

August 13, 2025 Midweek Evangelist

NEXT FOUR WEEKS. Dates to Remember

August 15, 2025 – 5th Sunday One service at 10:55 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

August 17, 2025 – Sallie O’Neal/Sunshine Fellowship Baby Shower for Life Choices – 2:00 p.m. – Parlor

August 27, 2025 – Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. – Parlor

September 1, 2025 – Chuch Office/CLC Closed – Labor Day

September 4, 2025 – MFMC-CLC Grandparent’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

September 5, 2025 – CLC Closed - Fair Day

5th Sunday. August 15, 2025, is 5th Sunday there will be one service at 10:55 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

You’re Invited. Church family, Susie Hamilton, coordinator of baby showers for Life Choices, asked the ladies groups if we would give a baby shower in August for one of their clients. We are happy to do this! We would like to invite you, our congregation, to participate. It will be Sunday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church parlor. Here is a list of items she has requested, and it’s a BOY; receiving blankets, bottles, burp cloths, toiletries, bobby nursing pillow, bibs, pacifiers, wipes, diapers, clothes, or your favorite items for newborns! Thanks in advance for your prayers, gifts and participation in this ministry.

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](#)

One of the most important things we can do as God’s children is to encourage our Christian brothers and sisters.

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

While listening to Pastor Mike’s sermon this week, I was reminded of something. Do you remember the Hokie Pokie? You put your right hand in, and you take it out, and you shake it all about. Then your left hand, your right leg, and eventually you put your whole self in. I think so many times we do the same thing with God. We give one part of us, but not the other, or we give our whole self, but we take it back out. God asks us for more than that. He wants our whole self, but it might not always be comfortable.

Hangout is on a regular schedule for the next 2 weeks. We will be meeting on Sunday and Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30, as well as Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings. We will continue to watch The Chosen. The Youth Supper preparers for the next 2 weeks are listed below. If you need to make other arrangements, please let me know.

Let’s give God our whole self this week and see what amazing journey God will take us on!

Aug 12- Mrs. Kimble
Aug 24- Mrs. Nellie and Mrs. Topsy
Ami Shedd, hangoutyouth.mfmc@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS...

Kingdom Kids meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kingdom Kids will resume on September 10th.

Nicole Holland,
kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com Get Excited!



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello Church family,

We are excited to share that our preschool returned to school last week, and it was such a joy to welcome our little ones back! We loved seeing familiar faces from last year and meeting the new families who are joining our preschool family this year. The classrooms were filled with smiles, laughter, a few tears (but that is getting better) and the happy energy of children exploring, learning, and playing together.

As we begin this new school year, we are reminded of Proverbs 22:6 — “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” It is our prayer that every moment spent in our classrooms plants seeds of God’s love and truth in the hearts of our children.

We look forward to growing, learning, and making special memories with our preschool children and families. Thank you for keeping our preschool in your prayers as we embark on another wonderful year!

Be the LIGHT!
Mrs. Angie, mfmc.clc@gmail.com



From the Pastor's Desk

What should I do next? How will this decision impact my life? What do I really want?

For Christians, one of the classic questions posed is this, "What is God's calling on my life?" Above are perhaps some of the most challenging decision-making questions that we face. For some, these questions might even linger on for a lifetime. Certainly, making decisions is one of the most important things we do. Every decision has a consequence, and since that is true, discerning the answer is just as important as question itself. For some, it would be easy not to ask any question or make any decision and simply coast along passively through life. But that would be an easy way out and it's not the way of Christ.

The most powerful questions are those that help us determine our calling and purpose in life. Even as a church, "What do we do next?" is a question that should be asked at regular intervals. Instead of allowing our emotions and desires rule our decisions, we should be focused on asking the hard and honest questions about what it is that we seek as a congregation. Preparing ourselves for what lies ahead, I would like to propose five questions that I pray will help unlock a meaningful discovery and lead to wise and godly decisions. These deal with our identity, purpose, and our desire as a church to be centered in Christ as we live, move, and have our being in Him. At the end of the day, our goal is to carry on the mission of Jesus, leading people into a personal, transforming relationship with Him:

- **INTEGRITY:** *Am I being honest with myself?* Emotions and desires often get in the way of discerning the right choice. Before we can choose right, self-awareness demands honesty about our motivations.
- **LEGACY:** Legacies are certainly interpreted differently depending on who you ask. Although it may change in terms of relevance or influence, it is central that we focus on "What story we want to tell?" Ten to twenty years from now, what will people say about this decision? Did we cave into culture's demands? Were we loving, compassionate, and filled with the Spirit? Did we do all the good we could? Whatever story it is that we want to tell, we must ensure we are writing it well. **Continued Next Column...**

From the Pastor's Desk... From Previous Column...

- **CONSCIENCE:** Next, *is there a tension that deserves my attention?* Why is the tension there? Does it have to do with my wants or with following God's Word? Seeking the source lends itself to the motivation: for God or for self?
- **MATURITY:** Fourth, *what is the wise thing to do?* Wisdom always focuses on the outcome of any decision before it is acted upon.
- **RELATIONSHIP:** Finally, *what does love require of me?* Remember, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:17)

Grace & Peace ~ Pastor Mike

ALL LADIES are invited to join the Mary & Martha Class for a 3-week video study, "God's Will for Your Life," by Ranjit David, beginning Sunday, August 17 at 10 A.M. in room 219. The study breaks God's will into 3 parts, with one week given to each: understanding, discerning, and living out God's will. Pastor David invites us to join this lifelong journey of knowing and enjoying God's presence in our lives. For more information, contact Karla Childs 723-4192.

Make Plans to attend the New Room Livestream in the sanctuary September 17-19.



Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending

Attendance:	Aug 3	Aug 10
Sunday School	29	6
8:25 Service	45	41
10:55 Service	55	69
Facebook Live	288	394

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving
Total of

	Aug 3 & 10
Sunday School	86.00
Missions	1,220.00
Coffee Time	42.00
Youth	100.00
Trustee's	30.00
Weekly Required	8,650.00
Contributions	16,597.00
YTD Offering	274,704.00
YTD Required	276,800.00
(+/-) Difference	-2,096.00

Building Checker

Week of September 10	Gary Nester
Week of September 17	Mike
Anderson	

Altar Guild

August	Deborah Amacher
Septemeber	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian
Counters	
August	Doris Hendrix & Richard Dix
September	Deborah Amacher & Richard Dix

Kitchen Monitors

August	Mike Childs
September	Teri Christian

Door Greeters

August 17	Deborah Amacher & Zach Gardner
	Mike Giffin & TBD
August 24	Deborah Amacher & Zach Gardner
	Deborah Blanton & TBD

Coffee Time

August 17	Jim & Debra Thorington
August 24	Mike Childs

Communion

September	
Preparer	Susan Wakeman
Servers 8:25	Ami & Jonathan Shedd
Servers 10:55	Mike & Patricia Anderson
	Ed & June Holland

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.
- Charles Roberts, Richard Eddings, Nancy Daniel, Mary Rounds
- 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: August 13, 2025 – August 27, 2025

August 13	Kathryn Welch	August 22	Valorie Marshall
August 16	Judy Glass	August 23	Anna Simpkins
August 18	Ed Holland	August 25	Brenda Bryan
August 19	Baylee Nester	August 25	Virginia Russell
August 20	Dennis Bryan	August 27	Evelyn Farrell
August 20	JaNelle Burt	August 29	Don Inghish
August 20	George Gomillion	August 29	Max Hester
August 21	Zuri Jernigan		

