



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Pastoral Perspective

Folks,

What an exhilarating month we had in July! I'm not even sure where to begin! In celebration of all the work and service done at the old PG elementary, we had a church-wide cookout so everyone could see the fantastic decorations and enjoy the great space PG was kind enough to bless us with. Despite the horrendous weather that passed through during our event, we still had more than 100 people come out! Then two weeks later, we kicked off Kids Camp, our Wednesday night programming for the children's ministry. We had no idea what to expect in terms of participation, and it turned out to be even bigger than we expected! The first week, we had 66 kids registered to be part of it. I was so impressed by that! Then the second week, that number climbed to over 90! If that's not a shining indication of Sarah's leadership and her incredible volunteers, I don't know what is. And as if all of that wasn't already exciting enough, we held a church-wide meeting to discuss and vote on the opportunity to purchase Northside Church's property at 5801 Summerhill Road. I felt confident it would pass, but what I did not expect was a unanimous vote! Not only will we now have 25 continuous acres in a prime location, but God also moved powerfully and gave our church family a remarkable spirit of unity. I am so thankful to be part of this exciting movement, and I'm grateful that you are too!

Grace and Peace,
Greg Morgan



Worship
& Learn
with Us

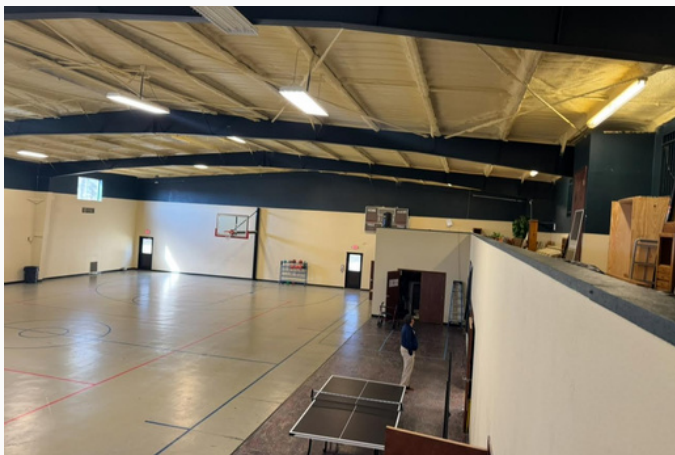
Adult Sunday School
9:45 A.M.

Children's Sunday School
9:45 A.M.
in classrooms

Sunday Worship Services:
10:45 A.M.
in the sanctuary

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





Summerhill Property

UPDATES:




On Sunday, July 27th our church membership unanimously voted to acquire the Northside property at 5801 Summerhill Road.

We will officially take possession of the new property October 31st.

Our projected first Sunday service at the new property will be November 9th, which means our last service in our current sanctuary will be on All Saints Day, November 2nd.



FEATURES:

-  **Closer to Home**
 More accessible for many of our members—less travel, more connection.
-  **Highly Visible & Inviting**
 Our presence and invitation to the community grows stronger.
-  **Room to Grow**
 Larger & more usable space, ready to support growing ministries, events, & outreach.
-  **Safety & Modern Features**
 Newly remodeled sanctuary, plus a safer environment for all ages.
-  **Built for Families**
 Amazing children's & youth areas (full sized gym!) designed for fun & fellowship.
-  **Outdoor Opportunities**
 Expansive fields perfect for sports, picnics, VBS, & cookouts
-  **A Long-Term Vision**
 Connects to land we already own—totaling 25 continuous acres for future ministry and building expansion.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Finance Committee



Left to Right: John Bolton, Taylor Hedrick, David Crenshaw, Mike Ward, Lisa Mitchell, Lucy Sarrett, Melinda McGee, Daniel Warmack
Steve Ledwell (not pictured)

Committee Functions & Responsibilities

The Finance Committee is responsible for:

- Managing church funds
- Investing church funds
- Creating & reviewing church budget

Recent & Current Business

- Acquisition campaign for new property
- Adopting Financial Policies and Procedures
- Managing endowment
- Exploring investment opportunities

“Upside Down”

Sermon Series

This sermon series explores Jesus’ radical teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). At the center is the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” But living this way is far from easy. Jesus’ instructions often feel unnatural and completely upside down from how we instinctively want to respond. From loving our enemies to turning the other cheek, these teachings challenge our most basic impulses. Each week, we’ll wrestle with what it means to live like Jesus in the real world, especially when it’s difficult, uncomfortable, or seemingly impossible.

August 24

Fighting Fire with Water
Matthew 5:38–42



September 7

Loving without Conditions
Matthew 5:43–48



September 14

Do Falling Trees Speak?
Matthew 6:1–4



September 21

Letting Things Go
Matthew 6:25–34



September 28

Setting Up for Success
Matthew 7:24–27



Service In Action



FMC member Sean Mahaffey, pictured left, recently volunteered in central Texas after the devastating floods.



Kid's Camp



Churchwide Cookout



Member Spotlight

MEET THE FOWLERS!



Tell us a little about your family!

Horace and Debbie have been married for two and a half years. They have known each other for close to forty years and previously enjoyed bowling, camping, and traveling with their late spouses along with several other couples. They came together after their spouses passed away and fell in love with each other.

Member Spotlight



What are your roles in the community?

Horace is a retired optician and business owner and Debbie is a retired bank officer.



What are some of your hobbies?

Their hobbies are spending time with family and friends. Horace enjoys keeping up the yard and maintaining their pool. Debbie enjoys shopping and decorating.



Do you have a favorite bible verse to share?

Horace's favorite bible verse is Philippians 4:13- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Although not a bible verse, Debbie likes a saying she saw on a church billboard, "If God is your copilot, you need to swap seats."



How long have you been members of FMC? How are you involved in church life?

Horace is a lifelong member of First Methodist Church and Debbie is a former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and now a member of First Methodist Church. Horace serves as an usher at FMC.



Celebrations



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 3 | Brooke Benich | 16 | Emma Tengwall |
| | Jim Cox | 18 | Jackson Hlavinka |
| 4 | Nick Duke | 19 | Reggie Goins |
| 5 | Ken King | | Miles Miller |
| | Jan Cox | | Jan Patterson |
| 9 | Lily Kate McCulloch | 22 | Jeff Prieskorn |
| 11 | Merida Johnson | 23 | Trish Reed |
| | Lane Wisdom | 29 | Kim Hornbuckle |
| 13 | Megan Griffin | | Kitty Waddell |
| 14 | Martha Dunbar | 30 | Denise Wright |
| 15 | Helen Hamilton | 31 | Susan Waldrep |

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY