



# First United Methodist Challenge

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July 31, 2024

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

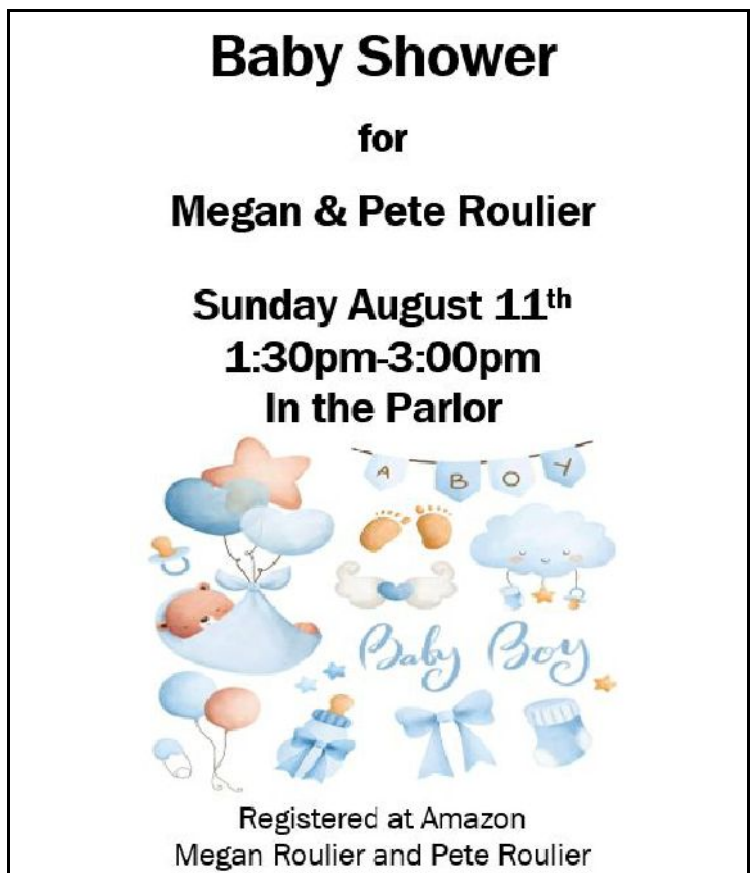
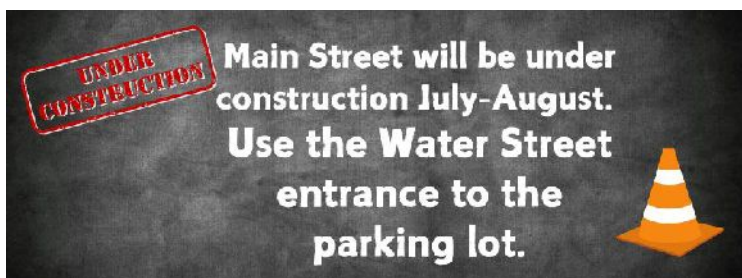
Dear Church,

This is one of the busiest weeks of the year: Vacation Bible School! It is a thrill to see so many children at church this week and hear them singing songs, listening to Bible stories, and doing activities. VBS is an enormous undertaking. It requires so many volunteers to set up, register, feed, and teach the children; thank you to everyone who has helped out this week!



This Sunday we will continue through Ephesians. The scripture passage, Ephesians 4:1-16, is my favorite part of the letter. Paul writes about the church being the Body of Christ. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Blessings,  
Pastor Katie



"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.  
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

**Our Prayers for Those at Home**

- Bill Beller.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Marcus Bowers .....member
- Ginger Davis .....member
- Emma Herrington .....friend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Faith McClurg.....member
- Aline McCracken .....member
- Jerry Millsbaugh ..... Elaine Vinson's uncle
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Pool .....sister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kathleen Reynolds.....member
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's  
Great Grandson
- Belinda Turner .....friend of the Reynolds

**Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes**

**Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**

- Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
- Connie Crafton ..... sister of Joel Wagoner
- Asa Whitaker ..... member

**The Springs Batesville**

- Judy Murrah..... member

**Wildwood Independent Living**

- Nelda Hackworth..... member

**Wood-Lawn Heights**

- Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey

**Wood-Lawn Heights - Rehab**

- Billy Prickett..... member

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

- Ernestine Boyce ..... member

**Health Care Facility in San Antonio, TX**

- Linda Hicks..... friend of John Ellis

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**White River Medical Center - ICU**

- Ginger Burnett.....member

**White River Medical Center**

- Cathy Swaim .....mother of Brent Swaim

**Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service**

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts.....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren .....
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler ..... cousin of member

**✝ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✝**

Our sympathy goes out to *Diana, Kaley & Zach Waldrip*, in the death of husband and father, **Bill Waldrip**, who passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024. The funeral service information is pending at this time.

**Blessing Box**

Collecting these items this week

**Canned Pasta**

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

### Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Mailing Address is:  
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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views July 21<sup>st</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 21 + FB 94) ..... 115  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 131

### In-Person Attendance

July 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 124

## Our Gifts

### Received in July

Received through ..... 07-07-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$9,599.55  
Received through ..... 07-14-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$15,919.44  
Received through ..... 07-21-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$12,716.48  
Received through ..... 07-28-2024  
Total Giving ..... \$14,094.71

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Ephesians 4:1-16

## Our Service

for August 4<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and glory of God  
(need altar flowers this Sunday)

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### **GREETERS:**

9:00 Louise Sanderfur  
11:00 Tom & Ruby Curl

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Amanda Roberts

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

Linda Thompson & Alannette Rushing

**LITURGIST:** Sandy West

**USHERS:** Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 4 Mark Davis  
Chaney Taylor, Jr  
Madison Grace Taylor  
Aug 6 Mack Boyce  
Kenny Bowren  
Aug 7 Raymond Simmons  
Sandy Taylor  
Aug 9 Allison Garrett  
Barbara Wagoner

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Aug 5 Stephen & Rikki Painter  
Jerry & Charlotte Rose  
Aug 8 Paul & Karen Holifield  
Aug 9 Richard & Marieta Frasier

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

### Blessing/Prayer/Bible Box

Seeking persons to help replenish boxes when able as well as donations of non-perishable items (strong preference for easy open containers)

### Community Breakfast

We are also seeking people to help set-up, cook, serve, and/or clean-up for our Saturday community meal, as well as monetary donations.



Flower  
Calendar

## Flower Calendar 2024

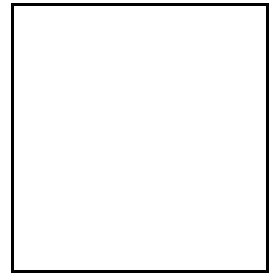
Upcoming dates open for flowers

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.*



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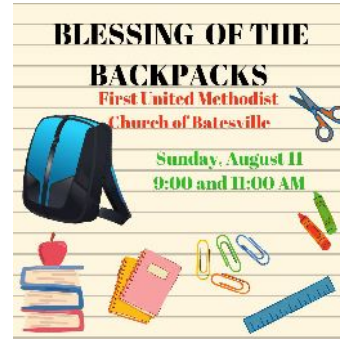
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**The FUMC Challenge** **Page 4**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on  
 YouTube and on Facebook

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**  
 9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

**Announcements**

July 31<sup>st</sup> Community Office Hours are back this week  
 No Chancel Choir Practice  
 Vacation Bible School - 5:30pm-8:00pm  
 BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm - Bowling  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> College Group - 6:30pm  
 Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall  
 Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm  
 Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm

July 28-31 Vacation Bible School  
 Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Backpacks



**Community Breakfast**

**Free**

**8:30 Every Saturday**

**FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the Aug 7<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).