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SEPTEMBER 2026



A Letter From the Pastor

Are you swimming in the deep end of faith? Or are you still swimming in the shallow end? Maybe you are trying your best to develop the skills needed to swim in the deep end.

Over the past several weeks, we have been talking about Deeper Discipleship. We have focused on what it means to go deeper in our prayer, Bible reading, worship, community, serving, sharing the Gospel, and giving. These are important practices, but there is something even more important than the practices themselves.

The invitation Jesus offer is simple: "Follow me." (Matthew 4:19) That invitation is about much more than believing certain things about Jesus. It is an invitation to be in close relationship with Him and build our lives around Him. It is an invitation to learn from Him, trust Him, obey Him, and increasingly reflect His character. That is why discipleship requires depth.

A shallow faith may be satisfied with simply attending church, knowing a few Bible verses, and identifying as a Christian. Yet, deeper discipleship desires more. Much more.

The goal of deeper discipleship is not simply to do more. The goal is faithfulness to God as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through our faithfulness, we cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and open ourselves up to the transformation He is doing in our lives.

As a church, we strive for deeper faith as a family. We want to be a family of disciples who love deeply, grow faithfully, and make disciples who multiply to transform our community.

Our desire to love deeply grows as we spend time with God in prayer and in His Word, as we invest our lives in the church and as we serve.

Our desire to grow faithfully comes from recognizing that following Jesus is a lifelong journey. Growth is a daily process that requires us staying connected to the lifegiving vine. (John 15:5)

And our commitment to make disciples flows naturally from a life that is being transformed by Jesus. When we have experienced the good news of Christ, we want others to experience it too. We do not simply want to become deeper disciples. We want to help others become disciples who grow deeper as well.

So as this sermon series comes to an end, my hope is not that we simply remember a few sermons or check a few spiritual practices off a list. My prayer is that we will keep going deeper.

Blessings,
Pastor Graham



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sermons

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Sept 6	1 Peter 2:1-10	Out of Darkness Into Marvelous Light
Sept 13	1 Peter 2:11-25	Live Such Good Lives Among the Pagans
Sept 20		HOMEcoming
Sept 27	Revelation 1	A Vision and Warnings for the Church



HOMEcoming
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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10:30AM Worship Service

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6 Christmas Cantata Practice Begins
- September 7 Labor Day
- September 8 The Academy Begins
- September 8 Methodist Women Meeting
- September 13 Methodist Men Meeting
- September 14 CFMC Preschool Begins
- September 17 GriefShare Begins
- September 20 Homecoming Service @ 10:30am
- October 11 Youth Sunday
- October 12 Columbus Day
- October 17 Methodist Men BBQ
- October 25 Pastor Appreciation Lunch
- October 28 Preschool Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Halloween
- November 1 Time Change/Fall Back
- November 1 All Saints Sunday
- November 1 District Charge Conference

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

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MINISTRIES

Midweek Kids

BACK TO school! WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
LUKE 19:1-10

FIESTA! WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
ACTS 2
6:30 - 7:45 PM in the Gym
Ages Preschool - 5th Grade
Questions: Contact Rachel (404) 433-0517

STRENGTH TO STAND 2027

First Methodist Student Ministry Chatsworth

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

DEADLINE TO RSVP: OCTOBER 1, 2026	PRICE INCLUDES: CONFERENCE TICKET, LODGING, AND 4 MEALS (YOU WILL NEED CASH/CARD FOR 3 MEALS)
SAVE YOUR SPOT BY PAYING YOUR \$25 DEPOSIT BY: AUG. 30	SEE MS. MANDY WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
REMAINING BALANCE: PAID IN FULL BY JAN. 3, 2027	REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON.

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

Young Women's Bible Study

"How Much More"
by Lisa Harper

This study is focused on the redemptive love of God, that we'll get to explore in both the new and the old testament.

Meets Every Other Wednesday @ 6:30 PM Beginning Septmeber 9

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YOUTH GROUP

RESUMES WEEKLY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
6:00-8:00PM

CFMC

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE 7 MIRACLES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Explore the miraculous moments in John's Gospel that reveal who Jesus is, what He came to do, and how His power and compassion still speak to our lives today.

7	- Water to Wine - Healing the Official's Son - Healing the Man Born Blind - Walking on Water	- Feeding the 5,000 - Healing at the Pool of Bethesda - Raising Lazarus
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ALL ARE WELCOME! | COME GROW WITH US! | CFMC

Sunday YOUTH Service

DATE: October 11th

1 Timothy 4:12: Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Join Us!

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Tuesday, September 8
11:00 AM
Methodist Women
Knitting Group
will meet at 10AM

Methodist Men's Meeting

Sunday, September 13 @ 8:00AM



SATURDAY SACKS



BEGINS ON SEPT 17TH

THURSDAYS
AT 1:00 PM
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 17



11:00AM-2:00PM

METHODIST MENS BBQ

ONE-HALF GRILLED CHICKEN,
HOMEMADE BAKED BEANS, & COLESLAW

\$10 Tickets available from
Methodist Men members
or the church office



KING'S CLOTHESLINE

Free Clothing for All Ages

THURSDAYS

Beginning September 10th

2-4:00 PM



GriefShare

Grief Support Group

A safe space to heal together
You are not alone



Thursdays
4:30-6:30PM
9/17/26 - 12/10/26
\$20 Book Fee

See Paula Catoe
or contact the
church office for
more details





MINISTRIES



The Roadrunners bus will leave the church at **9:00** on **Tuesday, September 22**, with Ocoee Riverside Farm and Ocoee Dam Deli as our destinations. The Ocoee Riverside Farm is a family operated 30-acre farm with a petting zoo and kangaroo encounters. The Ocoee Dam Deli is a cozy diner dishing out hearty eats such as fried catfish, country fried steak, burgers, and other sandwiches.

Cost for this trip will be **\$35.00** (includes petting zoo and kangaroo encounter). Each person will be responsible for their own lunch at the deli plus we will have the usual collection for driver's lunch and gas to refill the bus. Bus should return to church by midafternoon.

Please have your money to Deborah Yarbrough by September 1 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.



MEMORIALS

Donor	Fund	In Memory
Rhett & Sandy Griffin	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Operations	Virginia Arp
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Operations	Keith Franklin
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Operations	Filbert Lewis
Ted & Deborah Yarbrough	Operations	Emma Lou Grant
Joe & Tina Keith	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt
Winston & Tamara Massengale	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt
Russell & Jennifer Headrick	Zeb Burt Scholarship Fund	Zeb Burt



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynn Lowman - Payers for kidney issues and upcoming doctor's appointment.

Jolynn Green- has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer that is stage 4. She is undergoing treatment. She has created a **CaringBridge.org** page for those who would like to receive updates.

Jeanette Greeson (Laura Greeson)- is now home on hospice care. As she nears the end of her earthly journey, please pray for God's peace, comfort, and presence to surround Jeanette 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.

Ray Catoe (Paula Catoe) - prayers for continued recovery from surgery to remove a rod in his leg.

Chris Rosser (Judy Young) - UPDATE doctor said he is sure Chris does not have ALS. Instead, he has compressed discs in his back that are causing the symptoms.

Gary Otts (Bonnie Otts)- had his stitches removed from recent surgery. He received a good brain biopsy report.

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

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.

Jase Chastain (Mary Ann Black) - cancer treatments.

Joyce Craft (Mary Nathan Kendrick) - is in the hospital due to low sodium and low potassium. She has been there since Tuesday.

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

Dan Long - does not need the fusion surgery. He goes back in 4 weeks for more x-rays, and the doctor will determine if he needs kyphoplasty, which involves filling the empty space with a cement-like substance.

Butch & Melissa Webb (Melissa Sneads)- Butch had a kidney transplant. His wife, Melissa, was the donor. Prayers for recovery.

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.

Tanis Pritchett - prayers for ongoing health and recovery from intestinal issues.

Sheila Clouser (Shannon Eighmie)- Shannon's aunt has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Michael Chaffe (Shannon Eighmie)- Shannon's brother-in-law is now cancer free!

Rachel Ridley - is recovering from a fall. She had to get staples in her head. She also bruised her neck and leg.

Congratulations:

Channing Lynn Sanford was born yesterday at 7:11pm to Morgan and Chase Sanford! Mom and baby are doing well. Baby Channing weighs 7lbs 8oz and 19" in length. Congratulations to Morgan and Chase, as well as grandparents Rhett and Sandy Griffin and great-grandmother Lynn Cochran.

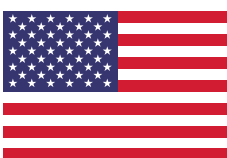
Christian Sympathy is Extended to the Family of:

Family of Carol Harden - Ruth Woods's sister-in-law (Bill's younger sister) died unexpectedly on Saturday from kidney issues. Please pray for her son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Alice, as well as her granddaughter Brooklyn.

Family of James Smith - (Terry Walls's Uncle) Prayers for the family during this time of loss.

Family of Yvonne "Snooks" Thomas (Melissa Sneads) - Snooks died on August 8. Please pray for her family.

Family of Kathleen Day (Graham & Julie Arp)-Kathleen died suddenly and unexpectedly. She was the daughter of dear friends of Graham & Julie. She was 47 years old and leaves behind a 7-year-old daughter.



Please remember all of our active military members.



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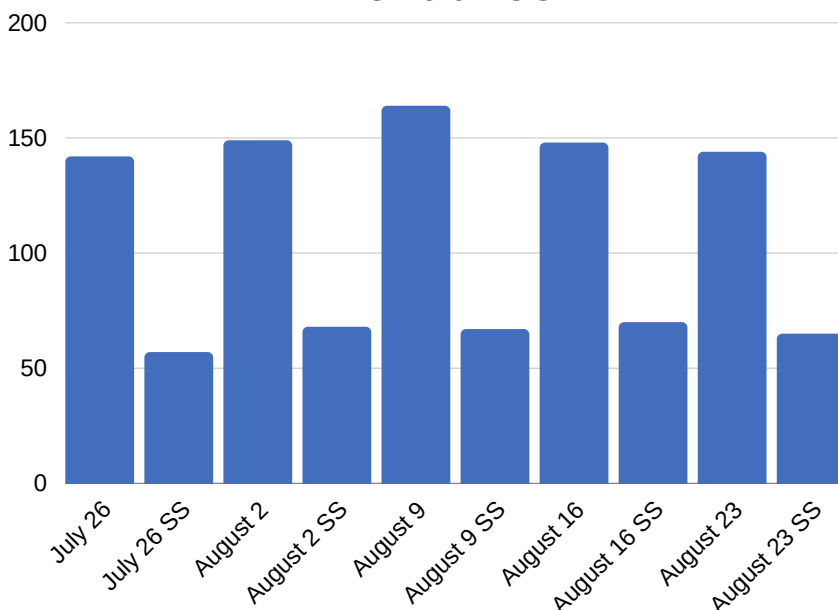
Flowers for the Sanctuary

Sept 6 Kate & Charlie Pannell
 Sept 13 Terry & Jackie Edwards
 Sept 20 Kathy Ballew
 Sept 27 OPEN

Nursery Schedule

Date	9AM	10AM	11AM
Sept 6	Shawn Davis	Lisa Loughridge	Anna Holcomb
Sept 13	Paula Catoe	Julie Arp	Nancy Long
Sept 20	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker	Nursery Worker
Sept 27	Laura Sparks	Lesley Herndon	Deborah Yarbrough

Attendance



Stewardship

Operations (As of 8/23/2026)

MTD - \$23,398.79

YTD - \$207,208.02

Giving Opportunities

Saturday Sacks

Murray County Next Step

Belize School Children Lunches

Good Samaritan Fund

Youth Mission Trip to Belize

BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Henry Holcomb
 September 4 Melissa Sneads
 September 5 Lisa Jones
 September 8 Joyce Craft
 September 13 David Green
 September 14 Lou Walls
 September 16 Tommy Kendrick
 September 18 Kellie Payne
 September 18 Sandy Griffin
 September 19 Bonnie Otts
 September 22 Nick Lyles
 September 22 Braelynn Moore
 September 22 Jackson Pannell
 September 22 Jeff Davis
 September 25 Barbara Benford
 September 27 Wayne McDaniel
 September 28 Barbara Grider
 September 30 Anna Holcomb
 September 30 Jackie Elbert
 September 30 Bill Green
 September 30 Anna Holcomb