

THE SPIRE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026



Beyond Grateful

In 2019, University of Alabama defensive tackle Quinnen Williams went viral and not for his skills on the football field. During his NFL draft interview he sneezed. Without hesitation and rather humorously, Williams said, "Bless Me. Thank you." The interview clip spread rapidly across TikTok and Instagram and Williams became an overnight meme. It is reported that he carries that grateful energy through his football career, often using the phrase "Beyond Grateful".

What I love about this story is that Williams takes that "Beyond Grateful" outlook beyond the gridiron and gives back to his community through his foundation, the Quinnen Williams Foundation. The foundation focuses on single-parent homes and cancer awareness.

When Williams was 12 years old, his mother died of breast cancer forcing his father to change his career so he could raise Williams and his three siblings. Williams says this taught he and his siblings an important work ethic. It also built a desire to give back. The foundation serves Williams' hometown of Birmingham, the New York and New Jersey areas where he played for the Jets, and now in Dallas, where he has been playing since November of 2025.

This Sunday as we continue to explore the Five Marks of a Methodist, we will be reading the story of the 10 lepers (Luke 17). After being cleansed of leprosy only one returned to show gratitude. Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? (Luke 17:17).

Like Quinnen Williams, the Samaritan leper who returned was "Beyond Grateful" and ready to give back because of the blessings. This week, let's challenge ourselves to be "the one." When you notice a blessing, whether it's as small as a breath of fresh air or as monumental as an answered life-long prayer, don't wait for the circumstances around you to prompt a response. Pause, turn around, and be sure to say, "Thank you."

Blessings always,

Pastor Kim

Rev. Kim Mitchell
Rev. Steve Williams
Patti Adams
Karla Curry
Stacey Davis
Eric Heien
Marsha Hunt
Kerri Johnson
Jim Nichols
Olivia Osterhage
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Katie Roam
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REMINDER

The Church Office
is closed on
Fridays

Lift Up in Prayer

DORIS CZESCHIN,
WHO PASSED AWAY
AUGUST 21ST.





INCLUSIVITYMATTERS

invites you to our

LGBBQ



Inclusivity Matters warmly invites you to our LGBBQ, celebrating the progress our community has made toward inclusion! There will be food, games, music, and fun for the whole family. BBQ and dessert will be provided- feel free to bring a side to share. We can't wait to see you there!



Sunday, Sept. 27th

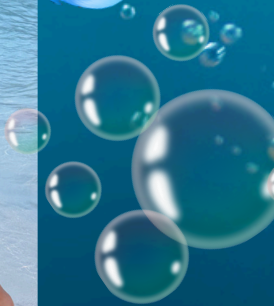
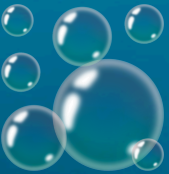
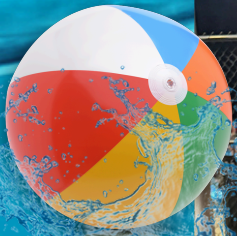
4:00 pm

Blanchette Park

Pavilion #3

1900 W Randolph St., St. Charles

the
**last
splash
of summer**



Family Fall Fun Day

Saturday, October 10th at 11am

PUMPKINS GALORE
26415 S STRINGTOWN RD, WRIGHT CITY

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 11th
at 4 pm

All animals and their humans are invited to our special worship service for the blessing of the animals. Pet treats & human treats will be available.



FIRST ST. CHARLES
YOUTH PRESENT:

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

\$25/person
\$200/table

Fireside FELLOWSHIP

— YOUTH BONFIRE —

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
5-7PM



HOT DOGS



ENDLESS
S'MORES



YARD
GAMES



A WARM
FIRE



YOU BRING:

A favorite side, appetizer, or dessert to share
(and a hoodie or sweater).

Bring a friend!



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

6TH-12TH
GRADE

SUNDAYS AT 9AM DOWNSTAIRS IN THE
BLUE YOUTH ROOM



YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 5pm

CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9am
Check in at the First Kids desk!

Kindergarten-5th grade
upstairs in the gym

FIRST KIDS



First Kids
Early Childhood Center

A ministry of First St. Charles United Methodist Church

**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
ENROLLMENT**

AGES 3-5

ENROLL NOW



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NURSERY

APPLY NOW

We're Hiring!

Nursery Caregiver

- Sunday mornings 8:45am-11am
- Curriculum Provided
- Starting at \$15/per hour



Send your resume to contact@firststcharlesumc.org to apply!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Caregiver Support Group

*Third Tuesday of the month
3 pm in room 300*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

APPLESAUCE, CARROTS, JELLY, JELLO,
CAN MILK, CAN TOMATOES, PASTA SIDES,
HAMBURGER HELPER/TUNA HELPER,
PANCAKE SYRUP, MEN'S DEODORANT



Little Food Pantry

These are the most popular items for our
pantry that serves our community –



tuna
packets



granola
bars



chili with
beans



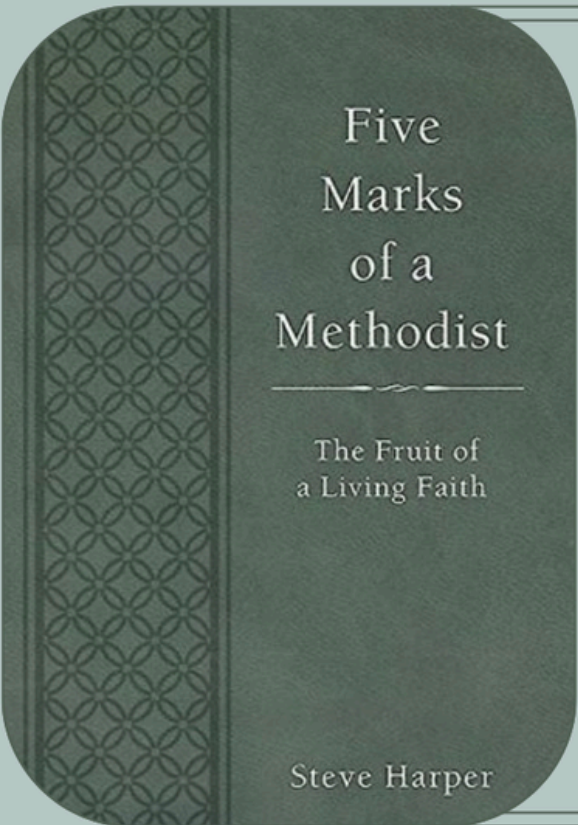
baked
beans



fruit cups

You can drop food donations in the black bin in the atrium!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

The image shows the front cover of a book titled 'Five Marks of a Methodist' by Steve Harper. The cover is dark green with a subtle, repeating geometric pattern. The title is printed in a white serif font, and the author's name is at the bottom. A decorative horizontal line separates the title from the subtitle.

Five
Marks
of a
Methodist

The Fruit of
a Living Faith

Steve Harper

Five Marks OF A METHODIST

Thursday nights at 6:30 pm
Beginning September 3rd



**JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM! IT'S THE BEST WAY TO
MEET MEMBERS & GUESTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!**

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, CONTACT OLIVIA!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP

BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND
ENJOY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

SEPTEMBER 15TH
CATHERINE COLLIER ROOM
@ FIRST ST. CHARLES
6:00 PM

Showers of Blessing

September



SHOWERS
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP



- 🌰 Hot Hands
- 🌰 Rain Ponchos
- 🌰 Disposable razors
- 🌰 Hoodies
- 🌰 Men's jeans (sizes 30-34)

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

GRIEF SHARE®



A 13-week group designed to offer healing, hope,
and support on your journey of grief.

Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm beginning August 17th

contact@firststcharlesumc.org for more information

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

A 7-week group writing session on
Wednesdays at 1pm beginning
October 7th

If interested, contact Donna
Carlson: donc50@sbcglobal.net



2026 Leadership Board



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If you have thoughtful inquiries or concerns, you may reach out to the Leadership Board in confidence at:

ContactLeadership@firststcharlesumc.org

SEPTEMBER

events

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thurs

5 MARKS OF A METHODIST SMALL GROUP

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

15

tues

COMMUNITY CARE

Third Tuesday of the month 8-10 am

15

tues

55+ GAME DAY

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am

15

tues

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Third Tuesday of the month at 3 pm

15

tues

LGBTQ SMALL GROUP

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

27

sun

LGBBQ

4 pm at Blanchette Park Pavillion #3
