

August 2, 2023

Midweek Visitor

Dates to Remember

Wednesday’s – Romans Bible Study- 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. -Room 219
August 3, 2023 – First Day Preschool
August 21, 2023 – Sallie O’Neal Fellowship – 6:00 p.m.- Fellowship Hall
August 22, 2023 – Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. Parlor
September 4, 2023 – Church Office Closed – Labor Day
September 14-16, 2023 – GMC Midsouth Summit

POSITION OPENING - CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR - If you are interested in applying for this position, or know someone who is, resumés can be submitted to the church office.

POSITION OPENING – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND MEDIA- If you are interested in applying for this position, or know someone who is, resumés can be submitted to the church office.

POSITIONS OPENINGS – TEACHER ASSISTANT – We have a position open for a Teacher Assistant. If you are interested in applying for any of this position, or know someone who is please contact Mrs. Angie at 931-728-8283 or at mfmc.clc@gmail.com .

The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of The Global Methodist Church is available at [What do Methodists Believe?](https://globalmethodist.org/what-do-methodists-believe/) | [Learn More | Global Church](https://globalmethodist.org/learn-more/global-church/) (globalmethodist.org) or <https://globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe/> . Part Three is particularly important to Committee Chairs and members as well as staff.

ONE DAY OF HOPE – This year One Day of Hope will be held on October 7, 2023, at the Coffee County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in volunteering, open volunteer meetings will be held at Manchester 1st Presbyterian at 6:30 p.m. on June 22nd, July 20th , August 17th, and September 21st. Items that are being collected are hygiene items, children’s clothing and shoes, winter coats, work shoes and boots, and men’s work clothing. If you have questions about clothing contact Jane Marcrom at 931-247-5792. For hygiene items contact Maggie Smith at 931-607-4176.

2023 NEW ROOM CONFERENCE /LIVESTREAM will be held Sept 20-22. For Christians and leaders coming together to sow the Great Awakening! Three days of worship and plenary speakers. Two different live breakout talks. Exclusive interviews with speakers, Seedbed authors, and testimonies from attendees. All in our sanctuary. Please contact the office and register to attend.

God uses money as a test to help us grow.

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”
(Luke 16:11)

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Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers.

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813

Senior Pastor, Rev. Stephen Lee

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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Why not be First instead of last – First Methodist leading the way for the Great Awakening.

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal: I say again we have the best cooks in the South (Paula Dean included); if you missed the fellowship meal you really missed out. God’s blessing and grace to all for your participation and especially to our core group showing grace and kindness in setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Cudos to the youth for restacking chairs and tables.
Evangelism Committee: Please mark your calendar for 1) Friday, August 25 “Church Show of Presence” at the 98th Coffee Pot Red Raiders game at 7 P.M. 2) “The Community Grill” on Saturday, September 9 at 4:00 P.M. 3) Potentially, Old Timers Day “Connexion,” on Friday, Oct 6, at 5:30 P.M. 4) Potentially, entering a float in the November Christmas Parade [got any good float ideas?].

A Call to Prayer: Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we fan the Spiritual fires of spreading scriptural holiness for the Great Awakening, there is not a better place to begin than with prayer. Perhaps not at 4 a.m., but sometime during each day. So, let’s join the entirety of the peoples of the GMC in daily and specific prayer for each day of the week for a Month beginning on August 1 until the end of the month.

Sunday: Give thanks to the Father for the gift of forgiveness and pardon through Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Monday: Ask the Lord to reveal to you any places where you have departed from the way of holy love and ask for the Holy Spirit to enable you to return to the way of holy love. (1 John 1:9)

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

Tuesday: Pray for the leaders of our movement to be captured by holy love and freed from “love of the world, the love of pleasure, of ease, of honour, of money.” (1 John 2:15-17)

Wednesday: Pray for God to open doors for you to share God’s holy love with others. (Mark 16:15)

Thursday: Thank the Lord for all of the faithful witnesses to holy love God has raised up who provide examples for us to learn from and follow. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Friday: Reflect on God’s perfect love for you and ask the Father to help you receive his holy love more deeply. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Saturday: Ask God to revive the people called Methodists. (Psalm 85:4-7)

A Suggested Pattern of Prayer: As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day’s prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray also allow time to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord’s leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

Attributed to: Rev. Dr. Kevin M. Watson is Director of Academic Growth & Formation at Asbury Theological Seminary. He is anchored at Asbury’s Tulsa, OK Extension Site and is Scholar in Residence at Asbury Church. Kevin is also the author of several books on Wesleyan theology.

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Hello, Church!

I’ve seen back-to-school pictures posted online, so that means summer is officially coming to an end. Please pray for students and teachers as we prepare for another school year.

We are in the process of planning for the year and deciding what it will look like. Times they are a changing!!! We’re looking at only meeting once a week, and adding in some other elements as well. I’ll keep you posted as we move along.

Don’t forget to participate in our Flock Insurance fundraiser. This has been a lot of fun so far, and we would love for you to join in on the fun with us!!!

See ya Sunday!
Ami Shedd
hangoutyouth.mfmc@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS - We are currently taking resums for a children’s director.



Found in the Sanctuary a Toyota key/fob please check with the church office to claim.

Upper Room Devotional Survey:
In order to reduce the waste of a resource we need to know if you still want a copy of the Upper Room Devotional.

Please call or email the following information to the church office at
manchesterfirstmethodistchurch@gmail.com

Your Name: _____

Number of Copies Needed: _____

The size of print you desire: Regular or Extra-Large



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Happy August! August means it’s time to welcome back our MFMC-CLC students and families. We have worked hard this summer to prepare for the new year. We are very excited to see our students. We have lots of new students/families and staff joining us for the year.

We are still in need of an infant room assistant. If you know of anyone that would love to work with the sweetest babies, please send them our way.

Please keep the preschool ministry in your prayers as we teach, love and care for these children.

I hope everyone has had the chance to look at our beautiful mural in our play area. It looks so good and brightens everything up. The students are going to love it! Kathryn is so talented, and she did an amazing job. Stay tuned we have lots of exciting things happening in the next few months.

Be the LIGHT!
Angie Gann
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Wake up sleeper and rise from the dead, And Christ will Shine on you!
May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

To be of the same attitude of mind individually and as a church requires a double work of the Holy Spirit. Both from the outside and from the inside – a presentation of the holy truth of God from the outside and then the breaking of the hard heart that blinds and corrupts the mind.

As Kevin Watson points out, “the church is addicted to curriculum, and it is not adding up to transformational living.” The outward study and presentation of the holy truth of God via scripture and other sources does not yield by itself the “same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had...”. The outward work of the Holy Spirit must be combined with the inward work of the Holy Spirit.

To move forward in your/our transformation as a Christian takes other Christians. Transformational faith is a team sport; so, the saying in the early church: One Christian—no Christian. This is why we get stuck in repetitive sin patterns and habits that trouble us for years. Hearing the truth, but not sharing in the Words’ power. In fact, we know what we need to do to go forward from our history of success – we need to Band. Banding is not anything new... just forgotten. Bands are an instrument that the Holy Spirit uses powerfully to transform us from the inside.

Please don’t delay and go to our church web-site at <https://www.manchesterfirst.org/discipleship-bands> and let Karla, Debra, Brenda, Lois, Kay, and Jim explain what Bands are and why you should be in a band see the video.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence		
Attendance:	Jul 23	Jul 30
Sunday School	37	36
8:55 Service	39	00
10:55 Service	60	105
Facebook Live	139	94

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts	
Total of	Jul 23 & Jul 30
Sunday School	151.00
Coffee Time	10.00
Missions	424.00
Youth	905.00
Pastor Discretionary Fund	100.00
Parlor Fund	50.00
Other	22.00
Weekly Required	20,000.00
Contributions	13,723.00
YTD Offering	256,053.00
YTD Required	310,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-53,947.00

<u>I Will Support My Church with My Service</u>	
Building Checker	
Week of August 6	Wade Stevenson
Week of August 13	Craig Johnson
Altar Guild	
August	Deborah Amacher
September	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian
Counters	
August	Mike Anderson & Richard Dix
September	Deborah Amacher & Mark Williams
Kitchen Monitors	
August	Mike Childs
September	Deborah Blanton
Door Greeters	
August 6	Claus & Lois Thormaehlen
	Nicole Holland & Belinda Holman
August 13	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian
	Nicole Holland & Belinda Holman

Coffee Time	
August 6	Teri Christian
August 13	The Fibelkorns
Communion	
August	
Preparer	Jim Thorington
Servers 8:25	Jonathan & Elizabeth Shedd
Servers 10:55	Mike Anderson & Freddie Fibelkorn
	Kaye Tracy & Julie Giffin

Thank you for your service to Jesus & MFMC!

Member Prayer Concerns

God’s World & Our Nation
All in the military service and their families
Chris & Dora Barbee -
Missionaries serving in Thailand

(Prayer requests are transferred to our prayer team that are older than 30 days)

Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list even though they may not be listed above.

Please let the church office know when you would like your name removed from the prayer listing.

Prayer Request

Simply go to www.manchesterfirst.org and place your curser on the “Home” tab. There you will scroll down to “PRAYER REQUESTS.” Fill out the form and submit your prayer requests and our staff will pray for you. This is available 24/7. Of course, the church staff is available during the day at 931-728-4624 to talk with you when you have prayer request.



Aug 2, 2023 – Aug 15, 2023, Church Family Birthdays

Aug 2	Jerry Reid
Aug 3	Daniel Porter
Aug 4	Randa Brown Gooud
Aug 5	Joey Hendren
Aug 8	Beverly Smith
Aug 13	Kathryn Welch
Aug 14	Ray Pemberton
Aug 15	Jeanne Sain

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.

Gifts to Jesus: It is never too late to give a gift to Jesus by turning in your pledge or talent cards to the church office or through the general offering, or designated giving or volunteering or starting a new ministry or supporting an existing one.