



The Messenger

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“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”
Proverbs 11:25 NLT

We serve a generous God! The generous hand of God gave his best, his only son, to purchase our redemption. As followers of Jesus, we are both called and privileged to be generous to others in response to God’s generosity toward us.

I want to thank you for your generosity in recent weeks. It is no secret our church has been in a period of transition. I am grateful for your commitment to ensuring the witness of Christ in our community and beyond as we move forward together. Thank you!

One particular way to express gratitude through generosity is by donating supplies to the victims of Hurricane Helene. Below you will find a list of items we would like to deliver to Valdosta, Georgia. Please consider how you can help! Again, thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! - Ben

Supplies Needed:

Cleaning Supplies

Clothespins

Bottled water

Sports drinks

Paper goods (Plates, paper towels, utensils etc...)

Tarps

Mops

Clorox wipes

Hand wipes
Baby supplies (diapers, wipes, etc...)
Pull-top cans of soup
Peanut butter
Hygiene products
Flash lights
Batteries
Contractor trash bags

Work gloves

There will be a trailer this Sunday (10/6) @ the main campus @ 8:30 a.m. and at The Well @ 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, contact the church office @ 228-863-9619.

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.



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.



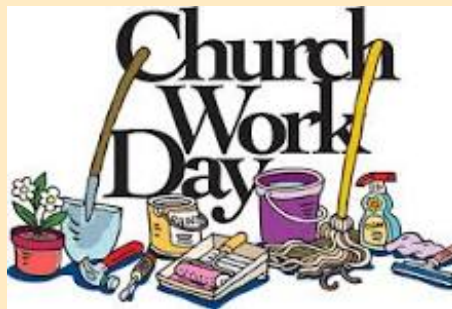
Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for one worship service as we celebrate 150 years of ministry with a special worship service featuring guest minister, Jim Genesse. Afterward, enjoy lunch under the oaks with a delicious menu of pulled pork sandwiches or chicken strips, served with 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- 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.



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



On Monday, October 14th, the Christian Life Center kitchen will be closed for the removal and replacement of both the kitchen HVAC and North HVAC. Currently, the closure is scheduled to last two weeks. None of the appliances will be available during the closure period. Please plan accordingly.

Youth Calendar

October:

- 2nd: 5:30 - Heart and Soul
- 6th: Youth @5 - Wrapping up Discipleship Series
- 9th: NO Heart and Soul (Fall Break)
- 12th-14th - Fall Retreat
- 16th: - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 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

*Dont forget to turn in your \$100 for the retreat to Mrs. Mary or Mrs. Mandy ASAP**



Open Table Ministry

Open Table will be serving at Gulfport's 19th Street Park (3319 19th St., Gulfport, MS) on Saturday, October 12th. We will meet at the Church at 10:30 a.m. to load supplies and food offerings. Contact Terry and Glenda Hull at tgkhull@icloud.com for more information.



Methodist Women Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

The Fall Rummage/Bake sale is on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall. Come and see what treasures you can find. Also, 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.



Our family has been overwhelmed by all your love and support as we celebrated the life of Lil Jobe! We can't thank you enough for all the care and support you have shown not only us, but our mom as she has struggled these past couple of years. She always looked forward to your visits and letters. One of her greatest regrets was that she wasn't able to be present with you once her health prevented it. But she never doubted that she was loved and missed. You helped make a time of grief, one of joy and celebration of a life lived well in Christ! She adored her church family and I personally am so grateful to have been raised and brought into the faith of Christ at First Methodist Church Long Beach! In Christ - Jana Jobe



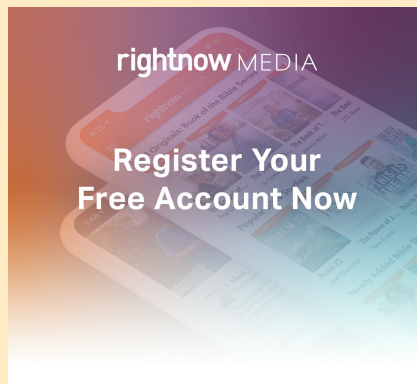
Changes to the Church Directory

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 6th

"Ephesians: Follow the Example of Christ"

Ephesians 5:1-20

October 13th
"Ephesians: Husbands and Wives"
Ephesians 5:21-33



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 Mark & Terri Oehmichen and family at the death of Mark's mother, Gloria 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 John Blake, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, and Crystal Springs Methodist Church Youth Group.

Donations were given in memory of Lois Jones by John Blake, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, and Bernard Magee & Brenda Magee Breeland.



Acolytes

October 6th Jack
October 13th Owen
October 20th Malaina
October 27th Owen



Smile On..... All the Back Pack Buddy Volunteers.



Church Finance Report

YTD General Budget Receipts: \$550,117

YTD Expenses (actual expenses \$564,653
less \$44,788 Line-item gifts): \$519,865

Net receipts: \$30,251

Calendar

Sunday, October 6th

- 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, October 7th

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

Tuesday, October 8th

- 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 9th

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

Thursday, October 10th

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

Saturday, October 12th

- 8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal Parlor
- 10:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry 19th Street Park

Sunday, October 13th

- 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

Monday, October 14th

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

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Side by Side room

Tuesday, October 15th

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

Wednesday, October 16th

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

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 17th

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

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

Saturday, October 19th

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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