
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH STANTON

2025 Newsletter



LETTER FROM PASTOR BOBBY

Greetings First Methodist Stanton Family!

God Invites Himself Into Everyone's Lives

Last Month I preached a sermon on the story of Zacchaeus found in Luke 19:1-10. This story contains what many call the theme verse of Luke Gospel, Luke 19:10, which reads, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Just like with Jesus inviting himself into Zacchaeus' house for dinner, Jesus invites himself into our lives. He doesn't wait to be invited into our lives before offering each person the gift of his grace and love. We Methodists call this "Prevenient Grace." It is the grace of God that comes before we know Him and that leads us to know Him through the Holy Spirit.

I personally find it amazing that God invites Himself into the lives of every person that has lived, is alive, and will ever live. A self invitation goes against our sensibilities as modern Americans, but I think Jesus' example with Zacchaeus is instructive for us. God calls the church (we're the church, not the building) to go out into the world around us to help our neighbors awaken to the God who has already invited Himself into their lives. This sounds good, but the question of how we do this remains...

Wilma Stirl recently shared this devotional with me, and it offers the answer to how we help our neighbors awaken to a self-invited God.

Hand It On!

"How can the church grow?" I hear this question all the time. Because my ministry is primarily with young adults, another question I get is "How do we get young people to come to our church?" My answer is always the same: "There is no gimmick or scheme that will lure people into the church, so stop trying to find one."

"Paul certainly didn't have one! Paul had a story to tell, and he told it to anyone who would listen. He told his story about Jesus in synagogues and market squares, in people's homes, along the roads, and on the high seas."

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“We have a story to tell—a compelling story of God’s grace and love in Christ and how that grace and love frees us to be who God created us to be. So the question is not, ‘How do we get people to come to us?’ It’s ‘How do we go to them?’ It’s ‘How do we get to them?’ ‘How can we build relationships?’ The answer to all these is, ‘Learn people’s stories,’ ‘Tell our story,’ ‘Discover where God is at work in our lives.’ This is proclaiming the good news and handing it on!”

Our stories of God’s love and grace are the invitation we can offer to our neighbors. It is my prayer that we go out and share them. We have the greatest TRUE story in history working in our lives right now! The story of God’s love and grace in your life is compelling, because God’s love is already at work in your neighbor’s life.

So church, who can you go and share your story with today?

Looking Forward

We have some exciting things coming up for our children and youth ministries. We will have Vacation Bible School from June 15th-June 18th. Be sure to invite anyone you know with children ages 4 years old to rising 6th graders to come and attend. In July we will be sending many children and youth to church camps at Ceta Canyon and Camp Butman. Please be in prayer for VBS and the camps and those attending may experience God’s love and come to know Him more deeply!

Prayer Focus For This Month

Please Pray For:

Vacation Bible School—June 15-18

Pray VBS will be a time of sharing the good news of Jesus and God’s love with the children in our community. (Also pray for our volunteers)

*God Bless,
Pastor Bobby*

FMC FINANCIAL

Overview



☒ MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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INCOME

Income	AMOUNT
April 2025	\$94,329.85
May 2025	\$570,549.20
Year To Date	\$1,301,886.47

Online giving



Set Recurring
Donations
or
One Time donations

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FMC Stanton

UPCOMING EVENTS

FMC Events

June 2nd - Playground Reserved 2-4pm
June 15th-18th VBS
June 21st - Spirit Wind Convert FMC Sanctuary
June 24th- Emmaus Board Meeting @ Fellowship
June 25th - Youth Group @ Rockhounds

MAC Events

June 1st - FMC Ladies Night 4pm
June 26th - Movie Night
June 28th - Dining Hall reserved 8am

Committee Meetings

June 3rd - AD Council 6:00
June 8th - N.O.W Meeting following Worship

Chrysalis Meetings

June 7th- Meeting -8am @ Fellowship Hall FMC
June 19th - Meeting 7pm @ Fellowship Hall FMC
June 24th- 5:30pm Chrysalis Birthday @ MAC



YOUTH MISSION TRIP RUIDOSO, NM

May 25th-30th our Youth group has partnered with U.M Army & other surrounding churches to help rebuild after the floods & fires that devastated Ruidoso last year. Apart from that they are also getting Sacramento Camp ready for their summer camps by helping with needed projects! FMC took 8 youth & 2 adults!



METHODIST ACTIVITY CENTER

On April 27th First Methodist Church celebrated the Grand Opening of the Methodist Activity Center! Pictured (Laurie Fleckenstein, Ricky Fleckenstein, Pastor Bobby Wilson)



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Our Director of Family Life & Missions
/ Youth Pastor Karis Carstensen
graduated from West Texas A&M
University with a Bachelor of Science in
General Studies. Karis' future plan is to
continue her education in Seminary.



SENIOR SUNDAY



GRADUATION SUNDAY

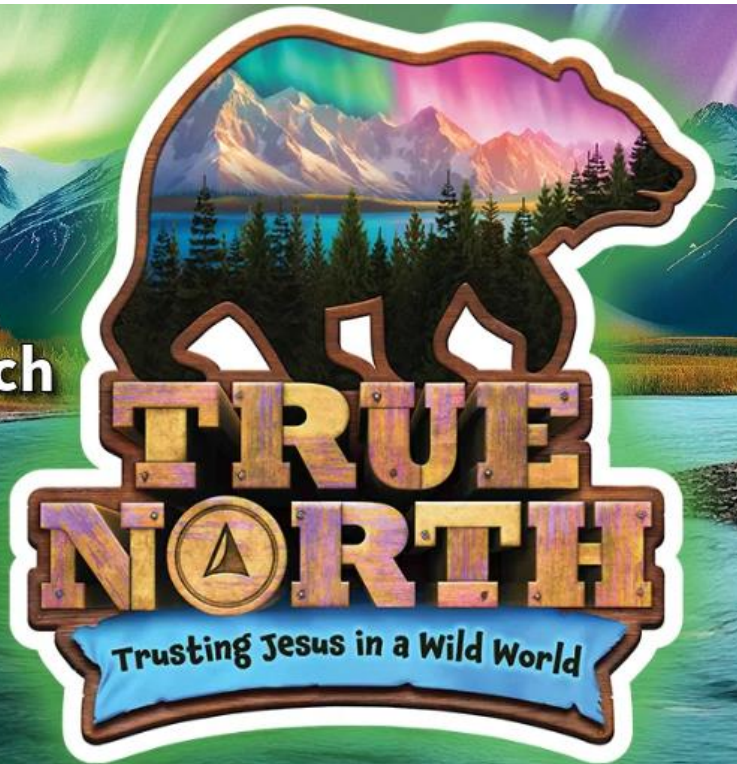
**Class of
2025**

First Methodist Church
Stanton, Texas



**Vacation Bible
School At
First Methodist Church**

**June 15th - 18th
5:30pm-8:30pm**



THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your precious prayers and many kindnesses shown to us during the past few months. Hopefully we will be among you again for worship before long. God has been so gracious to us.

In Christ's love,

Bob and Martha Mathews

FMC PRAYER'S NEEDED

Colton Collier

Kolter Gray

Luann Shipman

Waltor & Linda Taylor

