



The Messenger

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I had the privilege of spending this past weekend with some of our youth at a retreat in Panama City. The weather was perfect, the kids were amazing, and our worship time felt very special and intimate. Our speaker gave us a lot to think about, and here are some of the things that stuck with me.

There should be nothing in our lives that takes precedence over the creator of the universe. Read Mark 10:17-27, the parable of the rich man. Sometimes our stuff, even if it's good, can get in the way of following Jesus if we aren't willing to give it up.

Sometimes we think we are the center of the universe. We tend to see our relationship with God through the lens of what's happening to us. We put God in charge of our happiness. And when we do this, we limit our view of God by making him smaller and putting him in a box. God cares deeply for each one of us, but if we make our relationship with God all about us, we forget just how big and how incredible he is.

When we make the Gospel about us, we don't have room to think about others. If we are so focused on ourselves, we lost sight that God calls us to serve others. It's pretty hard to try and think of ourselves less, but it will happen if we think about other people more than we think of ourselves!

We also learned some simple prayers we can use to help us notice how big God is as we go about our daily lives. They are an easy way to acknowledge what God has done in just one or two words.

1. Wow- Whenever we see something beautiful like our sunsets over the water or our oak trees. We just want to acknowledge what God created and know that it is good.

2. Thank you- Whenever we see something that we are just so thankful for.
3. Yes- Whenever we see something happen that we think was really good and we are excited about!
4. Amen- Whenever we see something happen that we believe is positive and we want to ask God to let it be so.

I am thankful for our teenagers and for this church who supports them in so many ways. And for the time I got to spend with them this weekend, I can truly say Wow, Thank you, Yes, and Amen!

Lori

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.



Dear First Methodist Church of Long Beach, MS

We, at First Baptist Church Valdosta, would like to thank you for your care and thoughtfulness in providing a wealth of supplies for people in our area suffering from devastation of their homes, businesses, etc. Your generosity and commitment to this wonderful ministry are greatly appreciated. Thank you for going over and beyond to travel the distance to deliver the trailer full of relief supplies! Our gratitude reaches from the bottom of our hearts for your act of kindness in support of His church and our community. May God Bless You and Keep You in the Palm of His Hand. First Baptist Church Valdosta



Join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct 27th, at 5:00 p.m.! Games and a hot dog dinner will be included!

If anyone would like to provide a trunk, call Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622. If you are unable to host a trunk but would like to provide extra candy to refill trunk supplies, you can bring the candy to the church office or to one of our worship services through Oct 27th.



Methodist Men

Men of the church, join us, Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM in the CLC for a time of food and fellowship. Dinner to be provided.

If you are interested in helping with cooking or set up for the evening, please contact Kevin Bishop at (228) 297-2146. We will be in need of about five people for both cooking and set up. If you will need childcare so you can attend the evening, please contact Kevin by Thursday, November 8th so a nursery can be arranged.



Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for one worship service as we celebrate 150 years of ministry with a special worship service featuring guest minister, Jim Genesse. Afterward, enjoy lunch under the oaks with a delicious menu of pulled pork sandwiches or chicken strips, served with potato salad, chips, baked beans, and cupcakes. There will be fun activities for all ages, so bring your lawn chairs and come ready for a day of fellowship and celebration!

We want this event to be a special time of thanksgiving as we celebrate God's faithfulness to our church while we look forward to our future work and witness in our community. Here are some ways that you can be involved:

1-You can help by volunteering to help before, during or after the event (volunteer sheets will be out in the lobby of both campuses on 10/20), give financially to the celebration (all food is being provided), and be in prayer for our church celebration and the many years of ministry to come.

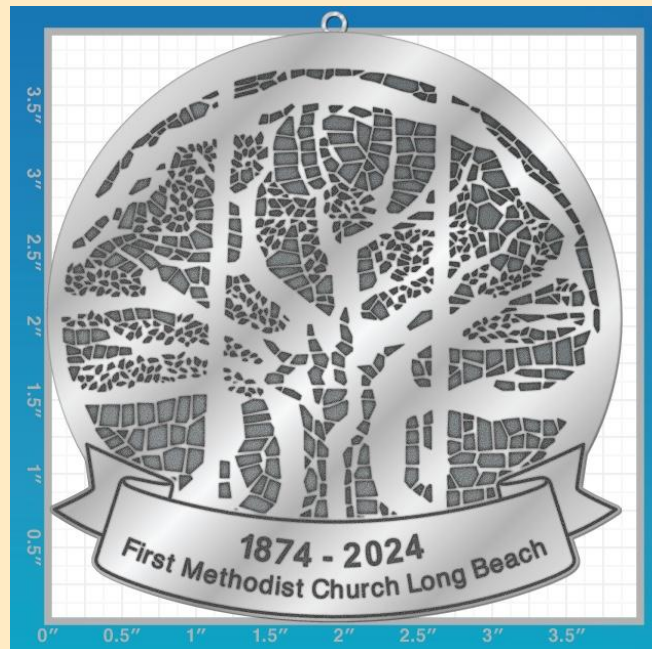
2- Start collecting photos and other mementoes that highlight ministries, events, or people from our church that have been instrumental to your faith journey. Our historians, Penny Tripp and Marcia French, will be putting together a timeline in the hallway between the Narthex and CLC. It will be hanging several weeks prior to the event. They will need your help to make this a special place of remembrance and celebration. Fun ideas might include: a confirmation group , a photo from a baptism, mission trips, or special church events, a Sunday School class photo, etc.



Please join us on Saturday mornings from 8:30—9:30 a.m. in the Bridal room @ the main campus to pray for our kids. "We are moms who accept you wherever you are in your Christian prayer life, even if you've never had one. It's a safe place. It's a learning place where we grow and care for one another. God is there with us, teaching us how to pray openly and honestly to Him for our children and schools." For more information call/text Haley Rishel at 228-861-4411.



We will have a church wide work day on Saturday, October 26th to prepare the campus for our 150th celebration. We will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. If you cannot come for the whole time, that's okay come for the time you can. All the help would be appreciated. If you have any questions contact Marsha Bishop at marshabishop0307@aol.com



If you would like to purchase a pewter commemorative ornament (like the picture), please click the link below to reserve an ornament or you can fill out a order form that is located in the lobby of both campuses. All orders and payments are due by November 3rd. Ornaments are \$10.00 each. Please make checks payable to FMCLB. Forms can be turned into the office or placed in the offering plates. Ornaments should arrive in time for the celebration on November 10th. Questions, contact Mandy Long 228-697-5034.

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Youth Fall Schedule

October:

- 20th: - Youth @5 - Fun Bowling night at Park 10 Lanes
- 23rd: - 5:30 Heart and Soul **Youth Planning Meeting during Heart and Soul time**
- 27th: - Trunk or Treat!
- 30th: -5:30 Heart and Soul

November:

- 3rd - Youth @ 5
- 6th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 10th - NO YOUTH - 150th Celebration
- 13th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 17th - Friendsgiving -details to come
- 20th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 24th - NO YOUTH - Happy Thanksgiving
- 27th - NO Heart and Soul - Happy Thanksgiving



O.A.K.S. Luncheon
Older Adult Kindred Spirit

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be Wednesday, October 23rd @ 11:30 a.m. in the CLC. All are invited for food and fellowship. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



**Methodist Women
Fall Rummage/Bake Sale**

The Rummage/Bake sale was a HUGE success and the First Methodist Women would like to thank all those that donated items, volunteered their time, and purchased items. All proceeds are donated to missions.

Pulled Pork Plates \$1100.00

Bake Sale \$850.00

Rummage Sale \$9973.00



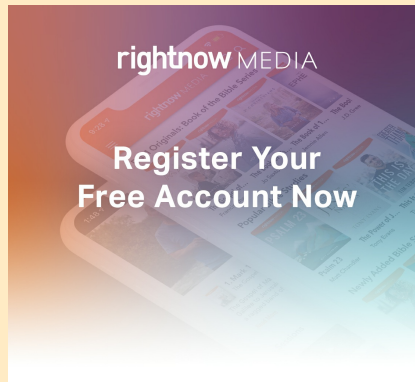
Changes to the Church Directory

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!



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!

Upcoming Sermons

October 20th

"Ephesians: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit"
Ephesians 5:15-20

October 27th

"Ephesians: Right Relationships"
Ephesians 5:21– 6:9

November 3rd

"Ephesians: The Armor of God"
Ephesians 6:10-24



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, Warren Poarch, Betty Stafford, Nancy Ruff, 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.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Penny Denmark and family on the death of her husband, Bill Denmark.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Alan & Debbie Palmer on the death of Debbie's father, Merle Burman.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Mark & Terri Oehmichen and family at the death of Mark's dad, Robert Oehmichen.



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

Donations were given in memory of Lil Jobe by Larry & Beth Lewis, Doug & Joyce St. John, Jim & Becky Collins, and Betsy Bullard.

Donations were given in memory of Lois Jones by Larry & Beth Lewis, Jim & Becky Collins, and Betsy Bullard.

Donations were given in memory of Merle Burman by Larry & Beth Lewis, John Blake, Doug & Joyce St. John and Betsy Bullard.

Donations were given in memory of Bill Denmark by Larry & Beth Lewis, Betsy Bullard, and Doug & Joyce St. John.



Acolytes

October 20th Malaina

October 27th Owen

FINANCIAL REPORT



YTD General Budget Receipts: \$577,093.93

YTD Expenses (actual expenses
\$578,693.19 less \$ 45,818.07 Line-item
gifts): \$532,857.12

Net receipts: \$44,236.81

Calendar

Sunday, October 20th

- 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 Bowling @ Park Ten Lanes

Monday, October 21st

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

Tuesday, October 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

Wednesday, October 23rd

- 10:00 a.m. Side-By-Side Respite Ministry
- 11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Heart and Soul
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Disciple Class
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 24th

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

Saturday, October 26th

- 8:00 a.m. CHURCH WORK DAY
- 8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal Parlor

Sunday, October 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
- 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot

Monday, October 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Side by Side room
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 29th

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

Wednesday, October 30th

- 10:00 a.m. Side-By-Side Respite Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Heart & Soul in the Youth Hall

5:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

6:00 p.m. Membership Disciple Class

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

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

Thursday, October 31st

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

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

Saturday, November 2nd

8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal Parlor

Sunday, November 3rd

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

3:00 p.m. Global Charge Conference Palmer Creek Campground

5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall

Monday, November 4th

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

Tuesday, November 5th

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

6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

Wednesday, November 6th

10:00 a.m. Side-By-Side Respite Ministry

5:30 p.m. Heart & Soul in the Youth Hall

5:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

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

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

Thursday, November 7th

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

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

6:30 p.m. Grief Recovery in the Bridal Parlor

Saturday, November 9th

8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal 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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