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JUNE 2026



A Letter From the Pastor

I am optimistic. When I think about the problems of this world, when I think about the issues people I know are dealing with, when I think about my own challenges, I am optimistic. I believe that is the only option I have. It is not that I do not have the option to be pessimistic. It is just that optimism is the only option that aligns with my faith. I am optimistic. And I think you should be optimistic, too.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Christian optimism is not denial of reality. It is confidence that God is still at work even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Faith gives us assurance that God's promises are true before we see them fulfilled.

Why is optimism the only option that aligns with our faith? Because our God is more powerful than anything else and our God is at work to accomplish His goals. The kingdom we serve is already victorious and will be the only kingdom that lasts.

One of the many important reasons to daily read the Bible is to renew our optimism. In the Bible we find God's people rescued from slavery in Egypt when all hope seemed lost. We find the Red Sea parted. We find a shepherd boy defeating a giant with a stone launched by a sling in faith that God would provide the victory. We find Daniel walking out of the lions' den, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walking out of a fiery furnace. We find a man killing Christians one day, and the next day that same man Paul embarks on a journey to evangelize the world for Christ. We find the church spreading throughout the known world against all odds. Most important of all, we find that the evil plan to kill the Son of God was transformed by God into the way of salvation for all who place their faith in Jesus Christ. How can we not be optimistic?

Faith is confidence in what we hope for. Because of that, how can we not be optimistic?

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
June 7	1 Samuel 19	A Heart in the Making: Facing Adversity
June 14	1 Samuel 20	A Heart in the Making: Friendship
June 21	1 Samuel 22	A Heart in the Making: Living in the Wilderness
June 28	Joel 2	*Guest Preacher Mandy Ledford* Built to Survive: Dandy as a Dandelion



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 4-6 GMC Annual Conference
- June 7-28 Lemonade & Cookies on the Lawn
- June 14 Youth Swimming
- June 21 Father's Day Cookies
- June 28 Youth Picnic
- July 5 Independence Day Lunch
- June 10 Children's Ministry @ The Splash Pad
- July 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- June 18 Roadrunners Trip
- July 24 - 27 Youth Church Camp @ Global
- June 30 VBS Work Day
- August 2 Youth Swimming
- August 16 Youth Lunch & Nooga Splash
- August 9 Children's Ministry Nerf N Nachos
- September 8 The Academy School Year Begins
- September 14 Preschool Begins

Baptism

CHATS WORTH First Methodist Church

Baptism Celebration

We celebrate with Chelsea Ford who was baptized on Sunday, May 17th.

I wanted to thank the church as a whole for the overwhelming support I received for my baptism. It was a day I will never forget! Church members came back through the line just to speak and congratulate me if they "missed" me while I was changing after baptism. That was so incredible to me, that I meant that much to someone I had never met. My family and I feel so blessed to be a part of this special church and want to say thank you for welcoming us with open arms.

- CHELSEA FORD



MINISTRIES

LEMONADE & COOKIES
On the Lawn



June 7, 14, 21, 28
Following the
11:00 Service.



BABY SHOWER
GIFT CARD BASKET

Sunday, June 7

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US IN
BLESSING JAMES & HANNAH (LONG)
JACKSON WITH GIFT CARDS AS THEY
PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF THEIR
FIRST CHILD, A BABY BOY.



Roadrunners Trip

JUNE 18TH

9:00AM - 2:00PM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LOCAL FLAVOR, GREAT FOOD & GOOD COMPANY!

DELANO FARMER'S MARKET
and FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT
IN ETOWAH, TN

Fresh Produce Local Goods & More!

SUPPORT LOCAL

PLEASE TEXT OR CALL
DEBORAH YARBROUGH AT 706-671-7169

by **Sunday, JUNE 14**



June 21st
Father's Day

All men in our worship services on Father's Day will receive a gift of a box of assorted cookies



It is time for our trip to the Delano Community Farmers Market. We will leave the church at 9:00 am on THURSDAY, June 18. Our first stop will be the market owned and run by an Old Order Mennonite Community. They are known for fresh fruits and vegetables, but also have the best fresh baked goods in east Tennessee! Note we are moving the trip to THURSDAY in an attempt to get in on the nearly world-famous cinnamon rolls. We will have about an hour of shopping time in the market. We will also make a brief stop at the nearby cheese store. Our last stop will be the Farm House Restaurant in Etowah, Tennessee. The menu offers American favorites ranging from meat and three vegetables plates to specialties ordered from the large menu and prepared just for you. The décor is rustic country and you truly feel as if you are eating in a farm house from many years past. Desserts are one of their specialties! We will return to the church around 2:00pm.

Cost for this trip will be gas to refill the bus and our usual collection for the driver's lunch. You will be responsible for items purchased at the market and your own lunch.

KING'S CLOTHESLINE

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

June 25
July 30
August 27





MINISTRIES

CFMC
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

SPLASH PAD

SUNDAY, JULY 10
4:30 - 6:00 PM

FREE EVENT!!
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
651 HYDEN TYLER RD



JUNE 30TH

VBS

WORK DAY



2 - 4:30 PM

CFMC

YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER 2026

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

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. FOREVER.

JUNE 14
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-2:00
Swimming and Lunch at the Griffins (FREE)

JUNE 28
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12:00-2:00
Picnic @Chats. City Park
(Frisbee/Football/Cornhole/Games)

JULY 12-16 SUN.-THURS.
Youth Volunteer @VBS

CHURCH CAMP:
JULY 24-27 FRI-MON
GLOBAL YOUTH CAMP @
FORT MOUNTAIN RETREAT CENTER
\$310 PER PERSON • SIGN UP DEADLINE &
\$100 DEPOSIT DUE BY: JUNE 14TH

REMAINING BALANCE OF: \$210 IS DUE BY: SUN. JULY 12TH
— SEE MS. MANDY —

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

DON'T MISS OUT ON SUMMER FUN!
GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS

JULY 12TH-16TH
6:00-8:15PM
4 YEARS - RISING 6TH GRADE

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

SIGN UP AT myvbs.org/cfmc | CONTACT **Ms. Rachel** with questions

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 Prayer Kneeler



The Methodist Men have donated a prayer kneeler for the front of the church. They have dedicated it to God and for the use of our community. This is a place where anyone can come to pray any time. It is as much for the community as for the church. It shows that we believe in the power of prayer. Thank you to the Methodist Men for this wonderful contribution.



MEMORIALS

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Barbara Grider	Youth Fund	Filbert Lewis
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Carlton Peeples
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Jere Weyman
Rachel Ridley	Saturday Sacks	Novis Davis
Calvin & Melody Burger	The Academy	Keith Franklin



PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Benford- fell on April 20 on her deck due to a rotten board breaking when she stepped on it. She broke her left leg and right shoulder. She had surgery that night. She is recovering at Hamilton Hospital.

Ben Hefner (Melissa's Cousin) - Recovering from colon resection surgery.

Lacey Burger (Melodie Burger)- has finished chemo treatments.

Ms. Irene Carter (Dave Robinson) - COPD

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

Jace Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments.

Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick)- recovery from a fractured a vertebra. She is staying with her son in Watkinsville.

Lisa Hughes (Jeff Hughes) - is in ICU at Hamilton Hospital. She was dehydrated and experiencing low kidney function and metabolic acidosis. Please pray for her recovery.

Cade Lance (Shawn Davis)- PRAISE Cade is home from a year in the Middle East in the Army. The last 3 he has been serving in the war with Iraq as a nurse in a hospital.

Baby Ezekiel Isaac Lyles- was born on May 28 to Sara & Nick Lyles. Congratulations!

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

Lynn Lowman- Continued prayers for back.

Blakelie Martin (Shawn Davis) - had her tonsils and adenoids removed.

Rachel McCall (Wesley Herndon)- recovery from kidney infection.

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.

Kevin Schmidt - his left eye was injured while playing basketball. It required surgery to repair. Please pray for full healing and for no lasting vision issues.

Eileen Simmons (Melissa Sneads)- Eileen is home on Hospice. Husband Bob passed away.

Virginia Summey (Dave Robinson) - Hip Replacement, in a nursing home.

Donna Walden- has cirrhosis of the liver.

Tanis Watlington (David Robinson) - Bone Marrow Cancer.

Susan Williams (Amy's Mother & Melissa Sneads Sister) - hip replacement surgery in Calhoun on June 4th.

Jimmie Witherow (Melissa Sneads)- needs hip replacement surgery but has to gain some wait first.

Floyd Woods (Dave Robinson) - has ALS.

Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Micheal Tedder - Bobby & Janice Harris's friend died on May 9. Please pray for his wife and family.

Scott Miller - Bryan Dorries's friend died unexpectedly on May 17. He was 53 years old. Please pray for his family and friends.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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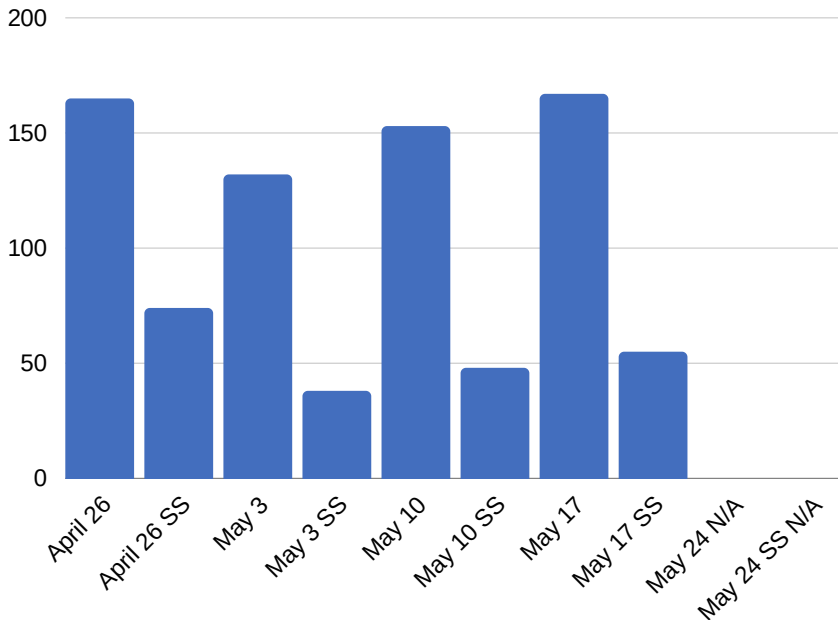
Flowers for the Sanctuary

June 7 Dave & Lori Roth
 June 14 Shawn Davis & Holly
 June 21 David & Gayle Bean
 June 28 Dave Robinson

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
June 7	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Anna Holcomb
June 14	HELP NEEDED	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
June 21	Paula Catoe	Sandy Griffin	Mary Ann Black
June 28	Laura Sparks	Christie Rainey	Jaimey Mohler

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 5/24/2026)

MTD - 23,124.00

YTD - 129,130.93

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

**Murray County Next Step
 Belize School Children Lunches
 Good Samaritan Fund**

BIRTHDAYS

June 4 Jak Ford
 June 9 Gage Flanigan
 June 10 Melodie Burger
 June 11 Cole Townsend
 June 17 Gayle Bean
 June 17 Ophelia Hall
 June 18 Michael Loughridge
 June 19 Dana Bryson
 June 19 Rhonda Kilgore
 June 21 Chelsea Ford
 June 21 Jordan Griffin
 June 21 Marla Sanford
 June 23 Daniel Howard
 June 24 Bill Black
 June 24 Lilly Walls
 June 28 Lynne Long