

Dates to Remember

February 21, 2024 – Memorial Service for Billie Danford – 12:20 p.m. - Sanctuary

February 22, 2024 – Evangelism Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Room 219

February 27, 2024 – Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. – Parlor

March 5, 2024 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

March 12, 2024 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

March 25-March 27, 2024 – CCMA Holy Weeks Services – 12:00 p.m. - 1st Presbyterian – Lunch Following

March 28, 2024 – CCMA Holy Week Service – 12:00 p.m. - Manchester First Methodist – Lunch Following

March 29, 2024 – CCMA Holy Week Service – 12:00 p.m. – St. Bede’s – Lunch Following

Evangelism Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. RM 219.

MEMORIALS. When writing memorial checks please put the name of the person for the memorial or honorarium and designated fund on the check. If you prefer to put the memorial information on a separate piece of paper, make sure to include your name on that paper.

Giving Statements. If you have questions about your giving statements, please send an email to our financial secretary at finsec.mfmc@gmail.com stating your questions and the issues that need to be addressed.

Lenten Bible Study. The Lenten study Alter’d will be held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. in Room 219. Come get Alter’d!

The Sunshine Fellowship is sponsoring an Esther Study at the February, March & April Meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Contact Susan Wakeman if you plan to attend at 931-409-7473.

From the Trustees. Our Playground renovation is in process. You will notice contractors and equipment in the Playground area, Parsonage backyard and rear parking lot. We ask for your patience as the project moves forward. We will share updates as we have news.

Fraud Alert. If you receive an email from pastormailon-line387@gmail.com stating it’s from our Pastor, it is a scam. Please report & delete.

Organist & Pianist Position (s). MFMC has positions open for an organist & pianist. If you are interested in applying for these positions or know someone who is resu   s can be submitted to the church office. Please keep this need in your prayers.

Remember: The Parlor & Youth Sunday School in your kindness.

We are to be content with what we have.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, Because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’” (Heb. 13:5).

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The Midweek Evangelist

Manchester First Methodist Church
Serving God and the people of Manchester since 1813
Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers.
Pastor, Rev. Stephen M. Lee // Lay Leader Jim Thorington
Church Office Phone Number: 931-728-4624
February 21, 2024

Missions Moment

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

In our worship, we desire to surrender to and be fully devoted to one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are passionate about what is important to God.

Jesus calls those who follow Him to love God wholeheartedly and love their neighbors as themselves. Our desire is to demonstrate to the world the extravagant love of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

We have been entrusted with a lifesaving and transforming message that we must share with others. Our witness is bold, compelling and fearless. Our mission advances when individuals become disciples of Jesus Christ and join God’s mission to make more disciples.

Faith Mission Proposed Budget 2024

Manchester First Methodist Mission Committee board members prayerfully considered the needs of the local area, regional area and world missions. These needs change from time to time with our changing world. The proposed 2024 budget is a continuation of many efforts from 2022-2023 with the addition or change several proposed in the local and regional support areas.

Local Missions

1st Presbyterian Church / All God’s Children – This service is for children in the Westwood school area and supports the children after school with help for schoolwork, nutritious snacks, and a safe place to be after school. There is also a summer providing learning experiences, play time and a lunch meal in the middle of the day.

Access Hope – As part of the Christian Family Counseling Center, Access Hope is a 24-hour, 7 day a week hotline counseling service (Previously known as Contact Lifeline). It is staffed by volunteers to serve those in crisis situations needing counselling. They also provide care calls and wellness checks for homebound or elderly clients. Crisis training and volunteer opportunities to serve are available.

Coffee County Schools Resource Center – Back-to-School program – This service is for the school children in Coffee County that need supplies as they begin each new school year.

Local Missions

Be the Bush – This is a Christ centered residential faith-based rehabilitation program. They are a discipleship program for individuals experiencing life controlling problems. They believe that being born again and developing a personal relationship with Jesus enables a man to become a new creation – giving him a new identity, one not associated with a former lifestyle full of regrets and mistakes. They believe that if God can use a burning bush, He can use a RECOVERED addict.

Blue Monarch – This mission is to provide a long-term residential and therapeutic Christian community for women and their children to break adverse cycles and rebuild their families. They assist women and their children who are overcoming addiction, abuse, and economic hardship to transform themselves in mind, body and spirit. They believe destructive cycles can be broken, families can be healed, and freedom from addiction can be found through Christ.

Children’s Advocacy Center – This organization’s vision is for a community where children are safe, families are strengthened, and victims are healed. Their mission is to serve children who are victims of severe abuse through prevention, education and intervention.

Good Samaritan Program – This service exists to serve the residents of Coffee County in need of food. They offer food boxes on Mondays and Wednesdays to those needing help.

Good Samaritan Utilities – This part Good Sam provides funds for Coffee County residents in conjunction with all local utilities. It is geared to helping residents with paying for heating bills as well as other energy expenses. Donations can also be given to the local utilities to support this service.

Haven of Hope – This ministry provides emotional support, general information and various resources for battered and sexually abused women and their children. Locations and meetings for these services are kept confidential due to the safety of their clients.

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Local Missions

Life Choices Pregnancy Support Center – This organization serves Coffee, Franklin, and Grundy counties helping young women and men experiencing crisis or unexpected pregnancies along with support for raising strong families in a Christian oriented manner. This service is through a faith-based organization that desires to show the love of Jesus to all who need their help.

We C.A.R.E. Program – Manchester City Schools - Back to School program - This service is for the children in Manchester City Schools that need supplies as they begin each new school year.

Youth Missions – We support the Youth program at Manchester 1st Methodist Church with funds for service projects, mission trips and spiritual retreats.

Miriam House – Miriam House is a discipleship program with a vision to teach women to be who God created then to be. For each woman we help reform we are also helping our community and nation by sending these women out as Godly, productive members of society. Their vision is to see women set free from the bondages of addiction and life-controlling issues. They want to see them walking in a completely new identity.

One Day of Hope Event – This service was started by a group of local pastors and lay persons to show the love of Jesus to this county and even nearby counties. Every year in October, the people of One Day of Hope provide clothes, food, dental services, doctor visits, counseling, children’s activities, and other assistance to all who will come. It is a day of providing for those who are in need and a day that the love of Jesus can be experienced by all.

Partners for Healing – Partners for Healing serve the uninsured who are working, disabled or those who are transitioning into work in the Coffee, Franklin or Moore Counties. They provide a broad range of high-quality clinical services and community health services. Their services are free, but they do not duplicate any services provided by local Health Departments.

Shepherd’s House – They provide shelter and food to women and children awaiting housing. While waiting at the facility, they help with finding a job or career, housing applications, and assist with earning a GED if needed. The best news of 2023 is the success of women that took full advantage of what Shepherd’s House had to offer. Out of the 30 full-time adult residents living at the house last year, 20 of those residents have been able to maintain employment, buy cars, move into their own homes, work out legal issues, learn coping skills through counseling and heal deep traumas. Others may not have reached such lofty goals but even the small goals that were met were huge victories and helped to change the course of destruction and hardship they were facing.

Regional Missions

GMC Church Plant – This year we have added a line item for Church Plants in the Middle Tennessee area. Now, this is a place holder for this type of outreach and a reminder for us to develop a plan for this mission.

Regional Fellowship of Christian Athletes – The FCA seeks to make disciples through their strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

Regional Missions

Isaiah 117 House – This ministry provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting placement. This ministry filled a need for children that are being removed from difficult or dangerous situations to have a safe, clean, and loving space for the few days of waiting on a more permanent living arrangement.

Mercy Multiplied – Mercy Multiplied exists to provide opportunities for all to experience God’s unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power. Our Residential Program is voluntary, biblically based, and free of charge for women ages 13 to 32: our Outpatient Program is free of charge for men and women ages 13 and older: and our Outreach Services offer multiple resources online and onsite designed to equip men and women of all ages to live free and stay free in Jesus Christ.

Mustard Seed Ranch – Mustard Seed Ranch is a community-supported, interdenominational Christian ministry in Putnam County designed to take children out of unsafe environments and into loving, nurturing homes. Out of the social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual support each child receives, seeds of hope begin to take root. In time, each child becomes empowered to overcome limiting cycles of behavior and replace them with an understanding of God’s abundant purpose for their life. (Cont. Next Column)

Faith Missions Proposed Budget 2024 (2/17/2024)	Budget 2024	1st Qtr \$	2nd Qtr \$	3rd Qtr \$	4rd Qtr \$
Missions Pledges 2/5/2024	Income \$13,600.00	Quarterly payments made at the end of a quarter.			
Additional Givings needed to meet budget	\$12,300.00				
Total Income:	\$25,900.00				
Local Missions					
1st Pres. Church/All God's Children	\$400.00	100	100	100	100
Access Hope	\$200.00	50	50	50	50
Be the Bush		0	0	0	0
Blue Monarch	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Children's Advocacy Center	\$500.00	125	125	125	125
Coffee County Schools Resource Center BtS		0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Program	\$4,000.00	1000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Good Samaritan Utilities	\$2,000.00	500	500	500	500
Haven of Hope	\$400.00	100	100	100	100
Life Choices	\$1,500.00	375	375	375	375
Miriam House		0	0	0	0
One Day of Hope Event	\$1,000.00	0	0	0	1,000
Partners For Healing	\$500.00	125	125	125	125
Shepherd's House	\$500.00	125	125	125	125
We C.A.R.E. Program<Man City School BtS	\$500.00	0	500	0	0
Youth Mission	\$1,000.00	0	1,000	0	0
Subtotal:	\$13,600.00	\$2,750.00	\$4,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,750.00
Regional Missions					
GMC Church Plant		0	0	0	0
Isaiah 117 House	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Mercy Multiplied	\$500.00	125	125	125	125
Mustard Seed Ranch	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Regional Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$1,200.00	300	300	300	300
Standing Stone Ministries	\$500.00	125	125	125	125
Subtotal:	\$4,200.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
World Missions					
Samaritan's Purse Disciple Program	\$1,200.00	300	300	300	300
TMS Global (General Support)	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Ben & Jenny Reyes (Latin America)	\$2,000.00	500	500	500	500
Chris & Dora Barbee (Thailand)	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Dean & Stephanie Babcock (Malawi)	\$1,000.00	250	250	250	250
Florencio & Maria Guzman (Mexico)	\$2,000.00	500	500	500	500
Subtotal:	\$8,200.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00
Total Expenditures:	\$25,900.00	\$5,850.00	\$7,350.00	\$5,850.00	\$6,850.00
<Special Events - Not Quarterly Expense					
	Totals Check \$25,900.00				
Total funds available	\$16,220.83	02/05/24			

Standing Stone Ministries – Who cares about the caregivers? Pastors - along with their wives – are like firefighters, without days off. Congregants dial 911 from the church directory and get instant service... but where do the ministry leaders go to be refreshed, renewed and re-energized? Standing Stone Ministry is an answer to a compelling need and is based on the biblical principle of iron sharpening iron.

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending

Attendance:	Feb 18
Sunday School	40
8:55 Service	60
10:55 Service	80
Facebook Live	147

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving

Feb 18, Total of

Sunday School	53.00
Coffee Time	27.00
Missions	190.00
Memorials to General Fund	25.00
Youth	100.00
Children’s Ministry	25.00
Weekly Required Contributions	8,650.00
YTD Offering	4,569.00
YTD Required	75,144.00
(+/-) Difference (Praise God & Thank You)	60,550.00
	14,594.00

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church

Building Checker

Week of February 18	Roger Weeks
Week of February 25	Jim Thorington

Altar Guild

February	Lois Thormaehlen & Brenda Fibelkorn
March	Jack & Kaye Smoyak

Counters

February	Richard Dix & Mike Giffin
March	Mike Anderson & Claus Thormaehlen

Kitchen Monitors

February	Topsy Layne
March	Lois Thormaehlen

Door Greeters

February 25, 2024	Mike Martin & Deborah Blanton
	Kay Pratt & Jerry Reid
March 3	Mike Martin & JaNelle Burt
	Mike & Trish Anderson

Coffee Time

February 25	Mike & Julie Giffin
March 3	Mike & Julie Giffin

Communion

March	
Preparer	Jim Thorington
Servers 8:25	Deborah Blanton & Elizabeth Shedd
Servers 10:55	Mike Anderson & June Holland
	Roger & Kimla Weeks

May God bless you to overflowing for your willing and cheerful service to Jesus and MFMC!

We give thanksgiving and praise to our Holy Father for his outpouring signs of grace as we lift up the prayer concerns of our members: For God’s World & Our Nation, all in the military service & their families, Stan McHann, Richard Eddings, Joe Ray, Carol Shahan, Mary Rounds, Marie Kimble, Chris & Dora Barbee – Missionaries in Thailand, our Nursing home residents, and homebound members. Note: Requests older than 30 days are turned over to our prayer teams. Please, ensure the church office is aware of any changes in the needs or condition of person’s who prayer has been requested for.

Church Family Birthdays: Feb.21, 2024 – Feb. 27, 2024

Feb 22	Michael Wakeman
Feb 25	Ricky Bradford
Feb 27	Barbara West Arp
Feb 27	Brandon Nester

If you have a birthday during the above listed time and it does not appear above, please call the church office and a note will be made in PowerChurch and listed on next week’s birthday.

World Missions

Samaritan's Purse Disciple Program – The Greatest Journey is a 12-lesson discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

TMS Global (General Support) – TMS Global (Train, Mobilize, Serve) is the parent organization for missionaries being trained and supported for worldwide service. They are a Christian nonprofit organization that sends people to share the love and message of Jesus cross-culturally and equips Christ followers to better engage their neighbors. They help you find your place in Jesus’ mission to the world. Following are four missionaries we support through TMS.

Ben & Jenny Reyes (Latin America) – Serving in South America, they are “Missionary trainers and mentors as they train others to go to other countries to teach about Jesus.

Chris & Dora Barbee (Thailand) – Serving in Thailand with their 5 children, they teach in schools, build relationships with natives, and share the gospel through living the Christian life and leading Bible studies as the local laws allow.

Dean & Stephanie Babcock (Malawi) – They are serving in Malawi. There they teach new and better ways of farming and share the Good News through their lives and discussions with locals.

Florencio & Maria Guzman (Mexico) – They serve in Mexico. They train locals to go out into the mission field to spread the gospel.