

June 18, 2025, Midweek Evangelist

NEXT FOUR WEEKS. Dates to Remember

June 19, 2025 – BigStuf 2025 Youth Praye Service – 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

June 20 – 24, 2025 – BigStuf 2025

June 21, 2025 – Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – Emma’s Restaurant Manchester

June 21, 2025- Fibelkorn & Gardner Wedding – 2:00 p.m. – Old Stone Fort State Park

June 23, 2025 – Sunshine & Sallie O’Neal Fellowship Outing –

11:00 a.m. – Simply Shouthern Restaurant – Pelham

June 25, 2025 – Fellowship Hall Reserved – 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

June 29, 2025 – Combined Service, catered meal to follow in honor of Rev. Stephen & Deborah Lee.

Men’s Breakfast. All men are invited to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. This is an exciting time to connect with other men in the church, share life, and grow in faith together. Bring your appetite and a heart ready for good conversation on Saturday, June 21st at 8:00 a.m. at Emma’s Restaurant in Manchester. If you have any questions, contact Chris West at 931-954-8345.

Mary & Martha Class. The Mary & Martha class is beginning a 6-week video study entitled “Found in the Fight.” In our longing for acceptance and approval, it’s easy to forget that we are the beloved daughters of God. Jacob wrestled with God, discovered his identity, and learned lessons that we can apply how to know God, know ourselves, and be who He created us to be. *Join us in Rm 219 (note the change) starting Sunday, June 22 at 10 o’clock.* For more information, call Karla Childs at 723-4192.

The Sunshine and Sallie O’Neal fellowships will have their June outing on the 23rd. We will meet in the church back parking lot at 11:00 (we will carpool) (please note time change) to go enjoy a meal and fellowship at Simply Southern Restaurant in Pelham. All ladies of the church are invited. If you plan to go, please contact Debra Thorington at 931 409 6466 by Friday, June 20th, 2 pm.

Please Note that June 29, 2025, is our Fifth Sunday Combined Service. Please stay and join us in the Fellowship Hall for a catered meal from The Mercantile Café. Request that everyone bring and share their favorite drinks and/or desserts. We look forward to a time of sharing and saying farewell to Pastor Stephen and Deborah.

God uses money to confirm direction.
“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Prov. 3:5-6)

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The Midweek Evangelist

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

Our Hangout Youth have a big and exciting week as we prepare to head to **BigStuf 2025**—a life-changing summer camp experience in Florida!

Here’s what our week looks like:

- Wednesday: Hangout Bible Study from 5:30–7:30 PM. This will be our last regular gathering before the trip, so we’ll spend time in the Word, in prayer, and in community.
- Thursday: **Please join us for our BigStuf Prayer Service at 6:00 PM.** This is a special time to cover our students and leaders in prayer before they head out. Whether you’re a parent, prayer partner, or member of the church family, we’d love to have you there.
- Friday: **We leave for BigStuf at 5:00 AM sharp!** Students should plan to arrive early for bag checks and to load the bus. Let’s start this journey prepared and ready for all God has in store!
- Our Youth will return on Tuesday, June 24th between 5-7 p.m.

We ask all of our church family to **keep us in prayer** throughout this week and while we are away (Friday through Tuesday). Please pray **for safe travels, spiritual growth, meaningful connections, and for God to move powerfully in the hearts of our students.**

Thank you for being a church that supports and loves our youth!

See ya this Thursday at 6 P.M.!

Ami Shedd, hangoutyouth.mfmc@gmail.com



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello church family,

Though our classrooms are quiet for now, things are far from still at MFMC-Christian Learning Center! While our students enjoy their summer break, we are preparing for another year of faith-filled learning, laughter, and growth. From curriculum planning to classroom organization, we’re making sure everything is ready to welcome our little ones back in August.

We are also expanding our team! We are currently hiring two full-time Teacher Assistants/Floaters to help support our loving, Christ-centered environment. These roles are perfect for individuals who have a heart for children and a passion for sharing God’s love through early childhood education.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our preschool family, please send a resume to mfmc.clc@gmail.com or call 931-728-8283 for more information. We’d love to talk with you!

Please continue to keep our staff, students, and families in your prayers as we prepare for a new season of learning and growing in God’s love.

Be the LIGHT!

Mrs. Angie, mfmc.clc@gmail.com

Information Updates. For the latest news on events across our MidSouth Conference & the greater GMC go to: https://linktr.ee/MidSouth_GMC or [MidSouth GMC | Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) | [Linktree](#)

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Pastor's Column: Greeting Church, “To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Philippians 4:20 (NIV) The Bible explains that all we do should be done for the glory of God. This means that our actions, thoughts, and words should all mirror God’s character and bring honor to Him.

We are called to live in a way that pleases God and points others to Him. This includes being honest, kind, and loving towards others, as well as using our talents and gifts to serve God and others.

Ya’ll da Bomb! Praise the Lord! for our Trustee’s and wonderful volunteers who through unity of spirit and hard labor prior to and on this past Saturday and even now have “moved a mountain into the sea” in revitalizing the Church Street parsonage.



Pictured: Alexander Brently Williams II and his parents Brent and Kallie Williams. Alexander was presented by his parents for Infant Baptism on Sunday, June 15, 2025, during the 10:55 A.M. Worship Service. As a congregation we welcomed Alexander into the fellowship of the church and promised to surround him in a community of love and forgiveness as he grows in Christ. Until the day comes when he publicly professes his faith in Jesus the Christ of God for himself. Please, if you have not already done so congratulate Brent and Kallie and pray for God to increase Alexander’s faith daily that he may grow strong and wise in the ways of the Lord always. Amen.

To God be the Glory! Tell the world we serve a Risen Savior! -- **Pastor Stephen**



KINGDOM KIDS

Volunteers. We are looking for one more Volunteer to help us during next school season, September 2025 – April 2026. We need one more floater in the classrooms and help riding the van. We meet on most Wednesday nights, classes are from 6 pm until 7 pm. We pick up the children at 5:30 pm and return them home at 7 pm, usually back at the church with the van at 7:30 pm. Please call Nicole if you are interested 931-273-1689.

Upcoming KK Events: VBS – July 15 – 17 - 5pm – 7pm

Nicole Holland,
kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com Get Excited!

Memorials & Honorariums

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Gary Thomas & Helen Clutter by Pat & Joane Cassady.

A gift was given to Missions in honor of Charles Roberts by the New Life Sunday School Class.

Wedding Invitation. Church family, Natalie Fiebelkorn and Zach Gardner want to cordially extend an invitation to you to attend their wedding this Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Old Stone Fort State Park at 2:00 P.M. The wedding will take place outdoors in the field adjacent to the Service Road (look for directional signs).

Note that as you approach the main parking lot for the OSF Park Museum look to the left for the Service Area Road, turn left on this road to proceed to the weddings location. In the event of inclement weather the secondary location will be at MFMC. Old Stone Fort Park is located at: 732 Stone Fort Dr, Manchester, TN

Annual Conference 2025 Quick Notes.

The theme for this year, “How beautiful are the feet who bring Good News.” – Isaiah 52:7 / Romans 10:15
The following link takes you to the 2025 Book of Reports, Appointments Report, Standing Rules Committee Report: <https://midsouthgmc.org/2025-annual-conference/>
You can hear/see the Worship Services, Bible Studies, Witnesses, and business of your MidSouth Annual Conference conducted by going to the Live Stream Landing Page at the following link: <https://midsouthgmc.org/2025-annual-conference/livestream-annual-conference-2025/>
Bishop Livingston presented MFMC with the Acts 1:8 Award at Annual Conference with the hope that your example of evangelizing and making disciples in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth will spur other churches on to become mobilized in missions.

To date, the missional offering received totaled just over \$63,000. These funds will help support our International Mission Partnerships: Western States Annual Conference, Sylvokia Annual Conference and the Mozambique who are in process of forming an Annual Conference. *It was truly a Holy Spirit filled worship experience.*

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending

Attendance:	Jun 8	Jun 15
Sunday School	33	29
8:25 Service	46	47
10:55 Service	91	82
Facebook Live	324	320

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving
Total of

	Jun 8 & 15
Sunday School	63.00
Missions	645.00
Coffee Time	20.00
Pastor Discretionary Fund	1.00
Youth	1,410.00
Memorials General Fund	50.00
Weekly Required	8,650.00
Contributions	10,657.00
YTD Offering	223,958.00
YTD Required	207,600.00
(+/-) Difference	16,358.00

Building Checker

Week of Jun 15	Doug Greene
Week of Jun 22	Frank Langham

Altar Guild

June	Tina Niederhauser
July	Pam Riddle & Allison Beachboard

Counters

June	Frank Langham & Richard Dix
July	Jerry Reid & Bill Tracy

Kitchen Monitors

June	Sarah Potuk
July	Deborah Blanton

Door Greeters

Jun 22	Topsy Layne & Kelly Meltzer
	Brenda Fibelkorn & Kaye Pratt

Jun 29	5th Sunday
	Nicole Holland & Elizabeth Shedd

Coffee Time

Jun 22	Brenda Fibelkorn
Jun 29	Jonathan Shedd

Communion

July	
Preparer	Susan Wakeman
Servers 8:25	Claus & Lois Thormaehlen
Servers 10:55	Ed & June Holland
	Pat Cassady & Freddie Fibelkorn

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

MFMC is Praying and Interceding for:

- Our youth and adults attending BigStuf 2025.
- Our church family, friends, and community.
- Persons and people groups who need the Lord.
- Our GMC churches in Africa. Not only over the violent clashes between Methodist factions in Nigeria but over the unrest sweeping across the continent. From Ethiopia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, from Mozambique and Nigeria to South Sudan, Sudan, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Niger, and Rwanda—conflict, political instability, demonstrations, terrorist activity, and civil wars persist.
- Billie McEwen, Richard Eddings, Nancy Daniel, Daryl Hooie, Noah Lusk, Peggy Lynn, Jimmy Smoyak, Mike Keeling, Joe Ray, Carol Shahan, Mary Rounds, Suzanne Cardwell
- Our sponsored missionaries: Florencio & Maria Guzman (Mexico), Chris & Dora Barbee (Thailand), Ben & Jenny Reyes (Latin America), Dean & Stephanie Babcock (Malawi)
- Our nursing home residents and homebound members.
- For our Armed Forces and all First Responders & their families

Believe in your heart all that you pray for and trust in Jesus and you will see the fruit of prayer. Praise the Lord! (The Church office takes new requests & updates. After 30 days prayer requests are turned over to our prayer team.)

Church Family Birthdays: June 12, 2025 – July 1, 2025

June 12	Patrick Anderson	June 21	Kelly Meltzer
June 13	Marlin Hoover	June 21	Elizabeth Shedd
June 16	Linda Forrester	June 23	Ed Turner
June 18	Brenda Fibelkorn	June 27	Karla Childs
June 19	Justin Bryan	June 27	Patricia Jones
June 20	Tracy Nester	June 28	Benjamin Giffin

Items Needed! Good Samaritan needs cereal and toilet paper. These items can be dropped off in the basket outside the church office.

MFMC / Youth Shirt Orders. It’s not too late to order a Shirt. Orders are still open and available online at <https://mfmc-church-merch.printify.me/> The shirts are a wonderful way to show unity and represent our church family at upcoming events and community outreach. Visit our church website to place your order—just a few clicks and you’re done!

SPRC Weekly Update for Pastoral Transition: SPRC continues to meet weekly discussing the new GMC processes, interviewing candidates, and most importantly, praying. We have selected two qualified candidates from a total of eight candidates. The next steps are to work with the Presiding Elder to finalize the offer to the candidates and with the Finance Committee and Trustees to settle details. Your SPRC is available to speak with you all about your emotions, concerns, and questions. Feel free to contact any of us. It is also vital to support our Pastor and his wife, during these times as well. And last, please continue to pray daily as Jesus did in Matthew 26:39, “Not my will, but your will be done.”

Midweek Bible Study. 1 John: The Love of Jesus That Guides the Gospel w/ J.D. Walt: The final session is this Wednesday, June 18 at 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. in RM 219.

Young Adult/College Bible Study: will meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 219. For more information contact Seth @ 931-314-7481.