

# The Messenger

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**September 19, 2024** 

The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living."

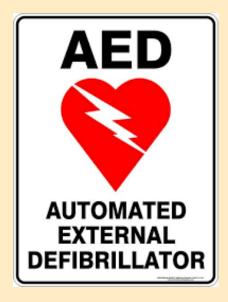
Psalms 19:7-8 NLT

I ran across this passage this morning as I began my morning devotional. So simple, yet so profound. Here we see a fourfold declaration on the Word of God. The Word is perfect, trustworthy, right, and clear. The Word brings revival to the soul, wisdom to the simple, joy to the heart, and insight for living.

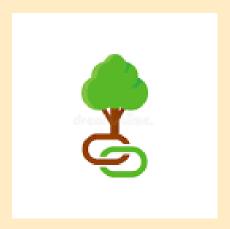
My prayer for you is that as you read the Bible and feast on the very living Word of God, you'd experience this fourfold blessing. May God revive your soul, grant you His wisdom, flood your heart with joy, and give you insight for living faithfully this day and always. Amen!

-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).



## **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.





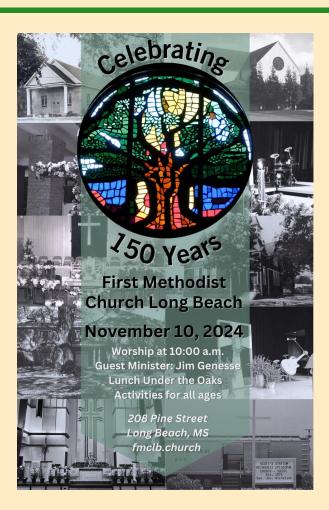
## **New Worship Times**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service @ the main Campus

9:45 a.m. Discipleship Classes @ both Campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Service @ Fleming Auditorium

The church's email address has changed. The new email address is: firstmclb@gmail.com



Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for a combined 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:

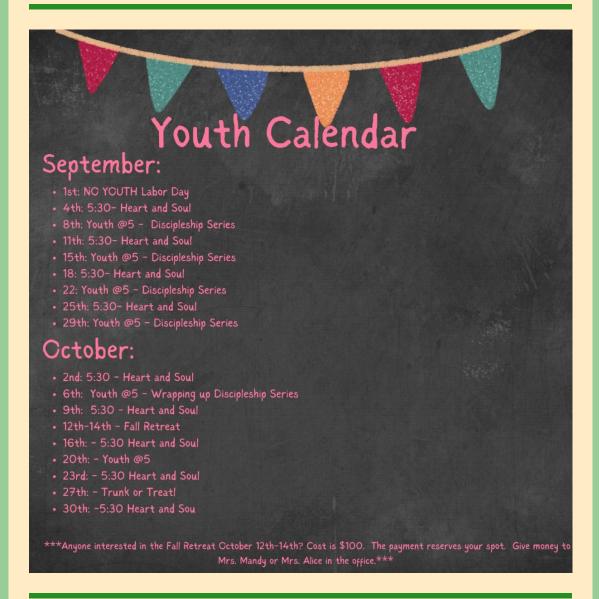
- 1- Volunteer to help set up and prepare our campus on Sat. Nov. 9th and/or Sun. Nov. 10th. Sign up sheets with more details coming in October.
- 2- Start collecting photos and other mementoes that highlight ministries, events, or people from our church that have been instrumental to your faith journey. 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.



If you have been nudged by Jesus to sing for him, there is no time like the present! Join us on Wednesday nights @ 7:00 p.m. in the choir room for choir practice. I hope to see lots of new faces. Please contact Mandy Long with any questions @ 288-697-5034.



## Men's Discipleship Groups

We have two Men's Discipleship Groups starting up.

Fighting Shadows: Overcoming 7 Lies that keep men from becoming fully

alive.

Leader: Donnie Bosarge @ 228.326.4906 Place: Side by Side Room in Moore Hall

Time: Every Wednesday beginning 9/11 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wild at Heart: Invites men to recover their masculine heart.

Leader: Mike Genesse @ 228.263.2426 Place: Side by Side Room in Moore Hall

Time: Every other Tuesday from 8/27 - 11/19 6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the lobby of both campuses.



## 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 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.

Donations may be delivered:

**Monday, Sept. 30th—Thursday, October 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30th—Wednesday, October 2nd 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 4th - 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 5th There will be "to-go" pulled pork sandwich plates available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$10.00 a plate.



#### O.A.K.S. Luncheon

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon is Wednesday, September 25th at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. All are invited for food and fellowship! Please bring your favorite dish to share. Our guest speaker will be David Atkinson. He will be

speaking on the battle, cemetery and the care and respect for Belleau Wood. A renowned Historical Marine event.



It's almost time for the fall season, and we will be celebrating the first day of fall with a scavenger hunt! If you have a child in K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, please bring them on Sunday, September 22nd, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We will meet in our Christian Life Center. You can drop them off or stay to join in the fun. If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can participate, please call Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622.



## **Changes to the Church Directory**

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

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 <a href="mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com">lcripple@hotmail.com</a>!



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 gro



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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**

#### September 22nd

"Ephesians: The Body of Christ" Ephesians 4:1-16

#### September 29th

"Ephesians: Be Renewed" Ephesians 4:17-32



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 Nell LaFrance and family at the death of her mother, Lois Jones.

**We wish to express** our Christian love and sympathy to Jana, Karen, Kathy and family at the death of their mother, Lil Jobe.



## **Acolytes**

September 22nd Jack September 29th Malaina October 6th Jack October 13th Owen October 20th Malaina October 27th Owen



**Smile On.....** Mike Tate for power washing the church sidewalks.



### **Church Finance Report**

YTD General Budget Receipts: \$525,380

YTD Expenses (actual expenses \$521,139 less \$43,558 Line-item gifts): \$477,581

Net receipts: \$47,799

### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 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

3:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Scavenger Hunt

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

#### Monday, September 23rd

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

#### Tuesday, September 24th

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, September 25th

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

11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon

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.n. Chancel Choir Practice

#### Thursday, September 26th

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

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

#### Saturday, September 28th

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

#### Sunday, September 29th

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 Youth Hall

#### Monday, September 30th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for the Rummage/Bake Sale

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

#### **Tuesday, October 1st**

9:00 a.m. Set-up for the Rummage/Bake Sale

#### Wednesday, October 2nd

9:00 a.m. Set-up for the Rummage/Bake Sale

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

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

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

#### Thursday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. Set-up for the Rummage/Bake Sale

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

#### Friday, October 4th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for the Rummage/Bake Sale

#### Saturday, October 5th

8:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

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

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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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