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AUGUST 2026



A Letter From the Pastor

Over the past several months, our church leadership has spent a great deal of time praying, studying Scripture, and asking a simple question: "Lord, what kind of church are You calling us to become?" We were not necessarily looking for a change of direction or a new mission. Rather, we are seeking to clearly articulate what we believe God is communicating as His vision for our church.

A vision statement is simply a picture of the preferred future. It describes what we believe God is calling us to pursue together. It gives us direction and helps us stay focused on what matters most. It guides the decisions we make as a church. It keeps us from becoming content with simply maintaining what has always been. We do not want to become a church that merely exists. We want to always work towards becoming the church God desires us to be.

As church leadership discussed what was important to our church and the ways we believe God has gifted us and the passions we believe God has given us, 7 core values came out of those discussions. Then from those core values, with God's guidance, we formulated a vision statement. The vision statement states: Chatsworth First Methodist Church is a family of disciples who love deeply, grow faithfully, and make disciples who multiply to transform our community. It begins by labeling us both as family and disciples. We are more than an organization. We are more than people who happen to attend the same church on Sunday mornings. By God's grace, we are a family.

Then there are three simple phrases that I hope every one of us will commit to memory.

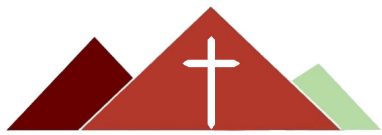
*Love Deeply- Because Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

*Grow Faithfully- Because God never intended for us to remain in the shallow end of faith. He calls every believer to grow into spiritual maturity.

*Make Disciples- Because mature disciples do not simply grow themselves, they help others follow Jesus, too. We want to become a church where disciples make disciples who make disciples.

This vision is not a slogan to admire but a calling to embrace. My prayer is that as we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, He will shape each of us—and our church—into a family of disciples who love deeply, grow faithfully, and make disciples who multiply to transform our community for His glory.

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



VISION STATEMENT

Chatsworth First Methodist Church is a family of disciples who love deeply, grow faithfully, and make disciples who multiply to transform our community.

Short Version: Love deeply-Grow Faithfully-Make Disciples

Through authentic relationships, intentional discipleship, and a shared mission, we seek to build a Christ-centered culture where love is demonstrated, lives are continually transformed for the glory of God, and faith is multiplied, allowing our community to be increasingly shaped by the transformative power of the Gospel.

***Love Deeply:** We envision a church empowered by the Holy Spirit and known for its genuine love for God and others. We desire to be a church family where every person is known, unconditionally loved, and invited into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. As we reflect the heart of Christ, we seek to love and serve our neighbors with compassion and grace, meeting their needs and being a visible expression of God's love in our community. Through our words and actions, we strive to share the hope of the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love to all.

***Grow Faithfully:** We envision a church where people are devoted to growing faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ and bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. As a community of believers, we desire a church where all are invited into a relationship with Jesus Christ that transforms every part of life by the grace of God. Together, we seek continual spiritual growth so that our lives increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

***Make Disciples:** We envision a church that intentionally invests in others, multiplying disciples across generations. Through intentional discipleship and a shared commitment to Christ's mission, we seek to create a culture where faith is passed on, lives are transformed, and people are equipped to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to make disciples who make disciples, so that our church, community, and future generations are increasingly shaped by the transforming power of the Gospel.

Core Principles

1. Discipleship and Spiritual Growth
2. Love
3. Community and Belonging
4. Service and Meeting Needs
5. Outreach, Evangelism, and Mission
6. Welcoming and Hospitality
7. Equipping and Raising Leaders



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
August 2	2 Timothy 3	Deeper Discipleship: Bible Reading
August 9	Hebrews 10:23-24	Deeper Discipleship: Worship/Faith Community
August 16	1 Peter 4:1-11	Deeper Discipleship: Serving
August 23	Luke 10:1-24	Deeper Discipleship: Sent
August 30	2 Corinthians 9	Deeper Discipleship: Giving



HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



10:30AM Worship Service

Covered Dish Lunch to Follow
Please bring a covered dish and dessert to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30	Roadrunners to Southern Museum
August 2	Youth Swimming
August 3	Preschool Open House
August 9	Children's Ministry Nerf N Nachos
August 11	Methodist Women Meeting
August 16	Methodist Men Meeting
August 16	Bridal Shower Gift Card Basket
August 16	Youth Lunch & Nooga Splash
August 18	Roadrunners Trip to Southern Museum
August 25	Joyful Journey Bible Study Begins
August 30	Prayer Over Upcoming School Year
September 3	GriefShare Begins
September 6	Christmas Cantata Practice Begins
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	The Academy School Year Begins
September 14	CFMC Preschool Begins
September 20	Homecoming

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Through August we will be collecting school supplies. See the below list of supplies needed. Donations can be dropped off at the entry foyer on Sundays or the office during weekly hours.

Three Ring Binders

Composition Notebooks

Three-Pronged Folders

Pencil Boxes

Pens

Pencils

Thin Expo Markers (black)

Clorox/Lysol wipes

Kleenex boxes

Paper towels

Hand sanitizer





MINISTRIES

CFMC YOUTH GROUP SUMMER 2026

ALL 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

AUG. 2
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-2:00
Swimming and Lunch at the Griffins (FREE)

AUG. 16
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-7:00PM LUNCH &
'NOOGA SPLASH' AT CHESTER FROST PARK IN HIXSON, TN. (\$30)

PLEASE CONTACT MS. MANDY WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH FUNDS TO ATTEND ANY ACTIVITIES. 706-537-2185

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. FOREVER.

YOUTH T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

The shirts will be a shade of Army Green. Orders can be given to Kathy Ballew.

CHATSWORTH FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
EST. 1905
CFMC

\$20 Short Sleeve
\$25 Long Sleeve

BACK OF SHIRT....FULL BACK

CHATSWORTH First Methodist Church

PRESCHOOL PRAYER PARTNERS

Please consider making the commitment to pray for a preschooler and their family throughout the school year.

If you would like to be a Preschool Prayer Partner, please contact Sandy Griffin or Pastor Graham.

CHATSWORTH First Methodist Church

STRENGTH TO STAND

First Methodist Student Ministry
Love God
Love Others
Serve All
Chatsworth

STRENGTH TO STAND 2027

JANUARY 16-18, 2027 (MLK WEEKEND)
PIGEON FORGE, TN
COST: \$225 PER PERSON

DEADLINE TO RSVP: OCTOBER 1, 2026
SAVE YOUR SPOT BY PAYING YOUR \$25 DEPOSIT BY: AUG. 30
REMAINING BALANCE: PAID IN FULL BY JAN. 3, 2027

PRICE INCLUDES: CONFERENCE TICKET, LODGING, AND 4 MEALS
(YOU WILL NEED CASH/CARD FOR 3 MEALS)
SEE MS. MANDY WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON.

BE IN PRAYER ABOUT IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GO.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
NERF N NACHOS

2:30
NERF WAR with NACHOS!

FUN • FRIENDS • FAITH • NACHOS
DON'T MISS IT!



MINISTRIES

Methodist Men's Meeting

Sunday, August 16 @ 8:00AM



The Roadrunners bus will leave the church at **12:30** on **Tuesday, August 18**, with Dalton's Oakwood Cafe, known for hearty portions of traditional meat and three home cooking plus order from the menu comfort food, as our initial destination. After lunch we will go a short distance south on HWY 41 for our visit to The Retro Bowl of Dalton. We will plan to bowl two to three games. We plan to return to the church around 5:00pm.

Cost for this trip will be shoe rental of \$4.00 and each game played is \$5.00. We will have the usual collection for driver's lunch and gas to refill the bus.

Please text or call Deborah Yarbrough at 706-671-7169 by Sunday, August 16 if you plan to go.

Remember, everyone is a Roadrunner and all are welcome to participate if there is room on the bus. To keep the trips as economical as possible, we will cancel any 2026 trip if there are less than 10 bus riders signed up by the reservation deadline.

THE JOYFUL JOURNEY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"How Much More"
by Lisa Harper

In this 7-session Bible study, you'll discover divine love in the often overlooked and misunderstood passages in Scripture. And you'll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us!

**Meets every other Tuesday @
6PM Beginning August 25**

Book Cost: \$25 (or free)





MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS
CANTATA REHEARSAL

We welcome anyone who would like to join us in the choir! It is a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we prepare to sing of the joy and blessing of the birth of Jesus!

Sunday Evenings 5 PM
Beginning September 6th



GriefShare
Grief Support Group

A safe space to heal together
You are not alone

Thursdays
4:30-6:30PM
9/3/26 - 12/10/26
\$20 Book Fee

See Paula Catoe or
contact the church
office for more
details



**KING'S
CLOTHESLINE**

Free Clothing for All Ages
Summer Schedule 2-4:00 PM

July 30
August 27




MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Ralph Ausmus	Saturday Sacks	Pat, David, & Earl Ausmus
Steve & Lisa Loughridge	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt
Joe & Tina Keith	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt



PRAYER REQUESTS

Jolynn Green- has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer that is stage 4. She will begin chemo tomorrow. She will have 3 treatments spaced out 21 days apart. Please pray for her and her family.

Sybil Walls (Terry Walls)- Terry's mother had surgery to remove a small cancerous spot in her breast. She will also do radiation for a small spot on her lip.

Emily Hillhouse (Paula Catoe)- had surgery to remove her thyroid and all of the lymph nodes on her right side. She will begin radiation.

Ray Catoe (Paula Catoe)- will have surgery to remove a rod in his leg on Monday, July 27. The rod needs to be removed in order for him to have knee surgery.

Gage Southerland (Melissa Sneads)- Melissa's great nephew is beginning radiation for his ongoing battle with cancer.

Ellie (Melissa Sneads)- a child who goes to church with Gage has been diagnosed with cancer.

Jim Peeples (Lynne Lowman)- was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and bilateral pleural effusions and possibly congestive heart failure. He is on oxygen to help his levels. He lives in North Carolina.

Gary Otts (Bonnie Otts)- will have surgery for brain fluid leak on August 5 at Northside Hospital in Canton.

Loretta Otts (Gary & Bonnie Otts) - Gary's sister is dealing with a kidney infection.

Dale Lowman- will have a biopsy on his prostate on August 3.

Emmet Gentry - Cody Mohler's brother had surgery to replace a heart valve. He is in need of a heart transplant due to endocarditis and this surgery is intended to give him more time until that can happen.

Becky Haddock- fell on her left side at her home. There is no damage, but she is very sore and in pain.

Ellie Lyles (Sara Lyles) - has a broken toe. They are hopeful that surgery will not be needed. Please pray for no infections and for surgery to not be needed.

Suzanne Holingsworth (Bill Green) - is doing well following a heart ablation.

Ted Jones (Melodie Burger) - UPDATE is back home from the hospital but needs continued prayers.

Dan Long (Nancy Long)- The family sends their thanks for all the church has done. Continue to pray.

Barbara Benford - doing better. The Family sends their gratitude for all the church has provided.

Michael Chaffe (Shannon and Hugh Eighmie's brother-in-law) - ongoing cancer battle.

Jase Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments.

Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick) - continued prayers for ongoing health challenges.

Donna Liesenfeld (Lynn Lowman's step-sister)- continued prayers for battle with cancer.

Lynn Lowman - continued prayers for back.

Lisa Peeples (Lynn Lowman's Sister-in-law) - has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for her.

Pray for Christians who are persecuted, especially Christians in Nigeria where persecution is severe.

Donna Walden - has cirrhosis of the liver.

Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer.

Congratulations:

Young Family- Andrew Lee Young was born on June 25 to Aaron and Brittany Young. Congratulations to the proud parents, as well as grandparents Mike and Judy Young and great-grandmother Carolyn Brayfield.

Jackson Family- James Ke'Darius Jackson II was born on June 28 to Hannah and James Jackson.

Congratulations to the proud parents as well as grandparents Mitchell and Lynne Long.

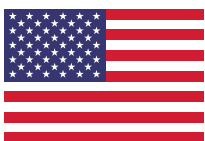
Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Zeb Burt - Zeb was a 12-year-old who died in a tragic accident at his home. He was an alumni of our preschool. Please pray for the family.

Henry Lauer - David Roth's uncle. Please pray for the family.

Jamie (Laurie Roth's former stepdaughter) - Please pray for the family.

Joan Willis - Dale Lowman's aunt died on July 15. Please pray for Dale and his family.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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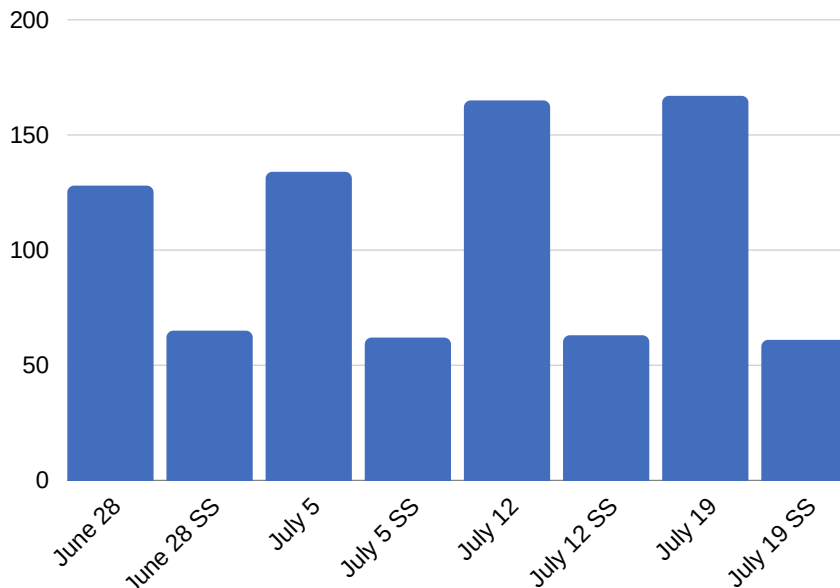
Flowers for the Sanctuary

August 2 James Adams
 August 9 Linda Smith
 August 16 Ronnie & Tammie Henderson
 August 23 James Greeson
 August 30 Paula Catoe

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Aug 2	Shawn Davis	Brenda Chapman	Help Needed
Aug 9	Help Needed	Julie Arp	Anna Holcomb
Aug 16	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
Aug 23	Laura Sparks	Lesley Herndon	Rhonda Kilgore
Aug 30	Help Needed	Christie Rainey	Deborah Yarbrough

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 7/19/2026)

MTD - \$23,487.10

YTD - \$180,273.73

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

Belize School Children Lunches

Good Samaritan Fund

Youth Mission Trip to Belize

BIRTHDAYS

August 2 Frank Ward
 August 2 Ted Yarbrough
 August 3 Matt Butler
 August 4 Amy Burger
 August 4 Haley Payne
 August 7 Rhett Griffin
 August 8 Ellie Lyles
 August 12 Debbie Adams
 August 13 Cynthia Flanigan
 August 13 Amy Petty
 August 15 Thomas Petty
 August 17 Ray Catoe
 August 17 Lou Burchfield
 August 19 Josiah Arp
 August 20 Denise Pugh
 August 24 Luke Lyles
 August 25 Graham Arp
 August 26 Tanise Pritchett
 August 27 Deb Hahn
 August 31 Judy Young