

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

August 13, 2025

Poplar Springs Drive UMC family,

It has been such a joy to meet and get to know so many of you over the past six weeks through worship, packing health kits for Care Lodge, and working alongside you in various meetings to help our church live into our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you for the way you have embraced me as your pastor! The Christmas Spirit was alive and well in our worship and brunch on the 27th and in your generosity towards our mission shares.

As our students, teachers, and staff have returned to school, we surround them with our prayers and support. I hope that you will plan to join us on Thursday, August 14 for Blessing of the Backpacks and an intentional time of prayer for each school in our area. If you are unable to join us, we invite you to pray where you are! We have new and returning children for both our Day School and After School Program (43 in each program.) This Wednesday, our children and youth will begin their weekly gatherings. I plan to send out a survey to find out more of the congregation's interest in Bible studies or other small group opportunities that we could offer this fall including daytime and evening options. I'm grateful for the excitement and commitment from our church family to make worship, Bible study, and service a priority.

In Just Like Jesus, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we've lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: "What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! Where are my keys?"

But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. "Simple phrases such as 'Thank you, Father,' 'Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,' 'You are my resting place, Jesus' can turn a commute into a pilgrimage," he writes. "You needn't leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts." When we do this, "the common becomes uncommon," Lucado adds. What's more, "wasted" time becomes valuable; boring waits become meditative; the lost – your time, if not also your keys – is redeemed.

I hope that as we enter the fall semester that we will seek God in all of our moments—for nothing is wasted in God's economy. May you be blessed to be a blessing as God redeems the time that seems "wasted" in your life.

Grace and peace,

Emily

New Prayer Requests

Thad Garrett heart issues

(friend of Carrol Barham's daughter)

The Family of John Skelton

(Cousin of Amy Floyd)

The Family of Brayden Humphrey

(friend of Mariah Rue)

Tootie Ellis healing from neck surgery

Sandy Thomas - recovering from hip surgery

Steve Mitchell - heart attack

(Lori Berrey's brother)

Sylvia Autry -stroke

The Thurman Howard Family

(Suzanne Grafton's cousin)

Sadie Benefield -back surgery 8-13

(friend of Amy Floyd's daughter)

Continue to pray for:

Mitch Raybuck, Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham,

Francois du Plessis, Allen Little, Rex Hiatt,

James E. Smith, Sharon Stephens, Charlotte Chaney, Justin Dean,

Jamie Rawson, Jon Thomas, Billy Jo Carlisle, Joe Easter, Chance Whittington,

Neil Martin, Adda Glass, Ceil Coleman, Tom Sanderford, Nora Goodsell,

Daniel Comeaux, Jim Land, Ike Ethridge, Gary Alford,

Shirley Fulton, David Newell, Sr., Jake Warren

If you have a prayer request and/or an update

Contact Stacey @ the church office by 9 A.M. Friday's

Please make sure Prayer request are in by each

Friday @ 9 A.M.

August Birthdays

8-5 Mindy Mendiola

8-25 Martin Semmes

8-25 Suzanne Grafton

8-27 James Fleming

8-29 Leigh Ann Smith

8-30 Polly Little

8-31 Jim Autry

8-31 Stacey Little

September Birthdays

9-2 Neldia White

9-3 Mariah Rue

9-6 Lori Berrey

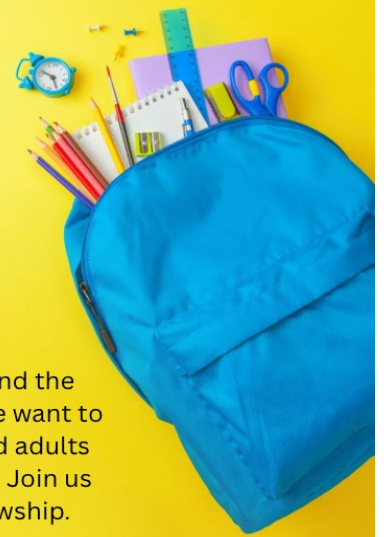
9-19 Malcolm Martin

9-24 Lucy Autry

Backpack Blessing

**Thursday, August 14th
4:15 PM**

Those first-day jitters are done, and the school year is finding its groove. We want to take time to bless our students and adults who are facing the new challenges. Join us in the gym for blessings and fellowship.



Sunday, August 17

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

VBS meeting after service this morning

Wednesday, August 20

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, August 24

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, August 26

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, August 31

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday, September 3

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Sunday, September 7

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M. LifeGroups

Wednesday September 10

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Children & Youth

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Poplar Springs Drive UMC

Monthly Financial Report Summary

as of July 31, 2025

2025 Budget

Summary

	6/30/2025	7/31/2025	7/31/2025
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>M-T-D</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Budget Offering	\$105,649	\$21,840	\$127,490
Budget Expenses	\$105,509	\$26,857	\$132,366
Receipts Over (Under)	\$140	(\$5,017)	(\$4,877)

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday, August 17

Greeter: Malaea

Counters: Cathy & Jeffrey

Sunday Snacks: Suzanne and Patti

Monday, August 18

Meals On Wheels: Robin & Gary

Sunday August 24

Greeter: Margaret

Counters: Kevin & Danny

Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

Sunday, August 31

Greeter: Regina

Counters: Neldia & Robin

Sunday Snacks: Maria & Cathy

Monday, September 1

Meals on Wheels: Labor Day (no deliveries)

Sunday, September 7

Greeter: Regena

Counters: Cathy & Jeffrey

Sunday Snacks : Caroline Wilson

Monday, September 8

Meals on Wheels : Marjorie W.



Thank you for those who have supported the following with our Mission Share Tree.

District Mission Shares: \$967

Delta State Wesley: \$388.05

Gulfside Assembly: \$168.25

Camp Lake Stephens: \$276.62

For a total of \$1799.22

The tree will remain in the Gathering Area through the month of August for you to choose remaining ministries. You are welcome to make gifts toward your commitment through December. Please designate on the memo line of your check/online giving or outside of the envelope which ministry and indicate it is for mission shares.



Following this Sunday morning worship service, we will have a meeting with our VBS volunteers to reflect and debrief. Please come and share feedback with us and we make notes for next year.

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Lectionary Readings

Week of August 18

2 Chronicles 26-28 Psalms 106

2 Chronicles 29-30; Psalms 95

2 Chronicles 29-30; Psalms 112

2 Chronicles 31-32; Psalms 16

Psalms 117-118; 2 Chronicles 35-36

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