



The Messenger

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April 17, 2025

Easter rivals for my favorite day of the year! It's a tie-up with Christmas Eve. Both are familiar celebrations laden with all the goodness of food and family but most of all, our faith. At Christmas we celebrate the beginning of God's gift of salvation in the birth of His Son, then its at Easter we celebrate the end of His finished work of resurrection! I hope you'll join us this year at one of our services as we once again declare the risen Lord as our King who triumphs over death! I hope you'll be captivated by His majesty and beauty displayed in the empty tomb. Because He lives, so can we!!

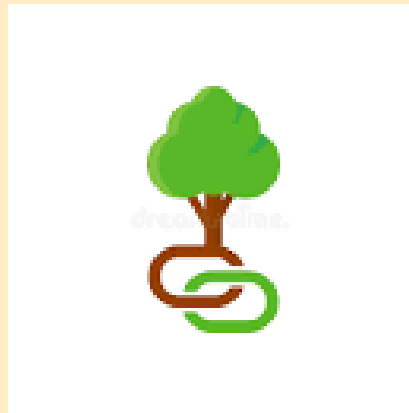
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1Peter 1:3)

-Ben

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).



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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

APRIL:

- 9TH: DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30
- 13TH YOUTH @5:00
- 16TH : NO HEART & SOUL
- 17TH: MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @7
- 20TH: HAPPY EASTER - NO YOUTH
- 23RD: HEART & SOUL @5:30 (PLAN GAMES FOR KIDS)
- 27TH: NO YOUTH - FAMILY EVENT CLC - COME @4 TO HELP SET UP
- 30TH : HEART & SOUL @5:30 (SENIORS FINISH THEIR STUDY)

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



On Tuesday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m., the Harrison County Concert Choir of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College will be performing their spring concert in the sanctuary at our 208 Pine St location. It is a free concert that will feature the Concert Choir as well as their Cside A Cappella group. Mark your calendar to come support them and enjoy an evening of music!



First Methodist Women Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your “unwanted treasures” for the spring sale which will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall. Donations may be delivered:

Monday, April 28th—Thursday, May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28th—Wednesday, April 30th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2nd - No Donations accepted

Bake sale items may be delivered to the CLC on Friday or before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.



On Saturday, May 3rd There will be “to-go” pulled pork sandwich plates available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$12.00 a plate.

At Home Discipleship

First Methodist Church, Long Beach

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 FROM 5-7 PM
SANCTUARY @ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Your family is invited to a discipleship night! Our Kids will enjoy a game night with our Youth Group and our Grown Ups will learn tips and ideas for how to grow in faith as a family at home. We'll end the night eating pizza together. It's never too early or too late to start a family discipleship routine. We hope you'll consider joining us! RSVP by text to Lori at 228-324-3622.



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The O.A.K.S. Easter luncheon will be April 23, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Our program will be Genna Smith who works at Memorial Hospital with the RSVP program. We will have Ham as our main meat. Please come and share in fellowship and bring you favorite Easter side dish to share.



Blood Drive

The church will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 6th from 2:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. You can schedule an appointment at redcross.org.



2025 YTD Budget
Receipts +LIG: \$245,989

2025 YTD
Budgeted Expenses: \$305,802



Save the Dates for Summer 2025

June 16-21: Camp Wesley Pines (for upper elementary & middle school

students. See Lori Cripple for more information)

June 22-26: Vacation Bible School (for preschool & elementary students)

July 7-11: M28 Camp (for middle school & high school students. See Mary Woodruff or Mandy Long for more information).



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise @ Long Beach Harbor

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Sanctuary Service with a reception to follow in the Christian Life Center

10:00 a.m. Biscuit Bar @ USM Fleming Auditorium

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ USM

11:00 a.m. The Well Easter Worship @ USM Fleming Auditorium

Don't' forget to bring your fresh cut flowers to put on the cross outside the Narthex.



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

April 20th

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: He is Risen!"
Luke 24:1-12

April 27th

"Great Commission: All Authority"
Matthew 7:29



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, Cindy Gates, 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, John Quinn, 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 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, Rocky Ruello, Rosalie Allely, Teresa Burton, Nancy Ruff, 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.



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.



In Loving Memory

A donation was given in memory of Carolyn "Pete" McGee by Fred & Kaye Rendfrey.



We would like to welcome Matt, Sydney & Elaine DeFillips into our church family of faith here @ First Methodist Church.

Calendar

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses
- 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt @ USM
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

Monday, April 21st

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Methodist Women in the CLC

Tuesday, April 22nd

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

Wednesday, April 23rd

- 10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
- 11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in the Seekers class
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, April 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

Sunday, April 27th

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Prep in the CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Family Discipleship in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake sale set-up in the CLC
- 10:30 a.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Service

Tuesday, April 29th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake sale set-up in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Harrison County Concert Choir in the sanctuary

Wednesday, April 30th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake sale set-up in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake sale set-up in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

Friday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake sale set-up in the CLC

Saturday, May 3rd

8:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

10:00 a.m. Pulled Pork Plates available for \$12.00 in the CLC

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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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