



The Messenger

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A snow day in Long Beach! We don't get these often -and this one was one for the record books! For the first time in my life I stood on the beach as the wind whipped and the snow fell I could hardly see. It was such a gift to see the beauty of all the snow and how quiet it was as it fell. It was even prettier from inside our warm house! Throughout scripture we are reminded of the cleansing power of Jesus to make us new. Snow is used as a metaphor for the purity of God's redemptive work to transform us from a life of sin to one of faithfulness and righteousness.

I hope you had a fun snow day and I hope you are reminded of God's grace that makes us new and cleanses us from all unrighteousness!

-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.



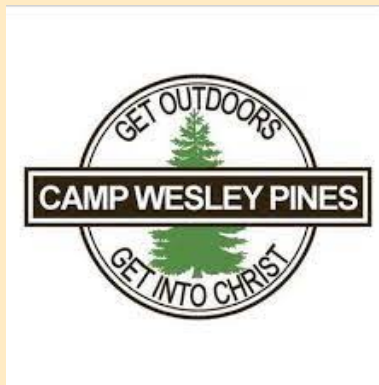
YOUTH CALENDAR

January: Daniel

19th: Youth @5
22nd: Heart & Soul @5:30
26th: Youth @5
29th: Heart & Soul @ 5:30

February: Daniel

2nd: Youth @5
5th: Heart & Soul @5:30
9th: Souper Bowl Luncheon, 11-1 CLC - Super Bowl party @Barlows
12th: Heart & Soul @5:30
16th: Youth @5
19th: Heart & Soul @5:30
23rd: Youth @5
26th: Heart & Soul @5:30



Camp Wesley Pines

Kids who will have completed 2nd-8th grade this summer are invited to attend Camp Wesley Pines in Hazlehurst, MS on June 16-21. Camp Wesley Pines is a week-long camp for students to spend time in God's word, with their core values being faith formation, leadership development, authentic community, and outdoor appreciation. If you have any questions or want to find out more about this camp opportunity, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



Small Group Opportunities

We will have three **weekday discipleship groups** for women beginning this month. One group will meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 27th, one group will meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning on Jan 28th, and the last group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. beginning on Jan 29th. All three groups will be using the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Save the date for a Women's Night Event on Friday, February 21st. More information to come soon!



Opportunities to Support our Youth

Our youth group for teenagers in 7th-12th grades meets regularly on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. They spend time in community, time in God's word, and time sharing a meal together. If you would like to provide a meal for our youth group one night, they would very much appreciate it! If you can't commit to a meal but would like to supply snacks or drinks for them to stock their kitchen, that would be such a generous gift. Please contact Mandy Long at (228)697-5034.



Small Group Opportunity

The Men's Ministry is starting a new discipleship group on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sonshiners class. The study is "The Crazy Cycle" led by Donnie Bosarge. Sign up sheets are in the lobby.

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Upcoming Sermons

January 26th

"Daniel: Fiery Furnace"

Daniel 3:1-30

February 2nd

"Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar Testifies"

Daniel 4:1-37



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, 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, 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, Betty Stafford, 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.



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 Elise "Sissy" Meadows by The First Methodist Women and John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Lil Jobe by The First Methodist Women.

A donation was given in memory of Lois Jones by The First Methodist Women.

Donations were given in memory of Wanda Miller by Betsy Bullard, Andy & Barbara Fahy, Sue Caldarelli, and John Blake.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Wanda Miller.



Church Finance Report

2025 YTD Budget
Receipts +LIG: \$24,403

2025 YTD Budgeted
Expenses: \$25,151

Calendar

Sunday, January 26th

- 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

Monday, January 27th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room
- 6:00 p.m. Methodist Women Meeting in the CLC

Tuesday, January 28th

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

Wednesday, January 29th

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
5:30 p.m. Youth Heart & Soul in Youth Hall
5:30 p.m. Men's Small Group in the Sonshiners
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, January 30th

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

Sunday, February 2nd

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

Monday, February 3rd

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Tuesday, February 4th

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

Wednesday, February 5th

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
5:30 p.m. Youth Heart & Soul in Youth Hall
5:30 p.m. Men's Small Group in the Sonshiners
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, February 6th

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

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus,
and Serve Like Jesus.

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