

July 30, 2025, Midweek Evangelist

NEXT FOUR WEEKS. Dates to Remember

July 30, 2025 – CLC Training – 7:00 a.m. – Room 219
July 31, 2025 – CLC Open House Infants & Toddlers – 5:30 p.m. – Classrooms
July 31, 2025 – Evangelism Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Rm 219
August 1, 2025 – CLC Open House PreK 1 & 2 – 5:30 p.m. – Classrooms
August 5, 2025 – CLC Preschool Classes Return – 7:00 a.m.

Evangelism Committee Notice: Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, July 31st at 6:00 P.M. in room 219.

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

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!

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](#)

Preschool News MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Angie is in training this week the CLC article will return in the next newsletter.
Be the LIGHT!
Mrs. Angie, mfmc.clc@gmail.com

God uses money to illustrate his power.
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty” (Mal. 3:10).

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Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers.
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July 30, 2025



Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!
Over the past few weeks, Hangout Youth has continued watching *The Chosen*, and it’s been such a powerful experience. Through each episode, we’ve been reminded of a beautiful truth: Jesus calls us by name. He sees us—not just who we are, but who we can become in Him.
We’ve watched how Jesus met people right where they were—fishermen, tax collectors, those hurting or overlooked—and simply said, “Follow me.” What’s been even more impactful is realizing that He still does the same today. He chooses *us*.
This message has sparked great discussion among our students and helped them see their worth in Christ. It’s more than a show—it’s a chance for us to understand Scripture in a deeper, more personal way.
Thank you, church, for your continued prayers and support. God is moving in the lives of our youth, and we’re so excited to keep growing together in faith!

Ami Shedd, hangoutyouth.mfmc@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS...

We had an average of 20 kids attend VBS 2025 each day. Thank you to all the volunteers for your dedication to our program!
Nicole Holland,
kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com Get Excited!

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Pastor's Column:

Meet Pastor Michael Cobb:



Rev. Michael Cobb was born May 26, 1972, in Montgomery, AL. His father was in the U.S. Air Force, so they moved around a lot during his early years until he and his family ended up moving from Washington, D.C. and Warrenton, VA back to Montgomery, AL.

There, Michael became heavily involved with the Frazer Memorial UMC Youth program, where his faith was solidified and grown. During his college years, Michael assisted the Frazer Youth program and took many short and intermediate term mission trips to Ecuador, Brazil, Mexico, with two longer term trips to Juneau, AK and Guatemala. Michael knew he had a call on his life, but because of his Catholic upbringing, felt unworthy of the call. Thus, he finished Auburn University at Montgomery with two undergraduate degrees and a Master of Finance and ended up in the investment industry.

During this period, he was teaching the largest Sunday school class at Frazer. But at the onset of self-directed day trading platforms with an upheaval in the stock market due to Enron, Michael left the investment industry and started a home renovations company with his younger brother, Matthew, and his cousin, Joshua, all the while remaining actively involved in missions, Sunday school, starting small groups, mentoring ex-felons and those with addictive disease, also serving in leadership with Frazer Memorial UMC's administrative council.

In 2009, Michael and Amanda began praying about next steps and after speaking with several mentors, he decided to enter candidacy in the UMC and enter Asbury Theological Seminary. He pastored Hardwicks Creek UMC in Clay City, KY during his seminary years. After graduation, he was appointed as Associate Pastor to St. Luke UMC in Pensacola, FL, then to Allen Memorial UMC in Cantonment, FL, and finally the last 8 years he has been serving Dalraida Global Methodist, leading them through several renovation projects and disaffiliation in 2022. Michael was officially ordained in the Global Methodist Church on December 22, 2022.

The love offering on Sunday, July 27, 2025, for the Gideons was \$1,063.00.

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JOIN THE MFMC CHOIR COMMUNITY TODAY!

CHOIR RECRUITMENT

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH!

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The New Church Office and Christian Learning Center signs have been installed. Thank you to Harden Signs for the great work and fast installation and to Chris West and Creative Landscape for the mulch and flowers.



Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending

Attendance:	Jul 20	Jul 27
Sunday School	00	6
8:25 Service	43	41
10:55 Service	55	69
Facebook Live	460	238

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving
Total of

	Jul 20 & 27
Sunday School	32.00
Missions	200.00
Coffee Time	32.00
Youth	1,100.00
Love Offering - Barbees	980.00
Wedding Fees	700.00
Weekly Required	8,650.00
Contributions	11,788.00
YTD Offering	258,107.00
YTD Required	259,500.00
(+/-) Difference	-1,393.00

Building Checker

Week of July 27	Marlin Hoover
Week of August 3	Freddie Fibelkorn

Altar Guild

July	Pam Riddle & Allison Beachboard
August	Deborah Amacher

Counters

July	Jerry Reid & Bill Tracy
August	Doris Hendrix & Richard Dix

Kitchen Monitors

July	Deborah Blanton
August	Mike Childs

Door Greeters

August 3	Wade & Ann Stevenson Dennis & Brenda Bryan
August 10	Jim & Debra Thorington Dennis & Brenda Bryan

Coffee Time

August 3	Lois Thormaehlen
August 10	Jim & Debra Thorington

Communion

August	
Preparer	Bethany Mesaros
Servers 8:25	Sarah Potuk & Deborah Blanton
Servers 10:55	Mike & Julie Giffin Jim & Debra Thorington

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

MFMC is Praying and Interceding for:

- 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.
- Charles Roberts, 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: July 30, 2025 – August 12, 2025

July 30	Mark Williams	August 7	Chris West
August 2	Jerry Reid	August 8	Beverly Smith
August 5	Joey Hendren		

