# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH STANTON

2025 Newsletter



### LETTER FROM PASTOR BOBBY

Greetings First Methodist Stanton Family!

### Fall is Coming Upon Us! (even if it still feels like summer)

Our school year ministries have kicked back up and going strong! We had our Blessing of the Backpacks for our students and school employees going back to school. We also celebrated Promotion Sunday where we welcomed our children and youth into their new age-level discipleship groups. We gave each one a new bible that matches the curriculum they will be using.

Wednesday Night Encounter started off great with our kick off party on August 20th and we had an amazing community concert at the MAC the next Wednesday with Christian recording artist, Justin Gambino! Thank you to Kim and Lester Baker for cooking a great steak, chicken, and pork chop dinner for the concert. Our children, youth, and adult classes will be settling into a learning routine the first Wednesday of September. Our children and youth are using cirriculums designed to help them incorporate the biblical stories into their lives. Our adult class is starting off with a 4 week study called No More Lies: Recognize and Resist the Three Enemies That Sabotage Your Peace.

#### **Looking Ahead**

We are hosting lunch for the Stanton High School students every Tuesday. The first two have been a great success. Fifth Quarters are starting back up with the start of the Buffalo Football season. We are also starting a once a month worship night called Koinonia, which means "fellowship", and partnering with First Baptist Church. The first Koinonia Worship Night will be September Sunday, September Sunday, September 21st in the MAC.

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#### **Church Missions Announcement**

Over the past 5-6 years, our church has been incredibly blessed financially. Through the faithful giving of our current members and the foresight of past members, we have been able to build the MAC debt free. We have also been able to create investment accounts through the Texas Methodist Foundation and UBS of over \$4.2 million dollars. We also receive monthly funds from our mineral rights. Currently, our monthly income exceeds our expenditures. In knowledge of this, our Administrative Council voted to give the month of October's General Budget giving to missions. The Administrative Council will be seeking suggestions for whom to bless with the giving. There will be four categories of missions: Local, State, National, & International. More information will be given on how to make suggestions of mission organizations. The criteria for the mission organizations are: A Christian non-profit Organization, non-Sectarian and non-Partisan (no political organization or organizations that promote partisan politics, and it must be coherent with the mission and doctrine of the Global Methodist church. More information to come.

#### **News From the Global Methodist Church**

There are two exciting announcements from out denomination. The first and most important is that the GMC will be having its second General Conference in 2026 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Our own Justin Burch was nominated as a reserve delegate from the West Plains Conference and will most likely be attending. There will be many important decisions to be made at our next General Conference, so please keep Justin and all the elected delegates in your prayers and they will be guided and attuned to the Holy Spirit in these times of decision making.

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The second announcement is that I have once again been asked to attend the Evangelism, Missions, and church Renewal Conference in South Korea. I currently serve on its Board of Directors as the Treasurer. This year our denomination and the Korean Methodist Church, another large and important Methodist denomination will be entering into partnership with one another. The Evangelism, Missions, and Church Renewal Conference was pivotal in bringing together the partnership between the two denominations and the Board members were asked to attend this year as the agreement becomes official. I will be in South Korea from October 27– November 6.

Please keep the conference participants, conference leadership, and both denominations in your prayer.

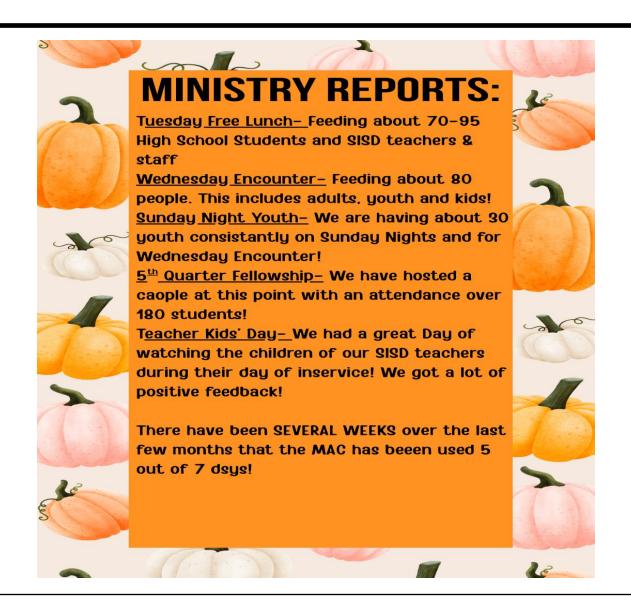
#### **Prayer Focus For This Month**

Please pray for:

The lost and spiritually homeless in our community. May they come to know & experience the love of Christ through the Church.

God Bless,

Pastor Bobby



## **FMC FINANCIAL**

### **Overview**



**☑** MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC

#### **INCOME**

Income	AMOUNT			
August 2025	\$ 90,635.31			
September 2025	\$ 105,865.21			
Year To Date	\$1,690,634.28			

#### Online giving



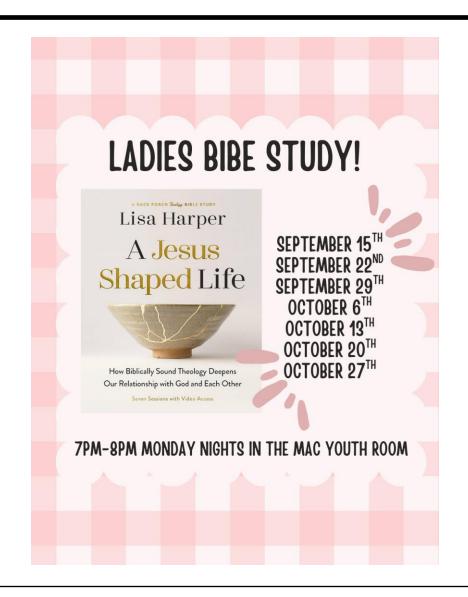
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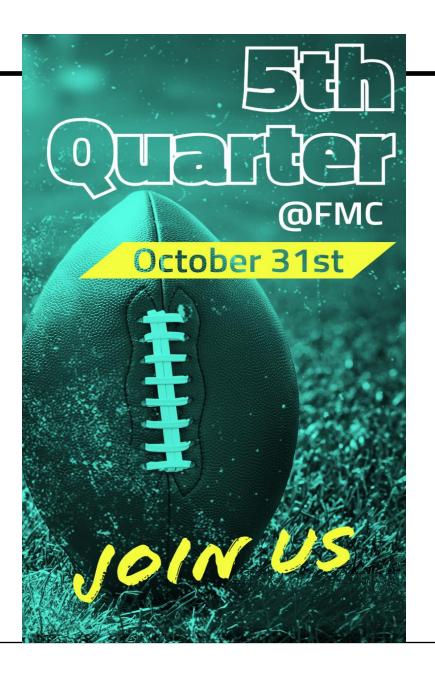






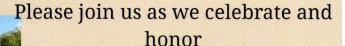








PLEASE BRING ONE OF YOUR **FAVORITE** RECIPES YOU THAT ENTERED INTO OUR COOKBOOK AS WE CELEBRATE AND HONOR BOTH MILESTONES WITH A POTLUCK BIRTHDAY DINNER! COOKBOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.



The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mr. Bud Lindsey

In conjuction with the release of our NEW

Old Sorehead Cookbook II

Wednesday – October 1st, 2025 4-6pm

Martin County Senior Citizens Center 104 E. Broadway Stanton, TX





### THANK YOU

Dear all the people of First Methodist Church, I really want to thank all of you that prayed for me when I got lung cancer, I want you to know, I did 4 days of radiation, now they say my cancer is gone!

I know this is all because of all the prayers I received from this church! Thank you all so very much for all the prayers, It meant so much to me!

Love,

Dennis & Judy Areton

# FMC PRAYER'S NEEDED

Tyler Thomas

Mary Ellen Cadena

Colton Collier

Kolter Gray

Hailey Thigpen

Mary Ellen Pool

Olin Greene & Pool Family

Charlotte White & Family

#### **Bereaved**

Richard White

