

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastoral Perspective

Folks,

What an exciting season to be able to call ourselves Americans! On July 4th we celebrate 250 years since our nation's founding, a remarkable milestone that few generations have the privilege of witnessing. At the same time, the U.S. men's national soccer team has captured the attention of the country with an outstanding start in the World Cup, winning its group for the first time since 2010 and achieving back to back wins for the first time since 1930. It's fun to celebrate these moments and to thank God for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of this nation. As we celebrate our earthly citizenship, however, Scripture reminds us that we belong to an even greater kingdom. Paul writes in Philippians 3:20, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." Long before we are Americans, Texans, or anything else, we are followers of Jesus Christ. Our greatest hope is not found in any nation, political party, or earthly leader, but in the King of kings. So enjoy the fireworks. Cheer on Team USA. Give thanks for the freedoms we have been given. But above all, remember where your truest citizenship lies. May we be faithful ambassadors of Christ, representing his kingdom with humility, love, and grace wherever we go.

Grace and Peace,
Greg Morgan



*Worship
& Learn
with Us*

Sunday School
9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship
Service:
10:30 A.M.

*Child care is
available during the
classrooms during
Sunday Service*



Father's Day



Dads and Grandads: Michael Ward, Mike Ward, David Dewolfe, and Roger Waldrep



John Crisp, Tonja Hayes, and Ray Sandefur



These sweet girls passed out sweet treats for all the Dads



John Hayes & Son



Michael Ward- Dad to our littlest FMC member- Baby Whitney

Servant's Heart

Dr. Glenn
Rountree

Q What role do you serve in, and how did you get started?

Gail Eichler called me and told me that she wanted to start a clinic for the disadvantaged people in the community at the church downtown. She said she wanted to name the clinic after my late wife Mary Kay with whom she was friends and asked if I would be willing to participate. I thought it was a great idea and provides a means of helping people who otherwise would not be able to see a physician or go to a clinic.



Q What do you enjoy most about volunteering with our church family?

There is a sense of spiritual accomplishment and a great deal of satisfaction knowing we are providing a service for a group of people in our community that are severely disadvantaged and who for the most part are very appreciative of the services we provide.

Q Who has been an inspiration in your journey of serving others?

My late wife Mary Kay was an RN and was very involved at Williams in church activities. She was a member of two women's groups and was very involved with the Angel Quilting group. This clinic is something she would have embraced with enthusiasm and would have been there with Gail, helping out, and enjoying every minute.



Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

We are grateful to welcome these new members into our church family! Thank you for choosing to be part of our faith community. We look forward to growing together, serving alongside one another, and seeing all that God has in store through your unique gifts and faithful presence.



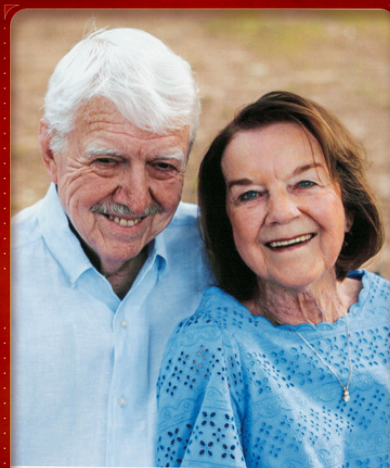
Scott & Melissa Harris



Ashley & Michael Eddy
with sons Reid & Roland



Judy Westerman

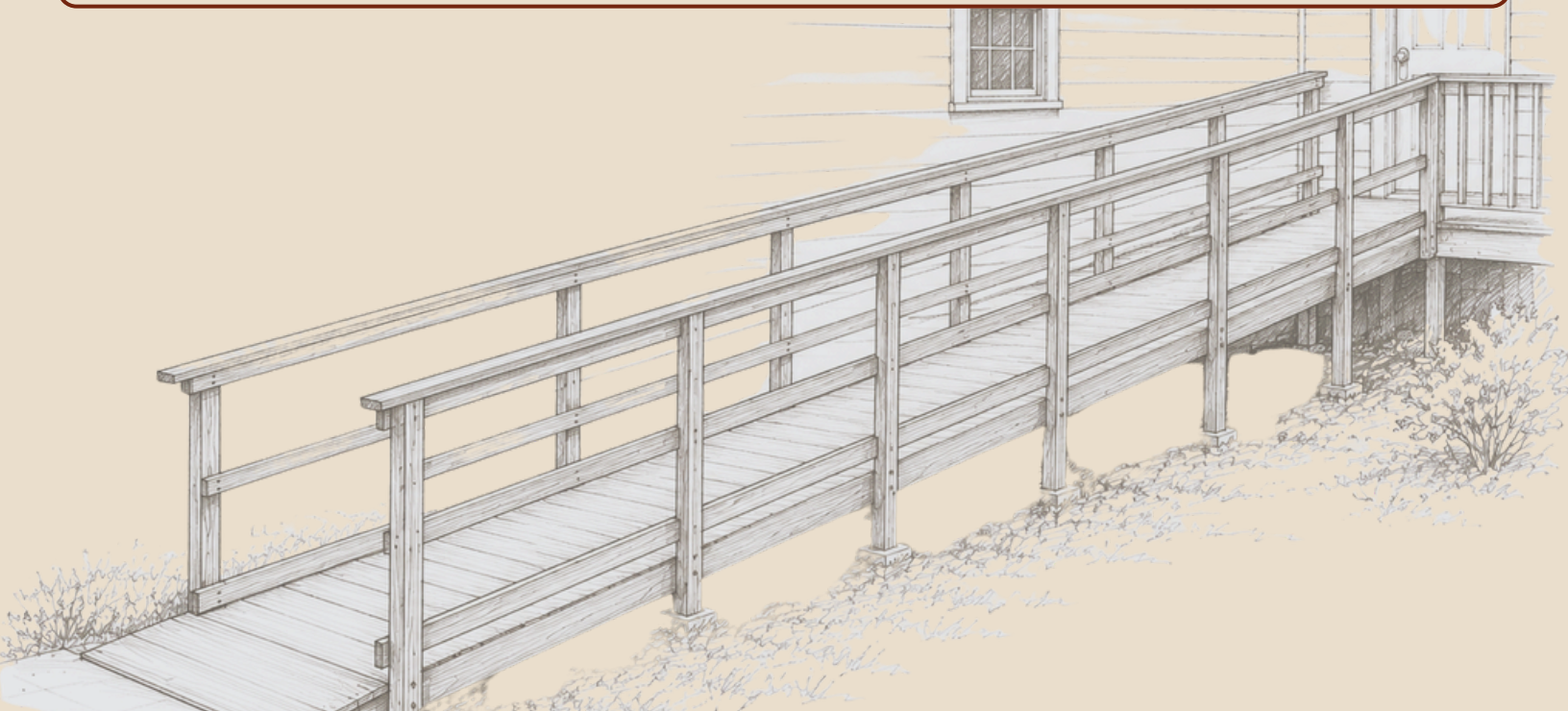


James & Cora Morris

Wheelchair Ramp Build



Craig Benich, Mike Malone, Richard Page, Michael White, Chris Quinn, Jim McGee, Paul Quinn, Chris Spyres, Mark Mittelman, Clay Robinson



Member Spotlight

Q

Tell us a little about your family—who's who, and what are some of your favorite things to do together?

Mike and Lynn have a great blended family of one son, two daughters, two daughters in law, 2 sons in law, along with 3 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. Mike is a big golfer. We both love to fish. Lynn's the gardener at home and Mike's the "plant manager". We were co owners and worked at Gray's Jewelers for over 50 years and retired in January 2025.



MEET THE MURRAHS!

How long have you been married and how did you meet?

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We've known each other for over 50 years. Worked together for 41 years and have been married for 20 years.



Member Spotlight

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What are some of your favorite ways to get involved at our church?

We both enjoy volunteering for family oriented activities at the church

Do you have a favorite bible verse to share?

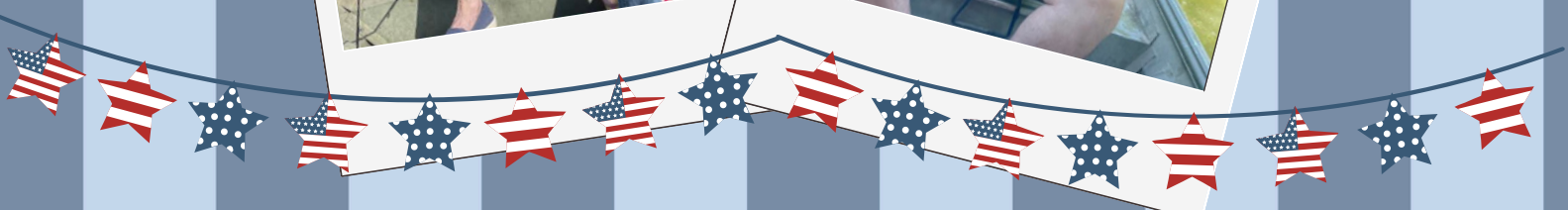
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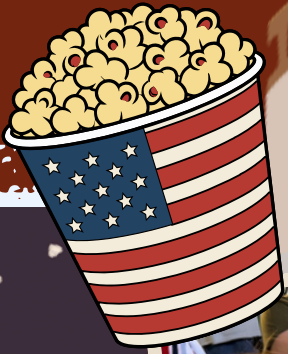
Favorite bible verse 1st Corinthians 13

Q

If we have a church potluck, who is cooking and what are you bringing?

Mike's the chef and Lynn's the "sous chef". Mike's specialty is brisket or ribs





Movie Night



MOVIE

The
Mittelmans





Scavenger Hunt



The White Family



The Crabtree Family



Staff Spotlight

Meet our new
office assistant:

Riley Davis



Q

Tell us a little about yourself—what are you studying in college? What are some of your interests and hobbies?

At Texarkana A&M I am currently studying to get my Bachelor of Sciences in Psychology with a minor in mathematics. I hold an Associate's degree in Behavioral Sciences from Texarkana College. I plan to continue my Psychology field and get my master's from George Mason in Virginia. In my free time I love spending time with my family and friends and spending days at the river.

Q

What led you to step into this role, and what excites you most about it?

I stepped into this role because I wanted an opportunity to serve others and gain experience that would help me grow both my faith and professionally. What excites me the most is being able to support people learn new things and hopefully have a positive impact on the church.

Staff Spotlight

Q

Do you have a favorite Bible verse to share?

"One of my favorite Bible verses comes from Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." This verse reminds me to trust God's plan and remember to breathe when life gets hard and my faith is tested.



Q

Just for fun—what's one thing church members might be surprised to learn about you?

Many people are surprised to learn that my long-term career goal is to work crimes against children for the FBI. I've participated in programs focused on law enforcement and criminal investigations, and I'm passionate about using my education and skills to make the serve my community and make the world safer.



Celebrations

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---|----|--------------------------------------|
| 5 | Wendy Townsend
Hattie Ramage | 21 | Toni Budzilowski
Aubrey McCulloch |
| 6 | Kari Crabtree
Ashley Eddy | 22 | Lisa Morgan
Lori Mueller |
| 7 | Colleen Dunbar | 23 | Trip Dewolfe III
Turner Griffin |
| 10 | Audrey Boehmke | | Hayden Henry |
| 11 | Will Sandefur | 25 | Jenni Hedrick
Moody Miller |
| 12 | Ann Ainsley
Ronald Williams
John Ed Crisp | | Mike Murrah
Sue Camp |
| 13 | Terry Rehkopf | | Marcie Hlavinka |
| 17 | Mark Smith | 26 | Stan Griffin, Jr. |

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY