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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MON. - THUR. 9-2**  
**FRIDAY: Closed**



## UPCOMING DATES

### Sunday Sept. 1, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am WORSHIP  
11:00 am EMMAUS LUNCH  
11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP  
11:10 am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
5:30 pm YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### Monday Sept. 2, 2024

### Tuesday Sept. 3, 2024

### Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

### Thursday Sept. 5, 2024

8:15 am FOOD DELIVERY  
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY  
6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

### Friday Sept. 6, 2024

### Saturday Sept. 7, 2024

8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR FAITH?

In September 2024, I will begin a new preaching series titled,  
**WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR FAITH?**

The series is not in a negative sense that our faith is at an end, but that it needs a transformation among believers. The gospel hasn't changed, the people seeking to follow it have though! Beginning Sunday, September 15th and the following weeks, we will take an honest look at where our Christian Faith stands in today's culture, and what we are called to do to change that. I hope you will be in prayer for me as God has been guiding me through the over ten different voices of writers, preachers, and teachers of theology and

culture. I hope you will be in prayer for each other as God speaks to each of us in how we will respond to His teaching. I look forward to the upcoming messages and learnings together.



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# In Touch

## Newsletter

AUGUST 19, 2024

### *Hello Friends,*

Hello Friends and Members! What a wonderful month of worship we have had in our Awesome August Month. Sunday, August 18th was another moment of Praising and Worshiping the Living God. Thank you to The Edmonson's (And Lauren Ashley) for leading us in Worship. It was a wonderful Sunday morning.

Sunday, August 18th, was a personally special day having the joy of baptizing my daughter and son-in-law's (Emily and Taylor) baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth. It was a very special moment for "Nana, Pops and Aunt Cakki" that it was here with our church family. Thank you all for supporting our family in Sarah's adoption, baptism and her life! She is a member of the Body of Christ, and we all need the church to stand alongside her raising in the Name of Jesus. Thank You!

During the Summer months, it has been the work of the Finance Team to basically do a mini-audit of our Church Finances with the help of Milton Blair (professional auditor). In transparency, Milton has been compensated for the services he has provided to the church. Milton's work with our Finance Team and Lisa Edmonson (Church Administrator), have helped us put into practice new procedures in our accounting functions that in essence, bring us into the 21st century. It has been a learning process with bumps along the way, but a forward moving process that is helping the church plan, process and report accurately our Financial status. Thanks to all our team leaders that have been a part of this process.

As we are in full swing for the Fall, we are in a Financial focus of walking along our Child Care Center as they perform the same type of functions with their Financial work. Cindy McCormick (professional bookkeeper) is completing those same functions as I write. We are looking to next week, week of August 26th, to get all updated reports.

Lastly, under the leadership of our Finance Team, we are headed toward the 2025 Pledge Campaign. Pledge Sunday will be Sunday, November 17, 2024. As a part of this day, we will experience a lead-up time of budget setting (already in progress for 2025), church contract reviews, policy costs, utility expenses, ministry needs, etc. Through this rigorous process, it is believed that we will have a detailed understanding of needs, and how we as the Body of Christ are called to respond. I look forward to being a part of giving financially with each of you in meeting the needs of our church's ministry in leading folks to Jesus.

In Service to Christ,

*Bro. John Verciglio*



### ENCOUNTER T-SHIRTS

There are a few extra T-shirts from the D-NOW ENCOUNTER weekend. If you would like a T-shirt, swing by the office, \$10 a shirt. We have: 2-small; 2-Medium; 1-XLarge; and 2-XXLarge.



## Attendance & Contributions

August 18, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....230

Online Attendance.....2400

Budget Contributions 8/18/24.....\$5,917.00

Year To Date Total Budget

Contributions as of 8/18/24.....\$254,680.22

## Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers  
Mike Linholm  
Jack Moon  
Stuart McCrorie  
Abby Parsons Sellers  
Jayne Hornsby  
Ronny Duncan  
Carol Maddra

Phil Vines  
Kenny Coston  
Terry Horne  
Tammy Moody  
Ray Kilburn  
Wanda England  
Marilyn Brown

### OUR MISSION AT FIRST METHODIST

*"To be Passionate  
Ambassadors of  
God's  
Extravagant Love  
By:  
Boldly sharing the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ  
with Everyone."*



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**BUDGET**– In Honor of Jayne Hornsby. In Honor of Penny Berry. By Adult Sunday School Class.

**BUDGET**– In Honor of Ronnie Duncan & Marilyn Brown. By Bill & Jayne Hornsby.

**RED BIRD**– In Honor of ALL of our Red Bird teams, past & present. By Jeff Higgins.

We extend our Christian sympathy and love to the Charles Gallups family at his recent passing. Please keep Dennis, Monica & Olivia in your prayers.



The season football and tailgating is upon us! What better way to engage our community than with our 2nd annual Triple G-(God/Gridiron/Good Eats) Tailgate Cookout. September 15th , 4:00 p.m. here at the church. Has your group started talking about how you are going to be a part? If not, let's get talking. Please contact Andy Nolen as soon as possible to find out what you and your group can do to help make this a fantastic outreach to our community.

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sept. 2** ...Church Office Closed

**Sept... 8-13**, Redbird Mission trip.

**Sept. 15...** Tailgate Community Cookout, 4:00 pm, church grounds

**Sept. 22...** Invite a Friend Sunday, church lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**Sept. 20-26...**GMC General Conference Mtg, San Jose, Costa Rica

LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THESE DATES ON OUR  
PERSONAL CALENDARS.

**No Paint Class Thursday August 22nd 2024.**

## INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

Actually, this should be every week event...inviting our friends who aren't going to church! It's such an intimidating thing to do for some of us...invite someone to church. An invitation to someone we know isn't in church can often feel like we are saying to them, "why aren't you in church?"; "do you believe in God?"; "how long has it been since you've been in church?" These are just a few of those things we hear in our rationale to not reach out to others.

On Sunday, **September 22nd**, we are hosting a

**"Invite a Friend Day"** here at First Metho-dist Church. The only way this will be a successful outreach to our friends, our family, and our community is if we don't reach out and invite someone. It really is all up to you and me!

I hope you will be a part of this great opportunity. I think we should also have a church luncheon on this day. What do you think? I hope you will decide to be a part of this great day, and that you will not be "shy" about inviting someone you know that isn't going to church...it doesn't matter if they are a member or not...just invite them!

*"Come visit my church with me.  
I can introduce you around."*

