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Are you new here? Do you have a prayer concern or idea to share? Do you want to be on our email list for the newsletter? Just scan the code below!



From Your Minister

One of the greatest gifts God gives us is relationships. Healthy relationships do not happen by accident. Strong relationships require more than shared DNA or shared history. They require time, intentional effort, and a willingness to be present in one another's lives.

Of course, not everyone has the same experience with family. Some are blessed with large, close-knit families. Others are separated by distance, have experienced broken relationships or deep loss, or have no close family at all. That is one of the beautiful gifts of the church. Through Jesus Christ, God welcomes each of us into a family that is built not on biology, but on grace.

Like any family, though, those relationships do not grow simply because we belong to the same church. They grow because we choose to invest in one another. We worship and pray together. We offer encouragement. We celebrate life's joys together and share our struggles. We become a true community when we choose to share life together.

As wonderful as the gift of community is, it is one of the easiest gifts to take for granted. It is possible to attend the same church for years without truly knowing the people around us. God's desire is for something much deeper.

Christian community is not just something we belong to. It is something we practice.

This week, consider taking one intentional step toward someone else. Introduce yourself to someone you do not know well. Stay a little longer after worship. Join a Sunday Morning Small Group or Bible study. Offer to pray with someone. Invite someone to lunch. Small acts can become the foundation of lasting Christian community.

God never intended for us to follow Christ alone. He has given us one another. That is a gift we should never take for granted. May we choose each day to live as the family God has made us to be.

VBX SUNDAY

ONE SERVICE

JULY 19

Our VBX kids will
participate in worship!



9:00 AM
SMALL GROUPS



10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE

ONE CHURCH. ONE MISSION. ONE SUNDAY TOGETHER.

VBX CARNIVAL!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THURSDAY, JULY 16

4:30–7:00 PM

IN AND AROUND THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



COOKOUT



ICE CREAM
BAR



DUNKING
BOOTH



GAMES
WITH PRIZES



WATER
ACTIVITIES



HIGHLIGHT OF THE NIGHT:

FIRE TRUCK
COMING TO SPRAY &
COOL OFF THE KIDS!



FIRE TRUCK
SCHEDULED FOR
5:00 PM



DINNER AT
6:00 PM



PARKING ON THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER SIDE
OF THE CHURCH WILL BE LIMITED.

PLEASE PARK ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE, IF POSSIBLE.



Come for the fun. Stay for the community.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, July 19, is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, and the chancel color will be green. This will be a One Service Sunday, with worship at 10:00 a.m. We continue our sermon series, "Practicing Faith: Habits that Shape the Christian Life." Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Acts 2:42–47 in a sermon titled "Practicing Christian Community."

During worship, we will also celebrate our children as they share some of what they learned during Vacation Bible Experience (VBX), including leading us in music and reflecting on their week together.

All are welcome as we gather as one church family to celebrate the faith of our children and reflect on God's call to live in authentic Christian community. The service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in person.



Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation continues on Wednesday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our series, Hard Questions of Faith. Our topic that morning will be "Are We Saved by Grace or Works?"

One of the oldest questions Christians have wrestled with is how faith and good works fit together. If we are saved by God's grace alone, what role do our actions play? Does living a faithful life earn God's favor, or are good works the natural response to the grace we have already received? Together, we'll explore what Scripture teaches about salvation, grace, faith, and the transformed life of a disciple.

Our study will include Ephesians 2:1–10, James 2:14–26, Romans 3:21–28, and Titus 3:3–8. We hope you'll join us online as we continue to wrestle with these important questions of faith together.



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together.



Our Twisted Stitches group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.

Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5.
Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.



Other Opportunities

Holy Land Informational Meeting

In September 2027, members of our church will join First United Methodist Church for a tour of the Holy Land. If you have ever dreamed of visiting many of the places where Jesus lived and ministered, we invite you to learn more about this exciting opportunity. An informational meeting will be held at our church on July 26 at 6:00 p.m., when the tour coordinators will share details about the trip and answer any questions you may have. You can also learn more by visiting the following link:

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl27091527p59093>

Christmas in July Bingo Party

The CP Women's Ministry will be hosting a "Christmas in July" Bingo Party THIS Sunday, July 19th, from 1pm to 4pm in the Family Life Center. All ladies in the church are invited to attend and each person is asked to bring a finger food and an inexpensive door prize. The afternoon is guaranteed to be filled with fun and fellowship. Come join us!

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JOY Club Trip – Thursday, July 30

Our JOY Club will be taking a fun day trip on Thursday, July 30, to the famous Loveless Cafe and McKay's Used Books in Nashville. We'll leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return by approximately 3:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the narthex credenza. If you have questions or would like more information, please see Kathie Chapman or Christian.



Wanda McCaskey continues to recuperate from a broken ankle. We would love to see members of the church continue to provide some meals. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the family, contact Charles at 931-260-9488. Thanks to all those who have already prepared meals for Charles, Wanda and Callie.

Coffee & Conversation



BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH



WEDNESDAYS

9:30 AM



LIVE



REAL QUESTIONS. HONEST FAITH. TRUSTING GOD TOGETHER.

Bring your
questions.
Let's seek truth
together.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

UNDERSTANDING THE JOURNEY OF WORSHIP



A 9-WEEK CHILDREN'S
TIME SERIES

Each week we'll learn about
one part of worship and why
it matters in our walk
with God!



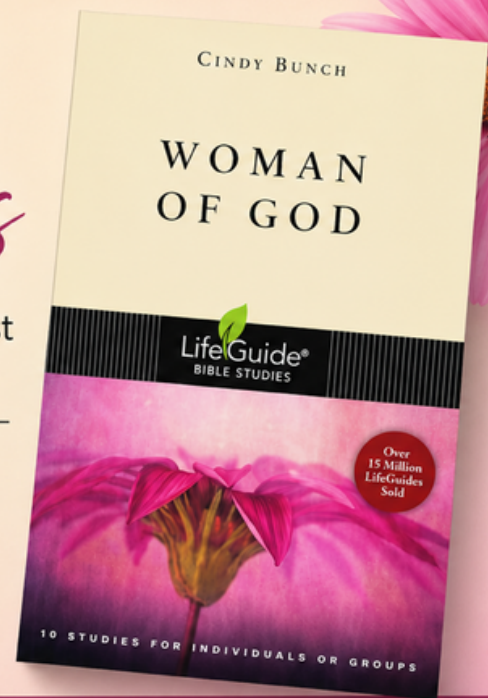
PERFECT FOR KIDS. MEANINGFUL FOR ALL.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TAKING A *Two-Week Hiatus*

We will be taking a **TWO-WEEK HIATUS** the first two weeks of July.

WE WILL RETURN WITH THE STUDY
WOMAN OF GOD
ON JULY 21!



Please join us on July 21 at noon
in the Foundations classroom.



— SUMMER SERMON SERIES —

Practicing *Faith*

HABITS
THAT SHAPE
THE CHRISTIAN
LIFE

FAITH IS NOT JUST WHAT WE BELIEVE.
IT'S WHAT WE **PRACTICE**—TOGETHER.

— JOIN US THIS SUMMER! —



Stewardship Reports

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Commitments - \$7,265.00 Undesignated - \$1,643.80 Other - \$760.00

This week's offering included \$100.00 for the VBX Service Project, \$275.00 in t-shirt orders, \$160.00 for altar flowers, and a \$195.00 reimbursement from CPNS for accounting services.

Total contributions - \$9,638.80

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Commitments - \$5,155.00 Undesignated - \$7,982.10 Other - \$260.00

This week's offering included \$250.00 in t-shirt orders, \$50.00 for altar flowers and \$60.00 for facility use.

Total contributions - \$13,397.10



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns:

- Bill Grogan - testing
- Janet LaPoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Nancy Bunnell - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Allen Mackrill - Lataine Perry's brother - stroke
- Jason Lingerfelt - bypass surgery
- Willene Gentry - home
- Lee Webb - Alzheimers
- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister - breast cancer
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Unspoken Requests

Cancer Treatment:

- Bailee Brown - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Jim Dixon
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC

