



The Messenger

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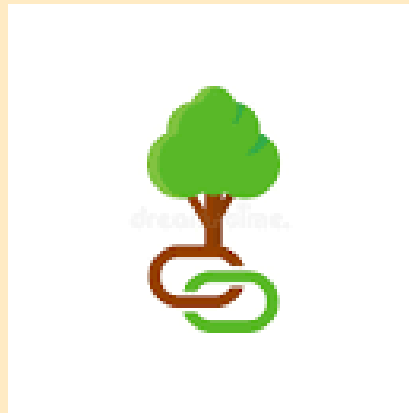
It's a new school year! New clothes, new routines, new possibilities! These days it feels like the seasons are changing fast. It's already August. Football season is just around the corner. Before too long even the weather will change! I pray that as the season changes, as your routine shifts, that you would take the opportunity to engage in new habits or practices to deepen your relationship with Christ. This is a great time to begin a new prayer routine, start attending Sunday School or Discipleship Group, or have a regular family devotional time. Whatever you do, take advantage of the newness of this season and draw nearer to God.

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."
Hebrews 4:16

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



Youth Group & In-Betweens News

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Drop off for Youth Group will always be at Heritage Hall at First Methodist Church, 208 Pine Street. This building is across the street from the park and the main door is painted with a mosaic cross. Drop off for youth is at 5 PM.



Drop off for In-Betweens is at Moore Hall at First Methodist Church, 208 Pine Street. This building is north of Heritage Hall and the main door is under the oak trees and faces the park. Drop off for In-Betweens is also at 5 PM. The In-Betweens will meet in the Side By Side classroom.



Pick up for both groups will be at the Christian Life Center (CLC) at 7 PM. The main door for the CLC faces the large parking lot on the west side of our church campus. Parents can enter the CLC and pick up In-Betweens from their classroom and youth from dinner in the CLC.



If your student drives his or herself to youth group, we will be asking them to begin parking in the CLC parking lot and walking over to Heritage Hall. That way we can see all students safely to their cars at the end of the night when it is dark.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER...

Scan the QR code at the right if you would like to sign up to provide dinner for our students! Our students love home made meals but they also love a pizza night! We could have anywhere from 50-70 students and adults on a Sunday night which is so exciting! You are welcome to team up with a friend to provide dinner and you can also bring your receipts and we will help you turn them in for a reimbursement up to \$100.



Dinner is served from the CLC kitchen beginning at 6:15.

Favorite meals include: spaghetti/pasta dishes, breakfast, hamburger, hot dogs, chicken fingers, pizza, mac & cheese, etc. Thank you so much for dinner!!

PHOTOS & SOCIAL MEDIA...

We love to take photos and post our youth activities on social media. We recognize social media is important in our culture and to many of our older students. If you would rather your student not be included in photos or social media posts, please let us know!



A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our church family for the overwhelming love and support shown to us during my beloved wife Teresa's illness and following her passing.

To all who sent cards, flowers, brought us food, called, and prayed with us—your kindness brought comfort during our most difficult days. A special thank you to those who helped organize and assist with her memorial service, provided food for the meal, brought flowers to decorate tables, and performed many other tasks to make the memorial service a wonderful event honoring my wife, Teresa. Your generosity, time, and compassion were a true reflection of Christ's love.

The bibles provided by Teresa's Women's Bible Study class are a tribute to Teresa that will stand the test of time. Teresa left detailed lesson plans for the class and I'm happy her work will still be used to teach the Word. She would be happy to know her love for the Word of God will be

kept alive.

Teresa and I have been blessed to be part of such a caring and faith-filled community. Thank you for walking beside us and supporting us with prayer along the difficult path we all must take.

With sincere appreciation,

Richard Burton



Charge Conference

All members of the church are invited to a Charge Conference on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The motions to be voted on.

1. Settlement of the Mary Bice Property.
- 2 . Two Endowment Resolutions.



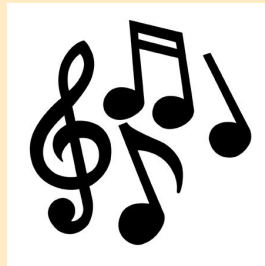
O.A.K.S. Luncheon

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.



O.A.K.S. Movie Day

Join us for O.A.K.S. Movie day on Thursday, August 14th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Side By Side room. We will watch a faith based movie and enjoy popcorn, drinks, nachos, and other goodies provided by the O.A.K.S. board. All are invited.



The **choir is resuming Wednesday night rehearsals** at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room! We would love for some new faces who would like to sing for Jesus to come and join us! Now is a great time to jump in and try something new. The choir will have the cantata kickoff on August 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC, if you would like to join us for the cantata, make plans to join us on August 20th for a pot luck kick off at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. Questions contact Mandy Long - 228-697-5034.



CPR Class

Judi David is teaching a free CPR Class on Tuesday, August 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut in Long Beach. If you would like the certification that would be an additional cost. Please pre-register with Judi David @ 228-323-1548 or call the church office at 228-863-9619 for more information.



The Methodist Women are inviting all the women in the church to join us for our monthly meeting on Monday, August 18th @ 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. We will have breakfast food. Please RSVP to Carolyn Rhoades (228-424-4975) or Shirley Gay (228-224-1349).



The Long Beach Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer to serve as Associate Director. If interested please contact Pat Donald at 228-669-2380 or Ray Chavaree at 774-218-6786 or Joe Perryman at 228-365-5036. Basic duties include working alongside pantry officers in everyday operations. The pantry serves the communities of Long Beach, Pass Christian, and Kiln.



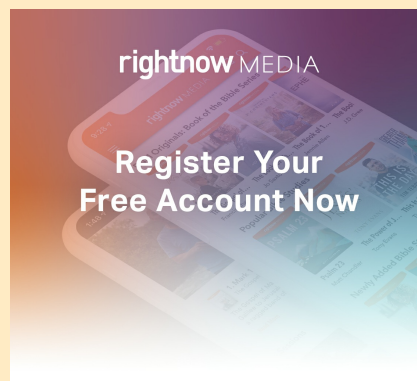
The Methodist Men will have a "Dining In" on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. All men are invited. If anyone needs childcare, please contact Kevin @ 228-297-2146.



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.



2025 YTD Budget
Receipts+LIG \$550,517
2025 YTD Budgeted
Expenses \$470,459



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

August 10th

“Sermon on the Mount: Temptation of Jesus”
Matthew 4:1-11

August 17th

“Sermon on the Mount: Ministry of Jesus Begins”
Matthew 4:12-25



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, 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 Teresa Burton by Jim & Mary Westmoreland, Charles & Susan Conner, Claudia Cuevas, and Suzanne Jackson.

A donation has been given in memory of Merle Burman by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Mrs. Iris Blake by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Charlie Wood and Steve Wood by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Kenneth Cripple by Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Rosalie Allely by Betsy Bullard.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Phil & Eva Keith and family at the death of Phil's mother, Rosalie Allely.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to John, Lori, Kaylee, Maddie Cripple and family at the death of their dad/grandpa, Kenneth Cripple.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Renee & Keelia Bienemy and family at the death of Keelia's mother, Jennice Chandler.

Calendar

Sunday, August 10th

- 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 the Side by Side room

Monday, August 11th

Office closes @ noon

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

Tuesday, August 12th

Office closes @ noon

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.
- 6:00 p.m. Men's "Dining In"

Wednesday, August 13th

Office closes @ noon

- 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

Thursday, August 14th

Office closes @ noon

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 1:00 p.m. O.A.K.S. Movie Day
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

Friday, August 15th

Office Closed

Sunday, August 17th

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Charge Conference in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall
- 5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the Side by Side room

Monday, August 18th

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

Tuesday, August 19th

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

Wednesday, August 20th

- 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, August 21st

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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