First United Methodist Challenge

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August 12, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

I hope you enjoyed our Blessing of the Backpacks moment Sunday and our new addition of the **Children's Corner** to both worship spaces! I believe our kids will come to love getting to participate more as we quite literally carve out a space for them in ways appropriate to their age-level. Us adults will have to adjust some (thank you, thank you, **Thank YOU!**) as we prove that we truly want children present in our worship to God.

In addition, we've moved our **Kid's Sunday school class to start at 10am**. This gives us continuity with our other 10am adult classes. A huge shout out to Katie, Sue and everyone that leads that crew of kids during that time! Sue shared with me Sunday afternoon that she loved the tables and that Sunday School was great!

We're also hoping to add a new **Young Adult Sunday school class for folks ages 20-40** to the mix. If you're interested in being in the class (or even a Thursday small group), we'll have **sign-up sheets this Sunday** that you can place in the offering plate. Or you can just bypass that process: **text Pastor Jonathon your name and mobile number** (479-567-4486) to express your interest and let us know if you need childcare.

Lastly, I want to express to you how grateful I am to get to be your pastor. I told our staff that I often thank God for them, their amazing gifts, and how the Holy Spirit uses them to minister to our congregation and community.

I am very thankful for each one of you as a follower of Christ, for all your prayers and support of me and my family, and for how hungry you are to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. May God continue to transform our lives, form us in Christ's image, and reach out in love, through the power of the Holy Spirit, into our community, impacting the lives of those Christ died on the cross to save!

Young Adults
(Age 20-40)
Sign-Up

Name _____

Mobile # _____

Child Care (Circle One) **Yes** **No**

Best Preference
(Circle One)

Sunday School Class
Sundays at 10am

OR

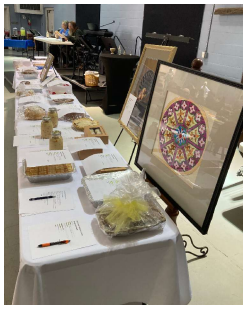
Small Group
Thursdays at 6pm

We are looking to create a Sunday school class at 10:00am for young adults (age 20-40) or possibly a smaii group during the week.

Please complete the form and return to the church through the offering plate, snail mail, or email at fumcbatesville@gmail.com.

Our Family night potluck, trivia contest, and auction was a huge success. Thanks to all who worked hard to put this together.

The auction raised over $3,700.00 with additional gifts bringing the total of over $9,000.00 for the remodel and expansion of the kitchen



"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
Eddie Brock.....member
Winnell Calhoun.....member
Tom Curl.....member
Marva Hipp.....member
Starr Kent.....member
Ron Lewallen.....member
Aline McCracken.....member
Billy Prickett.....member
Eleanor Royer.....member
Ken Rueter.....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

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

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.

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 Jonathon Bevil at the church office (870) 793-3803

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
Reverend Jonathon Bevil
jonathon.bevil@arumc.org

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

Lay Servants/Ministers
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
August 2nd
Online Worship Views
9:00 Service(FB) 152
11:00 Service (YT 27 + FB 55) 82
In-Person Attendance August 9th
9:00 Service..... 35
11:00 Service 86
Total 121

Our Gifts

Received in August

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

Received through 8-09-2026
Total Giving $8,966.57

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Go to Scriptures: Isaiah 41:8-13

Our Service

for August 16th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS given in honor and glory of God from Dan & Vicki Reed in remembrance of Dan's mother, Janice Reed

GREETERS:
9:00 Jim Ramsey
11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Lucy

LITURGIST: Alex Roofe

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 16 Matt McDonald
Aug 17 Emily Tucker
John Wise
Aug 21 Austin Carter
Johnny Kent

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Aug 16 Mike & Sandy West
Aug 19 Paul & Pam Glover
Aug 20 Shawn & Lisa Smith

Prayer for New School Year

Dear God, as we start this new school year, be with us as we take the bus, walk, or ride, Be with us through our learning and playing, and bless us as we continue our education.

O Lord, be with the grown-ups going back as well, and thank you for our teachers, helpers, and leaders, for all they do to help us learn and keep growing.

Amen.

Silver Belles & Beaus

We will not meet in August.

We will start back Sept. 15th.

Flower Calendar

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 17th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

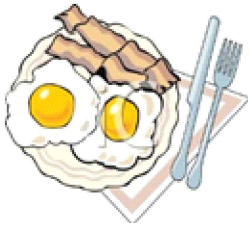
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

Announcements

Aug 12th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Aug 18th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Aug 18th	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 19th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Aug 17th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com