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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE ALL



Mary McLaurine gets lost every single day. She lives with a condition known as developmental topographical disorientation—DTD. People with DTD cannot form a mental map of their surroundings. There's no internal compass, no intuitive sense of direction, no ability to picture where they are in relation to anything else.

Mary tells the story of visiting a friend's house and taking the dog for a short walk. Just a few blocks from the front door, she found herself completely disoriented. She writes, "Fear and adrenaline pulsed through my veins and I began to sweat profusely. My surroundings looked completely unfamiliar. It was as though I'd been dropped into the middle of a foreign land." Every step felt like a guess. Every turn could lead her farther away. Thankfully, someone eventually recognized her and guided her safely home.

What makes DTD particularly startling is that it's not caused by brain injury or trauma. Doctors still don't fully understand why some people experience it. But imagine carrying that sense of fear and uncertainty with you every day—never quite knowing where you are, never sure of how to get back.

Most of us may not live with DTD, but all of us know what it feels like to be lost. Maybe not geographically, but emotionally, spiritually, or relationally. The same panic Mary describes—confusion, fear, the tightening in your chest—can rise up when life throws us into unfamiliar territory. When you don't know which way to turn, or how to get back to where you once felt safe.

And yet, as frightening as it is to be lost, the feeling of being found is one of the most powerful gifts a human being can experience. The relief. The grounding. The sudden, overwhelming sense that you're not alone, that you are safe, that you are home.

That is the heartbeat behind our 2026 theme: "Found."

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CHURCH STAFF

Jason Warden-Senior Minister
Randi Nussbaum-Children's Minister
Kenny Shubert-Youth Minister
Aaron Brunsman-Worship Minister
Dena Cunningham-Admin. Assistant

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School (all ages) ~ 9:15am
Children Worship Service ~ 10:30am
Worship Service ~ 10:30am
Sunday Night: 5:00 ~ 6:15pm*
Children & Youth: 5:00 ~ 6:30pm*
*Fall and Spring semesters

Student News

Rakin' in the Mission Funds

If you or someone you know has yard work, our Alaskan Mission Trip team would love to help. All proceeds will go to help our Sojourn leadership team serve in Alaska this summer.

Email Kenny if you have any chores that need to be done!

Kenny@farragutcc.com

TCTC

Please be in prayer for our youth and volunteers as they attend TCTC. Pray for open hearts and minds, group camaraderie, safety, and long term fruit.

Fall Programming Start Dates

1/7 Wednesday Night Youth Group

2/1 Small Groups



Small Group & Ministry Announcements



Do you have old costume jewelry laying around and don't know what to do with it? Well, we have the answer! Bring your costume jewelry to the church to be donated for our Prom of the Stars attendees. Last year we were gifted with a lot of costume jewelry and the girls that came to the church to choose a prom dress were so excited to pick out jewelry to match their dresses! The deadline to bring the jewelry to be available for this year's Dress Day is Sunday, January 25.



Women's Craft Days
Fri & Sat, January 2 & 3
10am - 5pm

Spend your day (or two) crafting, creating and fellowshiping with other women in the church. Bring your craft, lunch and/or snack.

NEWBORNS
IN NEED



Newborns In Need Meeting
Thursday, January 8
4:00pm

Come and help prepare bags of newborn items to be delivered to area hospitals.

Children's Ministry

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR
JANUARY KIDMIN
VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH:

- BARBARA WARDEN
- Lyla JAMESON
- LYDIA RAULSTON

SuperStart Taco Fundraiser

January 18th - 11:45a

\$3/Taco; Combos and Family Packs Offered

All proceeds benefit preteens attending Superstart



SuperStart Taco Lunch Fundraiser - January 18th, 2026

4th & 5th Grade
February 13th - 15th, 2026
\$325

Parent Informational
Meeting - January 11th, 9:15a

Prayer Buddy Sign Ups for 2026 will begin January 4th. This ministry is a valuable and exciting part of our Kid's Ministry! The only way your child can be a part of this relational ministry is to sign your child up to participate. A link will be emailed to all parents/guardians before January 4th. While kids can be added any time in the ministry, Prayer Buddies will begin choosing their "Buddy" on Sunday, January 25th. Please see Randi for more information.



We're excited to introduce **Mackayla Denney**, who will be joining our Kid's Ministry team as our **Winter & Spring KidMin Intern!** 🎉 Mackayla brings a love for Jesus, a heart for kids, and a desire to grow in ministry leadership. Over the coming months, she'll be partnering with our Kid's Ministry leaders on Sunday mornings, midweek activities, and special events—helping create safe, fun, and faith-filled environments where kids can learn about God's love. Please help us give Mackayla a warm welcome! We're grateful for the way God is growing our team and look forward to all He will do through this season together!

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55+ Potluck Lunch
Benefitting Mooreland
Heights Elementary
Sunday, January 25

Bring a dish to share. Donation lists and a sign up sheet are available in the foyer. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



Prom Dress Day
Saturday, January 31

We need ladies to help our prom attendees pick out and try on prom dresses. This is a great service opportunity for the young ladies and women of our church to help our prom attendees feel special. Please sign up in the foyer.

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Throughout the coming year, every Sunday has been shaped around this simple but profound idea—what it means for us to be found by Christ, and what it means to live as people who have been found. We will explore themes like Finding Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, Finding Truth (our hot topic series), Finding Forgiveness, Finding Family, Finding God, Finding Our Mission, Finding Joseph (our OT study), Finding Leaders (study through 1 Timothy), and next Christmas, Finding Jesus.

In 2025, we encouraged you to grow in your understanding of Scripture through memory work. This year, we want to invite you into a deeper, richer life of prayer. Each month we'll introduce a different aspect or practice of prayer, and throughout the month we'll create spaces for you to try, reflect, and grow.

Our prayer is that these words from Luke 15:24 would become your story over and over again: "For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

So let's make 2026 a year of celebrating what it means to be found. Let's open our arms wide to people who are lost emotionally, spiritually, or simply wondering where they belong. And let's invite them to discover Christ with us—so that we can rejoice together when they, too, are found.

