



First Methodist Church

Long Beach

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The Vision

Our vision is our intended destination or goal. The vision of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Mission

Our mission is the roadmap for achieving our vision. The mission of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to engage, equip, and empower people to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Messenger

December 4, 2025

As we enter the season of Advent, our church once again steps into a time of holy anticipation. Advent is more than simply the four weeks before Christmas—it is a season that teaches us how to wait, how to hope, and how to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

The word Advent means “arrival” or “coming,” and during this season we hold in tension two beautiful truths: Christ has already come into the world, and Christ will come again. We celebrate the humble birth in Bethlehem, while also lifting our eyes toward God’s promised future—when Christ will return to make all things new.

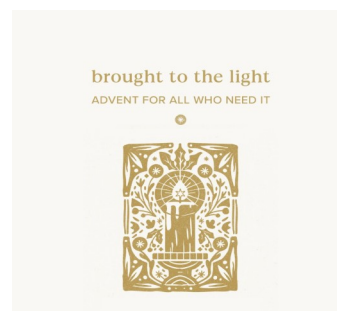
We live in a world filled with noise, hurry, and worry. The season of Advent invites us to slow down. It calls us to make room—room in our schedules, in our minds, and in our hearts—for the presence of God. It encourages us to look for the light of Christ not only in our Sunday morning gatherings but also in the ordinary and mundane moments of our week.

This season, may we be people who listen more closely, pray more deeply, and serve more lovingly. May the hope of Christ steady us, the peace of Christ calm us, and the joy of Christ strengthen us. And above all, may the love of Christ shine through us so others may see His light.

“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.” Isaiah 9:2

God bless you and yours this Advent Season,

-Ben



Upcoming Sermons

December 7th

“Brought to the Light: Peace”
Matthew 1:16-25

December 14th

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Cantata
The Silence and the Sound by Heather Sorenson
11:00 a.m. The Well “Brought to the Light: Joy”
Luke 1:39-56



This app will help you stay connected with every thing going on in the life of our church. You can watch live and past worship services, keep up with upcoming events, access our newsletter, receive push notifications, sign up for events, and even manage your online gift giving. There will be access to an online Bible, RightNow Media, as well as a link to our new church directory. Please feel free to reach out to the office with any questions or concerns, we’ll be glad to help!



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, 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, 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, Lauren Sullivan, and Leo LaCour.



Church Key Update

Don't forget to get your church key card updated before the end of the year. (Alice will be on vacation the first two weeks in January.)



A donation was given in memory of Rose Draime by Marcia French.



Acolyte Schedule

December 7th Malaina
December 14th Jack
December 21st Raylee
December 24th Ellie
December 28th Amiyah



All are invited to join the O.A.K.S. for their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the CLC. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



The church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 6th from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Calendar

Sunday, December 7th

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. First Methodist Women Tea @ The Rhoades Home

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir in the Choir room

5:00 p.m. Angel Tree wrapping/potluck

Monday, December 8th

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

Tuesday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.

7:00 p.m. Middle School Concert/Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 10th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.

6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class

6:30 p.m. Children's Choir in sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

Thursday, December 11th

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

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

Friday, December 12th

7:00 p.m. High School Concert/sanctuary

Saturday, December 13th

10:30 a.m. Open Table 19th Street Park

Sunday, December 14th

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 Christmas Party @ The Long Home

5:00 p.m. In-Betweens Christmas Party in Heritage Hall

Monday, December 15th

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

6:00 p.m. Methodist Women Christmas Dinner in the CLC

Tuesday, December 16th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Respite Room

Wednesday, December 17th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.

11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC

6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

Thursday, December 18th

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

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



Advent Events

First Methodist Church Long Beach

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service – LBHS Madrigals sing
11:00 a.m. Well service @ USM - LBHS Madrigals sing
2:00 p.m. First Methodist Women Christmas Tea – Rhoades' Home
4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice in the Choir room
5:00 p.m. Angel Tree Wrapping Party and Potluck – Christian Life Center

Tuesday, December 9

- 7:00 p.m. LBMS Christmas Concert – Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 10th

- 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 12

- 7:00 p.m. LBHS Christmas Concert – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service – Chancel Choir Cantata
11:00 a.m. Well service @ USM
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party – Longs' home
5:00 p.m. In Betweens Christmas Party – Heritage Hall

Monday, December 15

- 6:00 p.m. First Methodist Women Christmas Dinner – CLC

Wednesday, December 17

- 11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Christmas Luncheon – CLC

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service
11:00 a.m. Well service @ USM

Tuesday, December 24

- 11:00 a.m. Community Christmas Eve Lunch – CLC
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service @ USM
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 28

- 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary



2025 YTD Budget

Receipts + LIG \$815,165

2025 YTD Budgeted

Expenses \$729,060



The Methodist Women are hosting a Christmas Tea and all women of the church and Special Guests are invited.

The Tea is on Sunday, December 7th @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Rhoades home.

2 Chimney Cross, Long Beach.



Angel Tree Wrapping Party/ Potluck Dinner

We will share a potluck meal and wrap all the gifts that have been purchased for our Angel Tree kids at a wrapping Party on Sunday, Dec 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. You do not have to have shopped for a child to participate in the wrapping! Bring a dish to share and any wrapping supplies you want. (your own scissors, tape, tissue paper, boxes, and bags to share, etc). If wrapping is not your specialty, that's ok- come for the food and fellowship!

Community Christmas Eve Lunch

11 am - 1 pm

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Every year, our church hosts a Community Christmas Eve Luncheon. Below are several ways to serve. The sign-up sheets are in the lobbies at both campuses.

- Donate a ham or turkey
- Cook a ham or turkey
- Serve food
- Greeter
- Kitchen Prep and Clean up
- CLC Prep and Clean up
- Bus Tables
- Donate side dishes such as Sweet Potatoes, Corn Pudding, rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Dressing, Mac & Cheese, and desserts.





Dec 7 - Angel Tree Wrapping Party - a church wide family event in the Christian Life Center! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and come wrap presents with your family.

Dec 14 - Christmas Party In Hertiage Hall - bring a Christmas/winter hat to exchange!

Dec 21 & 28 - No In-Betweens, Winter Break!

Jan 4 - In-Betweens resumes

Heritage Hall is the building at First Methodist Church that has a Mosaic Cross on the door. In-Betweens will participate in Wednesday night dinners during January and February.

Love to feed hungry students? Scan the QR code and sign up to provide dinner for Youth Group and In-Betweens this semester!



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Winter RETREAT

Who: 7th - 12th graders
When: February 13-16, 2026
Where: Hargis Christian Camp
(928 CR 461, Chelsea, AL 35043)
Cost: \$150 per student

questions?
Emily Barlow: 502-867-8601
or emilyharrisonbarlow@gmail.com



Dec 7 - Angel Tree Wrapping Party
Bring a side dish or dessert to share and wrapping paper, tape, or boxes to donate.

Dec 14 - Christmas Party @ Mandy's!
5007 Oak Court, Long Beach

Bring a dip or dessert to share and a pair of socks for a gift exchange game!

Dec 21 & 28 - No Youth, Winter Break!

Jan 4 - Youth Group

Above events begin at 5 PM. Youth will participate in Wednesday night dinners during January and February. Register now for Winter Retreat, February 13-16!

