



First Methodist Church

Long Beach

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Our church envisions multi-
plying disciples of Jesus
Christ throughout the earth
who flourish in scriptural holi-
ness as we worship passion-
ately, love extravagantly, and
witness boldly..

The Messenger

October 16, 2025

I'm so excited to kick off our Dinner and Discipleship this week! We will be taking a six week journey discovering **"How to read and study the Bible for yourself!"** We will take a look each week at how to approach the scripture in a way that produces not just information but transformation, not just knowledge but wisdom, not just religion but heart change. Our hope is that as we take this journey we will all be able to navigate the Word of God in a way that helps us all truly encounter Jesus and the gift of his full salvation! See you Wednesday at 5:30 in the Christian Life Center. Please bring your Bible (paper not digital) and a notebook or journal. Dinner will be provided.

-Ben



Upcoming Sermons

October 19th

"Sermon on the Mount: Providence"

Matthew 6:19-34

October 26th

"Sermon on the Mount: Judging & Fruit"

Matthew 7:1-6, 15-20

November 2nd

"Sermon on the Mount: Ask, Seek, & Knock"

Matthew 7:7-11



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, 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, Natalie Schmidt, Nancy Ruff, Dawn Rhoades, John Fales, Becky Collins, Richard Gingles, Mandy Reinike, and Leo LaCour.



Save the date for a **Men’s Ministry Retreat** at Palmer Creek Campground on November 7th & 8th. More information to follow.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Kevin & Marsha Bishop and family at the death of Marsha’s mother, Imogene Hoffmann.



Dear Friends, Your thoughtfulness during this time has been so evident from the beautiful service to the delicious lunch, you made a difficult day meaningful. We are also so appreciative of the many kind calls, texts, cards, and expressions of love. You are His hands and feet! Much love, Kevin & Marsha Bishop and Jim Hoffmann.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the love and blessings both for clergy appreciation month and my birthday. I’m so thankful for all the notes, flowers, and well wishes! You all are the absolute best. Ben



We would like to welcome Keith & Kelsie Dove and their two children Leon & Ramsey into our church family of faith here at First Methodist Church Long Beach.

Calendar

- Sunday, October 19th**
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
2:00 p.m. Membership Class in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth hall
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in Side by Side room
6:30 Williamson Branch Band in the Sanctuary
- Monday, October 20th**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Methodist Women in the CLC
- Tuesday, October 21st**
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.
- Wednesday, October 22nd**
10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC
5:30 p.m. Dinner & Discipleship in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Squad in Seekers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- Thursday, October 23rd**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride’s Parlor
- Sunday, October 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. Truck or Treat in the parking lot
- Monday, October 27th**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- Tuesday, October 28th**
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Respite Room
- Wednesday, October 29th**
10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
5:30 p.m. Discipleship & Dinner in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Squad in Seekers Class
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- Thursday, October 30th**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor
- Sunday, November 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
3:00 p.m. Charge Conference @ Caswell Springs Methodist Church
5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the Side by Side room
- Monday, November 3rd**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Tuesday, November 4th**
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Respite Room
- Wednesday, November 5th**
10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
5:30 p.m. Discipleship & Dinner in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Squad in Seekers Class
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- Thursday, November 6th**
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

Youth Calendar

September:

- 9/3 - Heart & Soul @5:30-6:30
- 9/7 - Youth @5
- 9/10 - NO Heart & Soul Homecoming Parade
- 9/14 - Youth @5
- 9/17 - Heart & Soul @5:30-6:30
- 9/21 - Youth @5
- 9/24 - Heart & Soul @5:30-6:30
- 9/28 - Youth @5

October:

- 1st : Heart & Soul @5:30-6:30
- 5th: Youth @5
- 8th: NO Heart & Soul - Fall Break
- 12th: Beach Retreat
- 15th: All Church Discipleship with youth breakout time 5:30-7
- 19th Youth @5
- 22nd: All Church Discipleship 5:30-7
- 26th: Fall Family Event
- 29th: All Church Discipleship 5:30-7

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

Membership Class

If you would like to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus as a member of First Methodist Church Long Beach, we are offering a membership class on Sunday, October 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at 208 Pine St. If you have any questions prior to the sessions, please let us know! You can call Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622.



O.A.K.S. Luncheon

Please join The O.A.K.S. for a luncheon in the Christian Life Center on Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:30 a.m. All are invited and please bring a dish to share.



First Methodist Women Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

The Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped with Rummage/Bake sale! The proceeds are as follows: Regular Rummage Sale \$11,638.40, Jewelry/Precious Metals \$13,650.00, Bake Sale \$1312.25, and Pulled Pork Plates \$998.00 for a total of \$27,598.65. A special thank you to Terry Hull and David Roots for the Pulled Pork Plates.



Join us for our **Annual Trunk or Treat** on Sunday, Oct 26th, at 5:00 p.m.! Games and a hot dog dinner will be included! If anyone would like to provide a trunk, sign up sheets will be in the lobby or 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 26th.



Williamson Branch is a national touring group that combines traditional hymns, modern worship, original music, and occasional hand clapping fiddle/banjo tunes. They are blessed with the opportunity to minister to millions online. Now we get to witness it live on October 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary here at First Methodist Church.

www.williamsonbranch.com



"How to Read and Study the Bible for Yourself"

Join us on Wednesday evenings for Dinner & Discipleship October 15th through November 19th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center at the main campus. Bring your Bible and notebook and we hope to see you there!



2025 YTD Budget
Receipts + LIG \$706,236
2025 YTD Budgeted
Expenses \$632,736

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GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

**District Charge
Conference**

Our District Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Caswell Springs Methodist Church. The church is located at 18601 MS-63,

Moss Point, MS. 39562. All members of the church are invited to attend.



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October 19th Collins
October 26th Ellie
November 2nd Raylee
November 9th Jacen