama and her mom, dad and sister attended the University of Alabama. We love spending time with our extended family and our favorite place to travel is Turks & Caicos and 30A.

The Healy Family

Brent & Emma have two kids, Leo (6) and Charlotte (5) and a golden retriever named Schenley. Both Brent & Emma grew up in eastern Pennsylvania and met at University of Pittsburgh. They moved to Atlanta in 2020 after living in Orlando for twelve years. They were both active at Spring of Life UMC in Orlando. They are looking forward to continuing to be active in the kids/family ministries at DUMC.
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The Hansen Family

Ryan is the left-brained half and Sade is the right-brained half of their marriage. Ryan went to college at Truett McConnell & North GA and graduated with a finance degree. Ryan works in staffing and is the Branch Director at Robert Half in Buckhead. He enjoys health and fitness. Ryan is a die-hard Atlanta Braves fan and loves being a ‘girl dad’. He is looking forward to taking his daughter to baseball games one day. Ryan is the happiest by the water and his favorite places to visit are Martha’s Vineyard & Charleston. Sade is a music lover, an animal advocate, an avid reader, and a lover of the written word -- Her love of reading and writing led her to graduate from the University of West Georgia with a B.A. in English Lit. Sade loves Jesus and enjoys health/fitness, but isn't afraid to tear up some biscuits and gravy. Sade enjoys traveling and some of her favorite places she’s visited include Paris, NYC, Charleston, and Martha’s Vineyard. She is happiest with her husband, daughter, & 15 year old pitbull, MJ. Ryan & Sade have been married for 6.5 years.

David & Phoebe Crosby

David was born and raised in Decatur, growing up at Glenn Memorial Methodist Church on the Emory Campus. He has spent his entire career (44 years) in the insurance industry as a property & casualty broker. David is a die-hard Georgia Tech and Atlanta Braves fan. His favorite past-time is playing golf. Phoebe was born in Montgomery, AL and raised in Atlanta. She has worked in a Methodist Church and the Mission Society. Phoebe enjoys cooking and gardening and following the Atlanta Braves. Both David & Phoebe enjoy spending time with their 6 grandchildren.

John & Betts Fisher

Betts spends much of her time volunteering for The Circle for Children, a women’s group that has supported Children in Georgia since 1928 and is a past President. She loves her children and adores her grandchildren. As a family they spend a lot of time at their lake house on Lake Martin. John & Betts have 2 dogs, Annie and Lilly. Betts loves to cook, garden and enjoys being with friends and family. She looks forward to finding a job volunteering at church. John loves outdoor sports including hunting, fly fishing, sporting clays, and snow skiing. At 70 he can still slaloms on the water. John works with his two sons, John Curtis (JC) and Harrison. Both John & Betts love their evening cruises at the lake.
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Francine Ellis
Francine is originally from Greensboro, NC where she was raised in the Methodist church. She attended the University of Georgia undergraduate (1984), Georgia State University for Master of Physical Therapy degree. Francine works part-time as a physical therapist for Integrated Therapy, LLC in an outpatient orthopaedical setting. Francine was a former distance runner who is now sidelined and has taken up cycling, she also enjoys reading. She has a daughter named Ariel who is a 2nd year student at Berry College in Rome, GA.

Sherry Crandall
Sherry has two sons and 3 grandchildren. One son lives in Miami and the other in Sandy Springs. She belongs to Dunwoody Country Club and plays golf there and in Amelia Island where she lives part time and to keep tabs on her 101-year-old mother. She loves to takes cruises and travel with her friends Bob & Mary Love.

Dale & Gwen Orred
Dale & Gwen are both originally from Minneapolis, MN and confirmed Lutherans. They have lived in several different locations. Their most recent church memberships were at the Nichols UMC in Nichols, CT and Mount Pisgah UMC in Roswell, GA. They began attending DUMC in 2016. Dale & Gwen have been blessed with two grown sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Dave Haverty

Dave Haverty is married to Frankie Haverty and they have two grown daughters and 3 grandchildren, all boys. He retired in 2000 from tele-communication business. In 2001 he heard about the “Great Race” that involves 100 vintage cars traveling cross country with a driver and navigator to California. He took the opportunity to talk with some of the drivers and navigators and got hooked. For the last 20+ years he has been involved with the “Great Race” driving his 1937 Ford Coup. What a great way to see the USA. Besides the long race, he has been involved in several shorter weekend races, too. Welcome to DUMC!

Interested in joining?

We would love to talk to you about becoming an official part of the DUMC family. Please contact Anne Horton & Jenny Rolfes at hospitality@dunwoodyumc.org, 770-394-0675 ext. 128 or ext. 136 for more information.

We look forward to speaking with you and welcoming you into our church family! See our membership information form HERE!