First United Methodist Challenge

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August 5, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

Do you ever wonder what it must have been like living in the Garden of Eden? To walk with God in the cool of the day, discussing whatever it is you would talk about with your Creator?

I'm fascinated by what that relationship and intimacy must have been like with God for Adam and Eve. I'm also captured by the reality that eternity will be a return to the Garden for us.

Sunday, I shared a quote from St. Ephrem the Syrian's Hymns On Paradise. He too is enamored with ruminating on what it must have been like in Paradise / the Garden. Even more so, he is in awe of Christ Jesus himself for having made a way for humanity to be placed back into Paradise / the Garden!

Hymns of the Fast II

"Blessed is He who put on Adam
and by means of the Wood of the Cross
made him leap back into Paradise"

Hymns On Paradise VI

"Blessed is He who through His Cross
has flung open Paradise"

Hymns On Paradise VII

"Blessed is He who, with His keys,
has opened up the Garden of Life"

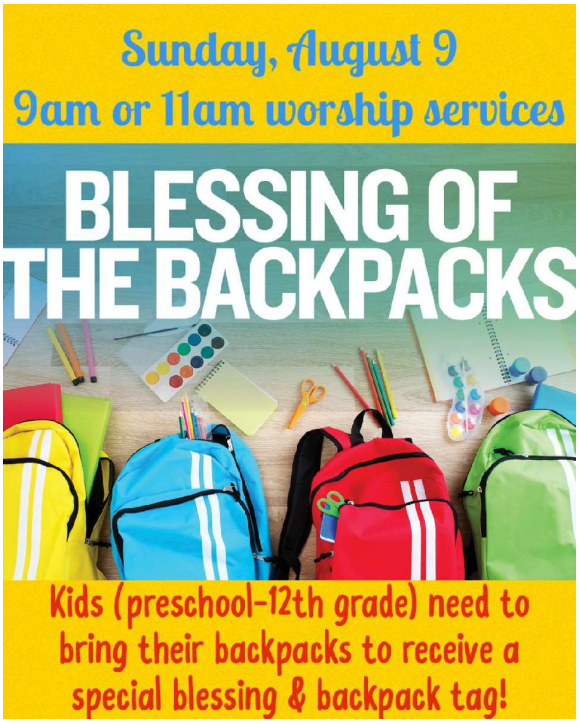
Hymns On Paradise XV

"The serpent spoke in order to test the ears of Adam and Eve: their ears heard two voices, and at the voice of the bitter one they held the Sweet one's to be false."

There are many voices now competing for our attention and testing to see if we will put our trust in someone other than the Author and Protector of our faith. I pray you are firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, entrusting your life to him alone.

Colossians 2:6-7 helps me stay grounded. May this encourage you as well today:

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."



"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
Brent Bentley.....member
Larry Bentley.....member
Glenda Bowers.....member
Eddie Brock.....member
Winnell Calhoun.....member
Ruby Curl.....member
Tom Curl.....member
Marva Hipp.....member
Starr Kent.....member
Ron Lewallen.....member
Aline McCracken.....member
Billy Prickett.....member
Eleanor Royer.....member
Alannette Rushing.....member
William Dalzell.....friend of members
Clay Hooper.....grandfather of Mallory Hooper
Tammie Murphree.....daughter of Linda Thompson
Everleen Phillips.....friend of members
Ruston Phillips.....friend of David & Pam Smith
Heather Pool.....niece of Joe & Kay Pool
Andy Rhodes.....friend of members
Kervin Robinson.....father of Michael Robinson
Tony Rushing.....husband of Alannette Rushing
Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's Great Grandson
Louise Watson.....wife of Terry Watson
Jordan Wheeler.....friend of member
Charles & Gina Williams.....friends of members

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center Rehab
Ken Rueter.....member

New Pictorial Directory

FUMC is creating a new directory.

The directory will not be printed until our pastor appointment in July.

There is still time for you to submit your information.

Please electronically send in a family photo (jpg format) with your current phone number, email, mailing address, household birthdays and anniversaries to

fumcbatesville@gmail.com

Call the church office or send an email, if you have a question.

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Cave City Nursing Home
Richard Ashcraft..... member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living
Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
Ida Sue Luker ..... cousin of Martha Lewallen
Fran Shellenberger ..... member

Wildwood Independent Living
Nelda Hackworth..... member
Joe Don Reynolds..... member
Dorace Williams ..... member

Wood-Lawn Heights
Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
Patricia Glass..... mother of Teresa Brown
Benolyn Kramer ..... aunt of Sonya Massey

Woodcrest Assisted Living
Ernestine Boyce ..... member
Mary Carol Smith..... friend of members

The Springs of Searcy Health & Rehabilitation
Judy Murrah..... member

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
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

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

Fruit Cups

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

If you need pastoral assistance contact:
Pastor Jonathon Bevil at the church office (870) 793-3803

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
Reverend Jonathon Bevil
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Church Administrator
Teresa Brown

Minister to Children & Family Ministries
Katie McLean

Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome
Lorrie McClure

Director of Traditional Worship
Marc Sexton

Worship Leader
Alicia Williams

Organist
Charlie Stanley

Treasurer
Ruby Curl

Custodian
Joe Johnson

Lay Leader
Dr. Terrell Tebbetts

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Sandy West

Church Council Chair
Barrett Moore

Finance Chair
Ron Lewallen

Staff/Parish Chair
Rikki Painter

Trustees Chair
Jim McSpadden

Our Mailing Address is:
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Our Presence
July 26th
Online Worship Views
9:00 Service(FB) 106
11:00 Service (YT 32 + FB 113) 145
In-Person Attendance August 2nd
9:00 Service..... 30
11:00 Service 66
Total.....96

Our Gifts

Received in August

Received through 8-02-2026
Total Giving $3,701.00

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Go to Scriptures: Psalm 46

Our Service

for August 9th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS given in honor and glory of God by the Chaney Huddleston Fellowship Class in honor of all students and teachers.

GREETERS:
9:00 Maggie Beshears
11:00 Charles & Sue Kibbe

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jonathon

LITURGIST: Roger Barker

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 9 Allison Garrett
Barbara Wagoner
Aug 12 Rhianna Crouch
Dot Hohle
Aug 14 Emma Barker Stolarik
Aug 15 Beverly Fountain
Sara Moore
Daniel Tripp

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Aug 9 Richard & Marieta Frasier
Aug 12 Roger & Abby Barker

Family Night Trivia & Potluck

Saturday, August 8
6:00pm-8:00pm

Dessert & Casserole Auction
benefiting FUMC Kitchen Renovation
Bring your best dessert or casserole
to be auctioned.
Casseroles may be brought frozen.

Meat will be provided by the Chaney class.
Bring a side dish for dessert
for the potluck.

Trivia & Auction to be hosted by
Tommy Newton!

Silver Belles & Beaus
We will not meet in August.
We will start back Sept. 15th.

Flower Calendar 2026

Please take a moment to pick a Sunday where you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.

Open Dates
August 23rd
Sign up in the hallway by the office.

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **August 10th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

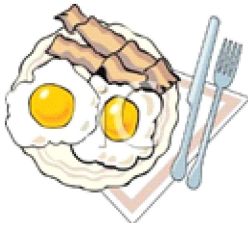
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall
Kids Sunday School—K-4th grade 9:30am
Youth Sunday School 10:00am
Adults Sunday School 10:00am
11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Announcements

Aug 5th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
Aug 8th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Aug 8th	Family Night Trivia & Potluck - 6:00pm-8:00pm
Aug 9th	Blessing of the Backpacks - both worship services
Aug 11th	Common Ground a College & Career Group - 6:30pm
	Silver Belles & Beaus will not meet this month



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Aug 12th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Aug 10th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com