



FIRST THOUGHTS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH


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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.



A Word With Pastor Chris

Letting Your Leaves Fall

Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. –Philippians 3: 13a-14

I sat on the bench outside the library, eating my tub of cottage cheese for my ‘dinner.’ It was still warm and even a little humid. Then the wind picked up, replacing warm air with chilly temps. Fall had arrived and I felt blessed to watch it happen.

In the autumn, trees listen to their Maker and begin shedding their leaves. The chlorophyll begins to ‘leave’ the leaves, making way for all the bright, deep colors people drive hours to see. May we remember that the deep reds, oranges, and yellow colors were inside the leaves all along; They just needed the chance to reveal themselves. What wonderful things are inside of you that God would love the opportunity to bring out? But first, the tree must prepare to let them go.

For the tree, letting go of its leaves is the healthiest thing for the tree to do. As the leaves fall, trees begin building a protective seal between the leaves and branches. The tree takes in as many nutrients as possible before it starts saying ‘Goodbye’ to the leaves that have fed it for two seasons. What if the tree decided not to let go of its leaves? Its Maker knows that the leaves would not survive the cold winter and would make the tree vulnerable to damage if they stayed. There would be no flourishing in the spring if it held onto its leaves. We could learn a lot from our tree friends. Are you holding onto, even grasping, for the decaying leaves in your life? Or maybe they have been piling up inside for a while. Just like the trees, holding onto old leaves can never do us any good.

The good news is that our Maker would love to help you get ready for the winter months. Ask Him to shine a light on any thoughts or circumstances you are holding onto. Ask Him for the strength to show your beautiful colors which were inside the whole time. God will always answer that prayer.

Peace and brightness for the journey. Pastor Chris

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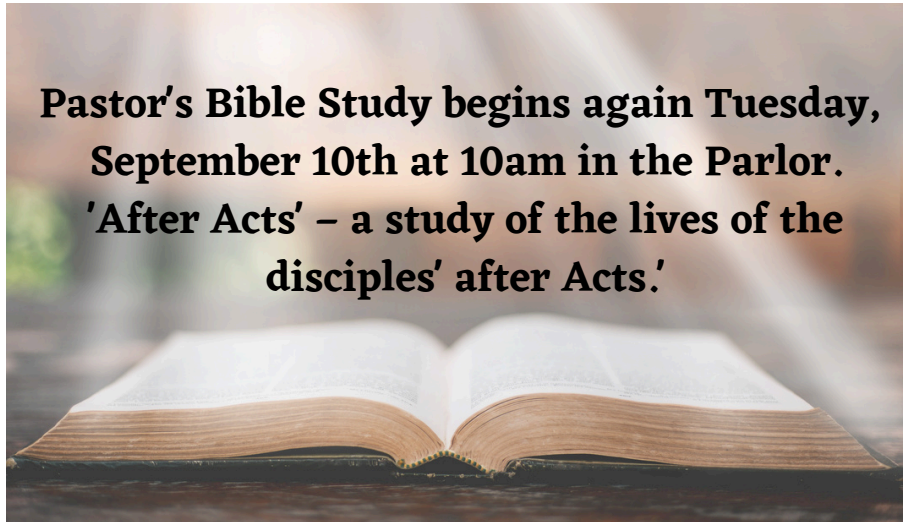
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**October Newsletter Deadline :
September 23rd**

Altar Flowers

Please call or email the church office to order flowers.

Pastor's Bible Study begins again Tuesday, September 10th at 10am in the Parlor. 'After Acts' – a study of the lives of the disciples' after Acts.'



Date

Worship

Offering

Date	Worship	Offering
8/4	65	\$5,319.00
8/11	131	\$1,565.00
8/18	90	\$2,492.00
8/25	96	\$3,102.00



**September Alter Guild
Shelby and Julie**



Thank you Juliet and Tressa for your alter guild duties!

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
WILL RESUME AFTER SUMMER BREAK

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10AM (seasonal)

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

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 : Sundays 8:30AM
(Singers, Band, Tech Team)

CHANCEL CHOIR : Wednesdays 7PM

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. -



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH

ATTN: 6TH - 12TH GRADERS!!!!

YOUTH NEWS

- SEPT 1 - NO YOUTH
- SEPT 8 - STRETCHED BY GOD
- SEPT 15 - GUMMY WORM DISCIPLESHIP
- SEPT 22 - POPCORN CHRISTIANS
- SEPT 29 - MARSHMALLOW OLYMPICS

5:00 - 6:30PM
DINNER, BIBLE STUDY, GAMES

BRING A FRIEND!

INVITE A FRIEND FOR BACK TO CHURCH Sunday

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

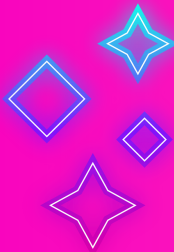
8TH SEPT | 10:00 AM

POTLUCK LUNCHEON & BINGO BONANZA
TO FOLLOW IN WESLEY HALL!
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!



FMC YOUTH

Rocks!



SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE AT

Children's Church

SEPT 1 - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SEPT 8 - GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

SEPT 15 - THE STORY OF ABRAHAM & ISAAC

SEPT 22 - LEAH: THE GIRL NO ONE WANTED

SEPT 29 - JOSEPH & THE COAT OF MANY COLORS

PK4 - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME!
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEETS ON 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH SUNDAYS. VOLUNTEERS TAKE THE CHILDREN OVER TO THE YOUTH BUILDING FROM THE SANCTUARY AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR CHRIS! PARENTS CAN PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN THERE AFTER WORSHIP!



FEED THE YOUTH!

TEXT LYNSEY NOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:!

8/18	9/15
8/25	9/22
9/8	9/29

979-240-4006
OR SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

THANK YOU!




CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH

Church Nursery

IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YR OLDS

Manda Rossman - Nursery Coordinator

Now located in the YOUTH BUILDING




The Youth Building Kitchen is getting a MAKEOVER!

Renovations will begin September 23rd. Access to the Youth Building will be limited for 4-5 weeks, until the project is complete!



Save the Date

JOIN US AT INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TO DISCOVER...

THE BEATITUDES

10/6 @ 9AM
WESLEY HALL





FUN TIMES IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH

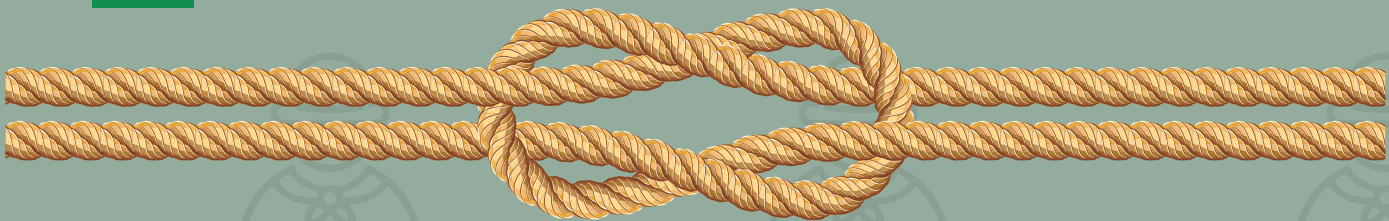




SEPTEMBER 2024



SCOUT



SCOUT NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

School has Started - Watch Out in the School Zones

Fall recruiting starts on Tuesday August 27th at Linnie Roberts Elementary school, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Scouting America (formerly BSA) is for Boys and Girls - Kindergarten to 17 years of age.

CUB PACK 4545

The Cubs visited the Beeweaver Farm near Navasota on Saturday August 24th. The First Pack meeting of the 2024-2025 School Year is Thursday September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Building.

The Pack is planning on working at the Beach Cleanup at Jetty Park September 28th starting at 8 AM.

TROOP 45 for BOYS

The Troop is planning a campout the weekend of September 20 – 22.

On Wednesday, September 25, 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.

The troop meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm in the Youth Building.

TROOP 145 for GIRLS

The Troop is planning a campout Labor Day Weekend.

An Eagle Scout Project is planned for Saturday September 7th at the Wadsworth Community Center.

The troop meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Youth Building.

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Date</u>
TILLMAN DANIEL	4
CHRISTOPHER JANISE	6
DANNY MCCASLAND	6
CERIE MUECKE	9
SHARYL MCDONALD	17
LINDSEY THOMPSON	17
JUDY PENNINGTON	21
JACOB SCHMOKER	21
HOLLY RYMAN	22
DIANA SHINDLER	22
FREDA DANIEL	23
TRESSA FOLTYN	24
MARGARET GARCIA	24
WYATT SCHULZ	27

Anniversary Date

George & Pat Durett	14
Timothy & Melissa Foster	16



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

Pray For

Israel
 Louise Teutsch
 Mary Ellen Reynolds
 Simon Desoto
 Audry Griggs
 Michelle and Marcel Poirrier
 B.J. Reynal
 Deborah Machicek
 Steve Sliva
 George Adams
 John Wells
 Barry Fry

Judy Pennington
 Taylor Smith
 Diana Ruiz
 Collin Gann
 Kaye Claybourn
 Melissa Foster's dad
 Greg - Terry & Michelle's friend
 Sarah McDonald Mirelez
 John Greenway
 Eleanor May & Family
 Don Storey
 Ty Pressley and his family
 Donna Rice
 Ira Rose
 Tim Ridgeway

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

HELLO SEPTEMBER!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
1 Communion 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm-Youth	2 	3	4 5:30pm - Bells 7pm- Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	5 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	6  G.T.O. - 12PM Parlor	7
8 Back to Church 2nd Sunday Luncheon 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm-Youth	9	10	11 5:30pm - Bells 7pm- Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	12 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	13 	14
15 Commitment 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm-Youth	16 Church Council Meeting @ 6pm Wesley Hall	17	18 5:30pm - Bells 7pm- Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	19 6AM Reunion Meeting 8:30am-10am Food Pantry 7:30pm - Troop 145	20 	21
22  10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm-Youth	23 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	24	25 See you at the pole! 5:30pm - Bells 7pm- Choir 7pm - Court of Honor Troop 45	26 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	27 	28
29 Chapel ~ 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm-Youth	30					

grow in grace

CHANGE SERVICES REQUESTED

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