



The Messenger

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May is so busy, yet so exciting! There's the church rummage sale, Mother's Day, graduations, and so much more! As a way of celebrating our graduating high school seniors, our church gifted them with a bible -but not just any bible. They were given a bible that had been prayed over, marked up, written in, and highlighted. In the weeks leading up to their baccalaureate luncheon many of you came by to make your contribution to these bibles by identifying meaningful scriptures. I offered my "Top 10" scriptures for graduates on a small notecard. I'll share it here while offering a small disclaimer that this list is subject to change at any season! Think about a meaningful scripture today and share it with someone. Never underestimate the power of God's Word to bless and encourage someone!

"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it." Isaiah 55:11

BEN & TOP 10

- ① LAMENTATIONS 3:20-25
- ② LUKE 15 - ALL OF IT!
- ③ JOHN 13:1-35
- ④ ROMANS 1:16-17
- ⑤ ROMANS 3:21-26
- ⑥ ROMANS 8:1-17
- ⑦ ROMANS 12:1-21
- ⑧ 1 CORINTHIANS 5:17
- ⑨ EPHESIANS 2:1-10
- ⑩ PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11

Announcements & Events



In an effort to promote safety and well being in the congregation, we have installed two AED's (defibrillators) @ the main campus. They are located in the lobby (just outside the sanctuary) and in the Christian Life Center (on the east wall).



Get connected through Linktree

Scan the code below to get connected to First Methodist Church Long Beach. You can sign up to get text messages and emails regarding upcoming events and newsletters. You can also access the main campus and The Well websites, as well as much more. If you have any questions contact the church office @ 228-863-9619.



Youth Calendar

MAY:

- 4TH - SENIOR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON 12:30 CLC - NO YOUTH @5
- 7TH - NO HEART & SOUL
- 11TH - NO YOUTH - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- 14TH - NO HEART & SOUL
- 18TH - SENIOR CELEBRATION DURING YOUTH - DETAILS TO COME
- 21ST - NO HEART & SOUL
- 25TH - NO YOUTH MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
- 28TH - NO HEART & SOUL



Dining In

The Men's Ministry would like to invite all men of the church for a "Dining In" on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 228-863-9619 or ask Kevin Bishop.



The Methodist Women would like to say THANK YOU to a whole lot of hard-working Christian people, we had our best SALE ever.

Bake Sale \$1,010.00

Pulled Pork Plates \$1,087.00

Rummage Sale \$10,941.58

TOTAL \$13,038.58

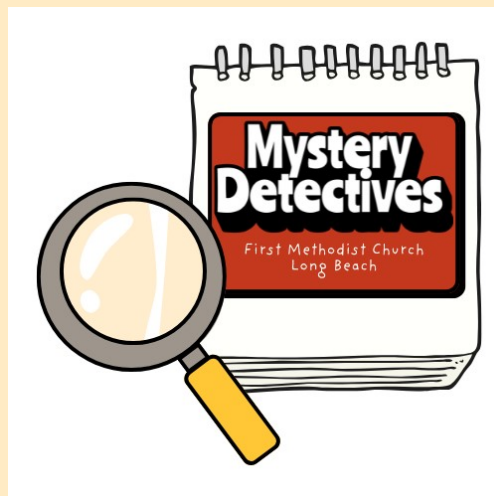
We would also like to thank Terry Hull and David Roots for the Pulled Pork Plates which raised \$1087.00 for the Methodist Women's Ministry.



O.A.K.S. Luncheon



The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. All are invited and please bring your favorite Mexican dish to share.



Summer is fast approaching which means it's time to volunteer for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be the week of June 22nd-26th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Our volunteer dinner will be Sunday, June 8th. We are so excited about this year's theme: Mystery Detectives! Our kids will be discovering truths about who Jesus is and who we are to him! It's going to be such a fantastic week!

Please use the links to sign up to volunteer or register your kids. You can also find the forms in the lobby of both campuses starting this Sunday.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLWRT91DQT7cuR9PvLYDnviF8f66dXwvsQAwN7o4AkV5wZqw/viewform?usp=preview>

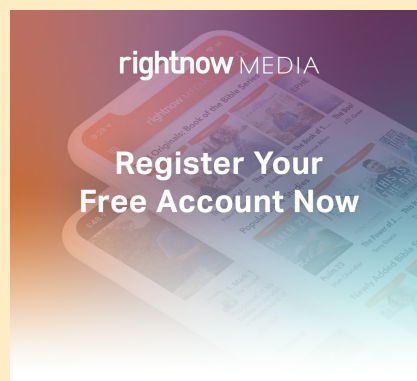
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If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



2025 YTD Budget
Receipts +LIG: \$270,792

2025 YTD Budgeted
Expenses: \$ 266,026



I'm excited to share that our church now has unlimited access to **RightNow Media**—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources (it's been called the

"Netflix of video Bible studies"). This extensive library has **more than 20,000 videos** from leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, Matt Chandler, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include **free discussion guides and handouts.**



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Upcoming Sermons

May 18th

"The Great Commission: Teach" - Lori Cripple
John 8:31-32; John 14:21,26; John 15:1-17

May 25th

"The Great Commission: I am With You"
John 14:15-30; John 15:26-27; John 16:1-15

June 1st

"The Mystery of the Burning Bush"
Exodus 3:1-10



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Dawn McGinn, John Bull, Joyce St. John, Harry Brax, Pete Seyfarth, Charles & Lisa Oliver, Imogene Hoffman, Pam Buell, Johnny Kersnac, Linda Robison, Ricky Bullock, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, John McCardle, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Serrato, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Rose Draime, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor, Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Rosalie Allely, Teresa Burton, Nancy Ruff, Steve Wood, Natalie Schmidt, and Leo LaCour.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 863-9619 or by email to firstmclb@gmail.com.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Aaron & Jenny Gates and family at the death of Aaron's mother, Cindy Gates.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Freddy & Christy Welch and family at the death of Freddy's mom, Sheila Dorman.



A donation was given in memory of Sheila Dorman by Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Harvey Brewer by Betsy Bullard.



The 2025 Altar Flower calendar is in the lobby @ the main campus. If you would like to sign up to place the flowers in the sanctuary call the church office @ 228-863-9619 or firstmclb@gmail.com

There are several open dates on the Flower calendar for the Sanctuary:

June 1 & June 29

July 13 & July 27

August 24 & August 31

September 7 & September 14

October 12 & October 26

December 14

Calendar

Sunday, May 18th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

5:00 p.m. Youth Crawfish Boil @ The Woods

Monday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

6:00 p.m. Methodist Women in the CLC

Tuesday, May 20th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room

6:00 p.m. Men's Dining In (CLC)

Wednesday, May 21st

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room

6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, May 22nd

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

Sunday, May 25th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

Monday, May 26th

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9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

Tuesday, May 27th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.

Wednesday, May 28th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.

11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC

6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, May 29th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

Sunday, June 1st

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses
11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online
5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall

Monday, June 2nd

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, June 3rd

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.

Wednesday, June 4th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, June 5th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

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Our Mission

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus,
and Serve Like Jesus.

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