



The Messenger

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Change can stir up so many different emotions. Sometimes change is exciting and we anticipate new and different things to come. Sometimes change is full of sorrow and we dread it.

The start of this new school brought change to my family and me. Of course it always does, but this year the changes felt bigger. We have four children and the youngest, Benji, just started fourth grade. So, for the first year since our oldest daughter, Sadie, started kindergarten back in 2015, we do not have a child going to school at Reeves Elementary. It is wild to think that this place that has been part of our everyday lives for the past ten years is no longer part of our daily routine. That was a change that made me feel sad.

Additionally, I spent the last 3 years working at Reeves as an assistant teacher in a first grade classroom. I learned so much during those 3 years! It was an incredibly good experience for me, and I'm grateful to have been able to serve the school that loved my own kids so well.

Now, I get to work on staff here at our church! I'm excited to be able to concentrate my time and energy on planning and leading worship, working on our church's new website and app, and being a part of the weekday happenings at our church. It is a big change, but a very exciting one.

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes recognized seasons change and do not stay the same. "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) We all agree - everything changes. Except for one thing. Biblical writers tell us that God never changes, and the love he shows to us through Jesus never ends. "The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease." (Lamentations 3:22) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

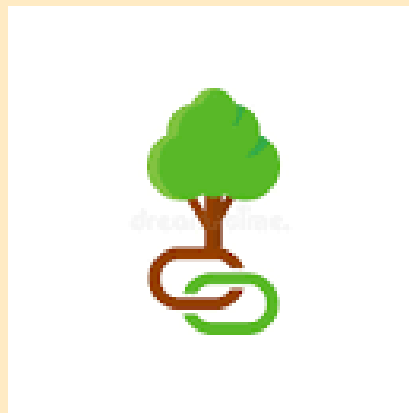
Whether or not you find yourself in a season of change with all the emotions change brings, I hope you will rest in the knowledge that God and his love for us never changes.

-Emily

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

August:

- 8/6 - Heart & Soul 5:30-7 in Youth Hall
- 8/10 - Youth @5 Sermon on the Mount study begins
- 8/13 - Heart & Soul 5:30-7
- 8/17 - Youth @5
- 8/20 - Heart & Soul 5:30-7
- 8/24 - Youth @5
- 8/27 - Heart & Soul @5:30-7
- 8/31 - Youth @5 - Silent Disco Night!

September:

- 9/3 - Heart & Soul @5:30-7
- 9/7 - Youth @5
- 9/10 - Heart & soul @5:30-7
- 9/14 - Youth @5
- 9/17 - Heart & Soul @5:30-7
- 9/21 - Youth @5
- 9/24 - Heart & Soul @5:30-7
- 9/28 - Youth @5

Youth meets in Youth Hall @5 on Sundays (south entrance with painted cross door). Pick up is @7 in the CLC (where we eat dinner).

Heart & Soul is a mid week meeting time with a short devotion and prayer time for the students.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Oct. 11-13 - Beach Retreat
- Nov. 30th - Friendsgiving
- Dec. 14th - Christmas Party



First Methodist Women Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your "unwanted treasures" for the Fall sale which will be Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.

Donations may be delivered:

Monday, Sept. 29th —Thursday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29th—Wednesday, October 1st 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 3rd - No Donations accepted

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

On Saturday, October 4th 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.



O.A.K.S. Luncheon

Please join The O.A.K.S. for a luncheon in the Christian Life Center on Wednesday, August 27th at 11:30 a.m. All are invited and please bring a dish to share.



The Methodist Men will have a pulled pork fundraiser in the CLC on August 24th after church services. Plates will be available to pick up for

\$12 with the proceeds being used for Home of Grace. Please join us in supporting this incredible ministry.



Moms in Prayer group

The Moms in Prayer group is changing meeting times and locations! We will now meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 am upstairs at USM. We'll gather in the sitting area at the end of the hallway to pray for our children and their schools. All moms are welcome to join us. Haley Rishel is the point person for this group.



2025 YTD Budget
Receipts+LIG \$575,534

2025 YTD Budgeted
Expenses \$511,179



With Grateful Hearts

We want to express our sincere appreciation and thankfulness to our church family for the outpouring love and support during our time of grief following the passing of our mother (and grandmother), **Jennice Teddy Chandler**.

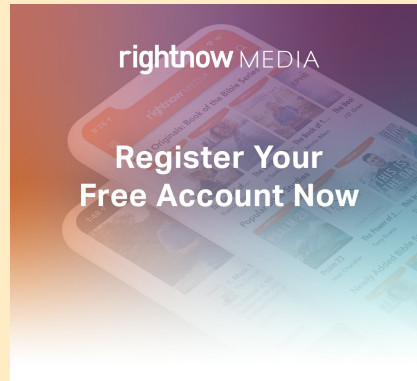
Thank you for your many prayers, telephone calls, text messages, hugs, meals, and flowers – your acts of kindness and love brought us comfort and strength during our most difficult days and reminded us that we are not walking through this season alone.

Our family is truly blessed to be part of such a loving, faith-filled church community. In moments like these, the presence of family and friends means more than words can ever express.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Bienemy Family

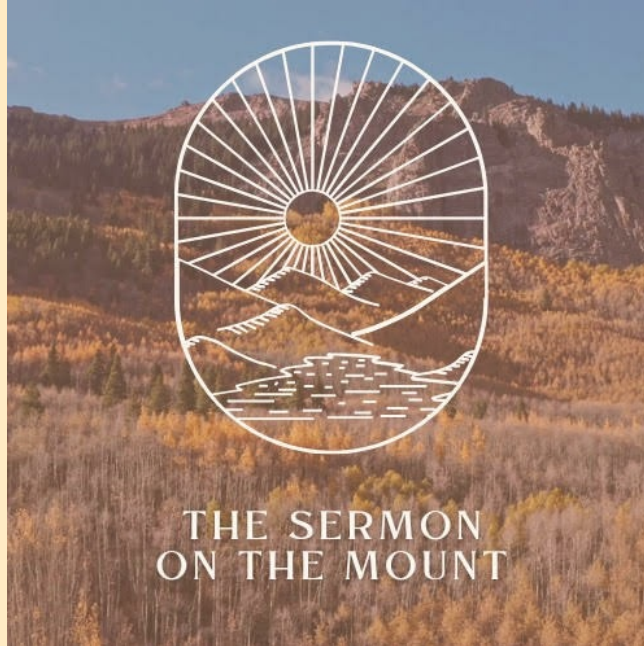
Keelia, Renee, and Charlie



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

August 24th

“Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes”
Matthew 5:1-12

August 31st

“Sermon on the Mount: Salt and Light”
Matthew 5:13-16



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, 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, Nancy Ruff, Dawn Rhoades, 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.



Donations have been given in memory of Kenneth Cripple by Larry & Elaine Davis, Jim & Becky Collins, Timothy & Phyllis Ragland, Toni & Marvin Hess, and Larry & Beth Lewis.

Calendar

Sunday, August 24th

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in Side by Side room

Monday, August 25th

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

Tuesday, August 26th

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

Wednesday, August 27th

- 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
- 11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

Thursday, August 28th

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

Sunday, August 31st

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in Side by Side room

Monday, September 1st

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

Tuesday, September 2nd

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

Wednesday, September 3rd

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

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

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Cantata Kick-off in the CLC

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

Thursday, September 4th

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

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

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Our church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

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