

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastoral Perspective

Folks,

This is officially the last month we'll be worshiping in our beautiful downtown campus. On November 9th, we'll have our first service at the Northside Campus, and downtown will begin its transformation into a full-time mission site. These are exciting times! But this month, I want everyone to really take a good look at the sanctuary before we move. I want everyone to look at it and see everything that God has done in the past year. When that sanctuary only sat 15 a little over a year ago, God brought life back into this church with an average of more than 180 attending every Sunday now. When that sanctuary had old tile for flooring and 3 different types of chairs, this church stepped up to reclaim its prior beauty. I invite you to soak up those memories and to look even more intently at the beautiful stained glass windows that surround the room. This building will forever be a part of our story as a church. It became a refuge and a new home for those who had to leave their churches in the split last year. It has served as a beacon of light to some of our homeless and low income neighbors on Sunday mornings. It'll still be here and it'll still be ours after we leave, and rest assured it won't be empty for long. I can't wait to see what God has in store for this sanctuary next, knowing that it will bless others just as it has blessed us!

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*

Our New Logo

Check out our new logo! We love how fresh it feels and how personal it is to our church. The outline is a nod to the beautiful stained glass windows on our downtown building. The right side of the cross features the letter F pointing to our name, First Methodist. There is also a hidden number 1 inside the cross, which reminds us of our history as the first church established in Texarkana. And finally, at the center, stands the cross, reminding us that Jesus is at the center of our church and our lives.



Holy Smarts Trivia Night



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Over 50 ladies met for Holy Smarts Trivia on Monday, September 29 to kickoff our new Women's Ministries Program. Pastor Greg made the best MC and everyone had a great time!



Youth Bowling Night



Dinner Groups



Dinner Groups are a simple way to meet new faces and build friendships within our church family. When you sign up, we'll place you in a group of no more than eight people. Over the next three months, your group will gather three times for dinner. It can be at someone's home, at a restaurant, or wherever you choose.

This isn't a Bible study or a formal class. It's about sharing meals, sharing stories, and discovering community in a fun and relaxed way.

Deadline to sign up is **October 12th**. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Conversation Starters

Save these fun questions to get to the conversation flowing!

Light & Fun

- What's your favorite comfort food or recipe you bring to potlucks?
- If you could instantly become good at any hobby, what would it be?
- What's the best vacation you've ever taken?
- What's one small thing that made you smile this week?

Family & Community

- What's a family tradition you love?
- What's one way you like to serve in your community?
- What's your favorite memory from a church event?
- How do you like to rest and recharge after a busy week??



“Tall Tales & Short Sight” Sermon Series

Tall Tales and Short Sights is a sermon series that tackles some of the most common misconceptions about the Christian faith. Far too often, half-truths and cultural sayings get mistaken for God’s word, creating inaccurate pictures in people’s minds of how God works and what the church, faith, and the Christian life look like. In this series, we’ll uncover the truth behind the myths and replace short-sighted beliefs with the deep life-giving clarity and richness of Scripture.

October 5

God Won’t Overload Us?
2 Corinthians 12:1-10



October 12

Name it, Claim it?
James 4:1-12

HELLO
MY NAME IS

October 19

Trust and Never Doubt?
Matthew 11:1-11



October 26

Come As You Are?
John 8:1-11



November 2

Just Believe, That’s It?
James 2:14-26

Believe

In Memorium



Robert McMahon

Robert "Bob" McMahon, born March 6, 1937, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, surrounded by his loving wife of 69 years and his family, after a short battle with cancer.

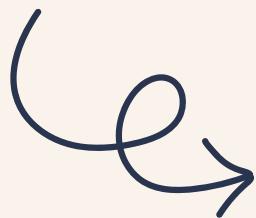
Bob was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather—a man of quiet strength, steady character, and deep love for those closest to him. He owned and operated Venture Signs & RMAC Advertising, and was an active member of the Wilbur Smith Rotary Club, the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce (where he proudly served on the board), and the Texarkana Country Club (which he also served on the board).

A passionate golfer and enthusiastic traveler, Bob treasured time spent with family above all else. He was especially known for his legendary beef tenderloin on the grill, a tradition his family will always remember with love and laughter.

Bob is survived by his wife, Roberta McMahon, and their children: Scott & Lori McMahon of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Sue & Dave Segura of Benton, Arkansas; Julie Brigham-Patchanian & David Patchanian; Steve & Vicki McMahon; and Jill McMahon & Alton Endsley of Texarkana. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and his two beloved cats.

Member Spotlight

MEET THE CRENSHAWS!



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

David and I (Dee Ann) have two precious daughters, Courtney 35 and Catie 32. We love all things football, especially if it's "green and gold". Courtney lives in Hurst and is a CPA and Catie is a first grade teacher at Nash Elementary. David loves to play golf and I enjoy being retired after 37 years in the classroom. When we are all together we love to watch sports, play games and do crafts (well, we leave David out on the craft part).

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

We just celebrated our 39th anniversary in August. We met at Baylor in the library. Well, I stalked him in the cafeteria first, but he finally figured it out in the library.

Q Do you have a favorite bible verse to share?

My favorite verse is "He makes everything beautiful in HIS time"
Ecclesiastes 3:11

Member Spotlight

Q

If we have a church potluck, which of you is cooking? And what are they making?

If we are having a potluck, I would definitely be the one to cook and it would probably be either broccoli cheese casserole or brownies.



Q

What is y'all's favorite fall tradition?

We love fall and cooler weather. This fall we are planning a trip to the New England states to enjoy all the beautiful leaves changing and experience fall in all its glory. I'm especially excited about a train ride where we will see the beautiful landscape and covered bridges as well.

Q

How do you guys plug into the church? What are some of your favorite ways to get involved?

We absolutely love our church and are so blessed to be a part of all the amazing things that God is doing at First Methodist. David is an usher, serves on the Finance Committee, and can be found assisting Roger Waldrep at the many church cookouts. I serve on the Missions Committee, work at Mary's Closet, and teach children's Sunday School and Kid's Camp on Wednesday nights.



First Methodist Church

Fall FESTIVAL

GAMES
HAYRIDE
PETTING ZOO
BOUNCE HOUSES
COSTUME CONTEST
TRUNK OR TREAT



HOT DOGS
POPCORN BAR
CARAMEL APPLE BAR
CHILI COOK-OFF
BAKE OFF
CANDY, PRIZES & MORE

Wednesday, October 22nd

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

New
Location!

5801 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas

Celebrations

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 David DeWolfe
4 John Crisp
6 Ray Sandefur
7 Jessica Bolton
9 Becky Clem
15 Chris Spyres
18 Deann Goins

20 Emma Sandefur
21 Clayton Wisdom
22 Harper Dickeson
27 Eleanor Riddell
29 David Crenshaw
30 Jordan Miller

