



FIRST THOUGHTS

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Contact FMC at any time, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns.



God Transforms Our Struggles

2 Corinthians 4:7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

A Word With Pastor Chris

There was a wonderful quote in our recent Bible Study from Lysa Terkeurst: 'God loves me too much to answer my prayers at any other time than the right time and in any other way than the right way.' Lysa had prayed A LOT when she was experiencing horrible pain. She prayed and prayed. The pain did not stop. In the hospital they discovered that her colon was about to rupture; If God had taken the pain away before, she very well could have gone home and died. God loved her too much to answer her prayer in her timing.

A family brought in two cocoons that were about to hatch. They watched as the first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it chewed in one end of the cocoon. If I was that caterpillar. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.

The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. So, as it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

The family asked a biologist friend to explain what had happened. The scientist said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole actually pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. The lesson? Without the struggle, there are no wings.

Happy flying into the Fall! Peace and blessings, Pastor Chris



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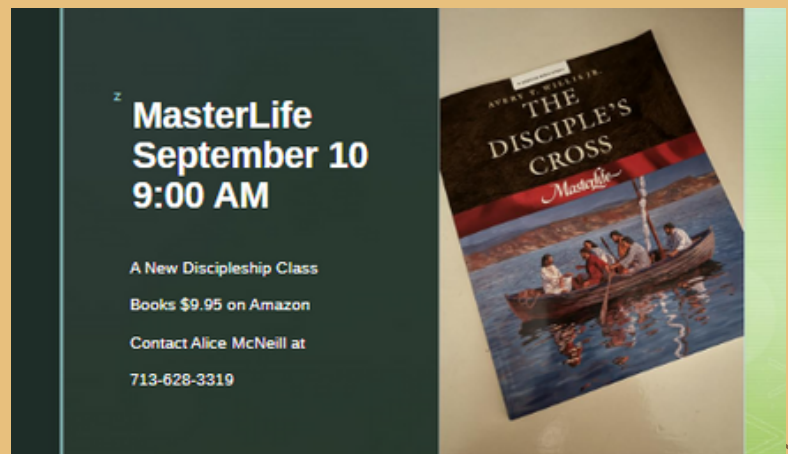
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9/20 - 10/25

6:45pm @ Church Parlor

Evening Bible Study

NOW THAT
Faith Has Come

A STUDY OF GALATIANS
BETH MOORE & MELISSA MOORE

New Pastor's Bible Study

'In the Dust of the Rabbi'
by Ray Vander Laan

Beginning Tuesday
September 26th
10AM in the Parlor'



Date

Worship

Offering

6th	80	3656.00
13th	101	2686.00
20th	66	5361.25
27th	65	2713.00

Attendance and Offering for the month of August



2023 Altar Flower
Calendar

OPEN DATES

- Oct 1st
- Oct 8th
- Oct. 15th (Laity Sunday)
- Nov. 5th (All Saints-White)
- Nov. 12th
- Dec. 3rd (1st advent)
- Dec. 17th
- Dec. 24th (Poinsettias)
- Dec. 31st

Welcome & Worship Center!

Welcoming new members and visitors with information and guidance for our church's programs and activities here at FMC is very important to us.

If you would like to volunteer to man our new welcome center, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

ADULT MINISTRIES

We believe that true Christian community is about more than attending a Sunday gathering. We love worshipping together, but it is important to us that you are known outside of just Sundays.

We believe sustained life-change happens best in small groups.

We have groups for every age and stage of life. We want you to have a relational home with a group of people who follow Jesus together, whether that is through a class, a small group, or a Bible study.

Programming

FRIENDSHIP CLASS: Sundays 9am (in the Parlor)
GOOD NEWS CLASS: Sundays 9am
FAMILY OF FAITH: Tuesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10am (seasonal)
EVENING BILBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 6:45pm
9/20-10/25

MISSIONS

We will mobilize people and resources both in our city and aboard to glorify God, share the gospel, and help those in need.

There is so much that God has put on our hearts to pursue, and we believe we have been given everything we need to accomplish all of it.

Ongoing Opportunities

FOOD VOUCHER MINISTRY
Every 3rd Thursday 8:30am-10am

HARVEST HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

PRISON MINISTRY

ESSENTIAL RIDES
(Long distance Drs. appts.)

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY
10:00 AM
FAMILY WORSHIP
IN THE
SANCTUARY

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING SUNDAY?

MUSIC

The Music Ministry of First Methodist Church is mission-minded, striving to take the gospel of Jesus into our community and the world. Worship is our response of love to the God who first loved us. If you or your children love to use your talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord, consider joining one our choirs.

Weekly Programming

PRAISE TEAM : Mondays, 6:15PM and Sundays, 9AM
(Singers, Band, Tech Team)

CHANCEL CHOIR : Wednesdays, 7PM
(childcare available if requested one week in advance)

PRAISE RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR : August - May
Wednesdays 5:30PM



Children and Youth ministries focuses on laying a Biblical foundation, planting seeds of faith, and digging deep into God's word. We believe that faith formation happens both in the church and in the home, and want to come alongside parents to equip and empower them to be leaders in their child's spiritual journey!

Children and Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sundays 10am
(except 1st Sundays) 4yr old's through 5th graders welcomed

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday @5pm. Ages 6th-12th Grade @ 5-6:30pm. We will meet in Wesley Hall for dinner, but pick up will be from the Youth Bldg.



MISSIONS



TWO EMERGING DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

After a triple dose of discernment conferences, a focused task force of devoted servant leaders determined that FMC possessed all the necessary ingredients to meet the following pair of pressing community needs. But to put wheels on these efforts and, thereby, ensure each achieves fruitful outcomes, Christ-loving volunteers are needed by the first of autumn (around 09-23 and, no doubt, far beyond). The church leaders identified below, our church secretary (Brandi Dorsett @979-245-4627), or Missions Chairman (Willie Younger @ 979-240-4872) should be contacted ASAP so you too can be listed as an eager service provider for one or both of these divine appointments.

PRAYER ROOM – Volunteer prayer warriors are sought to review the prayer requests routinely submitted and then petition Our Heavenly Father for His perfect will to be done. George Durett has graciously stepped forward as the coordinator for this restored ministry.

He can be contacted at 979-216-6956.

CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION – Many of our congregants, as well as our neighbors, do not have access to dependable transportation to get to and from vital destinations (i.e., doctors, pharmacy, church, etc.). Therefore, under Judy Sansing's gentle and thoughtful guidance, volunteer drivers are being recruited and will be mobilized on a rotating basis as requests for rides are received. She can be reached at 979-479-0916.

“For just as the body without spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2: 26



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

JOIN US EVERY 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH SUNDAY
4 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME

SEPT. 3 - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
SEPT. 10 - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - GENTLENESS
SEPT. 17 - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - SELF CONTROL
SEPT. 24 - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - RECAP

Church Nursery

IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YR OLDS

Manda Kessman - Nursery Coordinator



FMC Youth Group

Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday
Starting August 20th
5PM - 6:30PM

Ages 6th -12th grade ♥ Dinner served ♥ Invite your friends!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH CONT.



SCOUT

NEWS



School has started!!! Drive safely in school places!!!

CUB PACK 4545

The last event for the summer was a pool day in mid-August. The dens are beginning to start meeting.

**Boy Scouts of America is for boys and girls kindergarten -18
Sign up August 31 at Linney Roberts 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

**The first Pack Meeting meets in the Youth Building 6:30 PM
Thursday September 21**

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 45 FOR BOYS

The Scouts have been getting unfinished work done. They also had a chance to earn Dentistry and Animal Science merit badges this past month. Each merit badge took 2 days of work.

On Wednesday, September 27, beginning with a meal the Fall Court of Honor will be held in Wesley Hall. The Scouts will receive merit badges for finished work and rank advancements.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 145 FOR GIRLS

The Scouts had plans to earn the Sailing merit badge but bad weather cancelled the overnight lesson. So they ate some of the food they purchased and had a picnic on another day. The Scouts did join the other troop for the teaching part of Dentistry and Animal Science merit badges and finished the homework independently.

On September 28, in the Youth Building at 7 PM, this troop will have a potluck dinner followed by their Fall Court of Honor. They will receive the merit badges and ranks that they have worked for.

STAY HYDRATED



Birthdays**Date**

Tillman Daniel 4
Christopher Janise 6
Danny McCasland 6
Lesley Scardami 8
Cerie Muecke 9
Sharyl McDonald 17
Lindsey Thompson 17
Valerie Irwin 21
Judy Pennington 21
Jacob Schmoker 21
Holly Ryman 22
Diana Shindler 22
Freda Daniel 23
Tressa Foltyn 24
Margaret Garcia 24
Wyatt Schulz 27
Allison Schulz 29

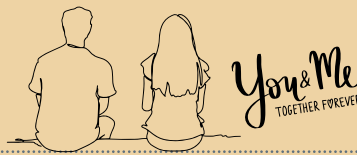
Anniversaries**Date**

George & Pat Durett

14

Timothy & Melissa Foster

16



"By all the lovely tokens
September days are here.
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer."

HAPPY
Birthday



WANT TO BE INCLUDED...?

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR BIRTH DATE OR ANNIVERSARY ON FILE, WE'D LOVE TO
INCLUDE YOU IN OUR CELEBRATORY WISHES!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 245-4627 OR EMAIL: FUMCBC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Please Pray For:

Louise Teutsch
Mary Ellen Reynolds
Simon Desoto
Judy Pennington
George Adams
Billy Bender
Audry Griggs
Jean Moye
Sandra Klenke

Luis Camacho
Ukraine & Russia
Louise Russell
Lamar Evans
Russell Lidberg, Jr.
Mike Greiner
Maurice Archer
Linda Krauskopf

~Please provide updates for Prayer Concerns when you are aware of them~



HELLO SEPTEMBER!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 12pm G.T.O Youth Building CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 Communion 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm FMC Youth Group	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:15pm Praise Team	5 SRPA Meeting- Wesley Hall 5:30pm Family of Faith Church Parlor	6 5:30pm Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm Troop 4S	7 6AM Reunion Meeting 7pm Troop 14S	8 9am-12pm Glory Guild Meeting Youth Building CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9
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THE
Magic
-OF-
Fall