



# The Messenger

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***Merry Christmas***

*From All of the Staff*

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Alice Lonthair  
Mandy Long  
Jason Ross  
Kris McKenzie*

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Amber Johnson*

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## Announcements & Events

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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).

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## 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.



### Advent Schedule 2024

**Dec. 19th**, Christmas Caroling @ 6:00 p.m. meet in the CLC.

**Dec. 24th**, Community Christmas Eve Lunch at 11:00 a.m. in the CLC.

**Dec. 24th**, Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight service at USM at 4:00 p.m. and a 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Dec. 29th**, Combined Service 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. No service @ USM.



The church will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. If you would like to donate, you can schedule an appointment through [redcross.org](https://redcross.org).

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### **Community Wide Christmas Eve Luncheon**

If you or someone you know would be interested in having a meal delivered on Christmas Eve, please contact Lucy Reagan or Amanda Wood. Thank you to all who have volunteered your time and your gifts for the luncheon. We are still in need of side dishes, desserts, and people to bake the turkeys and hams. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Amanda Wood @ 228-547-9514. Please spread the word and invite your neighbors, family, friends, community members to join us @ 11:00 a.m. for Christmas Eve lunch.

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# YOUTH - JANUARY

## January:

5th: Youth @5

8th: Heart & Soul @5:30

12th: Youth @5

15th: Heart & Soul @ 5:30

19th: Youth @5

22nd: Heart & Soul @5:30

26th: Youth @5

29th: Heart & Soul @ 5:30



**Don't forget to get your key card updated before the end of the year. Be sure to check the calendar in the newsletter for the days that the office will be open.**



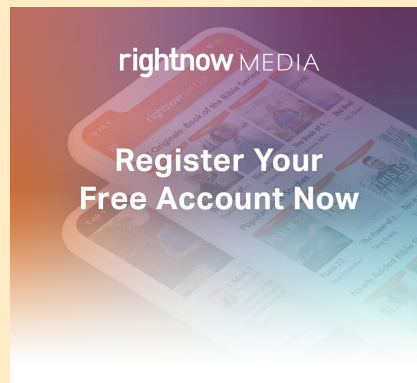
**Changes to the Church Directory**

If you are accessing our church directory from your computer, the new url is <https://fmclb.ctrn.co>.

If you are accessing the directory from your phone through an app, it is called Online Member Directory.

If you are already signed up for the directory: Make sure you are logged out of the app. When you are on the home screen, tap the 3 line menu in the upper left corner. On this page tap +add new directory. Enter fmclb for the mobile code. Your username and password will be the same.

If you are a new user, once you have the new app opened, click + Add New Directory. You will next enter the mobile code for our church which will be fmclb. If you have questions about getting a username and password set up, please contact Lori Cripple at [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com)!



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**.



To get started, simply use the scan code above and create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family!

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## Upcoming Sermons

December 22nd



"The Wonder of the Revelation: The Magi"  
Matthew 2:1-12

**December 24th**

Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service  
4:00 p.m. The Well Fleming Auditorium USM  
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
"The Wonder of It All"  
Luke 2:1-7

**December 29th**

**Combined Service @ 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary**  
"The Wonder of It All: It's A Wonderful Life" Lori Cripple

**January 5th**

"Abide"  
John 15:1-8



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Pam Upton, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Dawn McGinn, Cindy Gates, John Bull, Joyce St. John, Harry Brax, Pete Seyfarth, Charles & Lisa Oliver, Imogene Hoffman, Pam Buell, Johnny Kersnac, Linda Robison, Ricky Bullock, Jake Dehut, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, John Quinn, Rick Beeson, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, Betty Stafford, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, John McCardle, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, Sissy Meadows, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Rose Draime, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, April Ross, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor, Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Betty Stafford, Rocky Ruello, 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](mailto:firstmclb@gmail.com).

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**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.

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### **In Loving Memory**

Donations were given in memory of Warren Poarch by Doug & Joyce St. John, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, Betsy Bullard, and Ron & Gay Irby.

Donations were given in memory of Donna Lynn Palmer by Doug & Joyce St. John and Jim & Becky Collins.

A donation was given in memory of Dorothy Mach by Doug & Joyce St. John.

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We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Tommy & Jamie Carroll and family at the death of their uncle, James Saucier.

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## Acolytes

December 22nd Raleigh  
December 24th Malaina  
December 29th Jacen  
January 5th Owen

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### Church Finance Report

YTD General Budget Receipts: \$703,128.07

Plus Line-item gift receipts: +\$60,411.90

Less Budgeted Expenses: -\$712,707.89

Equals Net Income: =\$50,832.08

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### *Calendar*

#### **Sunday, December 22nd**

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, December 23rd**

**Office Closes @ Noon**

#### **Tuesday, December 24th**

**Office Closed**

11:00 a.m. Community Christmas Eve Luncheon

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service @ Fleming Auditorium @ USM

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service in the sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, December 25th**

**Merry Christmas  
Office Closed**

**Thursday, December 26th  
Office Closed**

**Friday, December 27th  
Office Closed**

**Sunday, December 29th**  
10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service in the sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Prep - CLC

**Monday, December 30th**  
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
10:30 a.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Service

**Wednesday, January 1st  
Office Closed**

**Thursday, January 2nd**  
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

**Sunday, January 5th**  
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 Group in the Youth Hall

**Monday, January 6th**  
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in the Library.

**Wednesday, January 8th**  
10:00 a.m. Side by Side Respite Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir in the Choir room

**Thursday, January 9th**  
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal parlor

### **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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