First United Methodist Challenge

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August 19, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

Do you know why I look forward to Bible Study each week?

I get to ask tough questions and watch Jesus' disciples squirm... as they should!

If you're not seriously reading the Bible, asking the hard questions it presents by reading between the lines and the lines itself, you are missing out. I might even wonder if you really understand what being a disciple truly means.

Most folks (I used to be one of them!) are used to a Bible Study where the teacher or pastor drones on and on. While they may be dropping nuggets of wisdom, it means nothing because we've not had to do the hard work of finding the answer ourselves.

Notice how Jesus asked his disciples tough questions, let them sit in the tension of a hard saying of his, and only after the fact teach them what the parables truly mean. This is on account of Rabbis, good ones to be more accurate, asking their disciples questions so that they would understand their faith and the Scriptures. Here are the probing questions I get to ask tonight at Bible Study (join us btw at 6pm in Barnabas classroom):

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to heal Peter's mother-in-law without speaking but instead by "taking her hand and helping her up?"
2. Why does Mark use the term "demon" (v. 34, 39) in this passage instead of "unclean spirit" as he did previously?
3. According to verse 38 and the larger context of our passage (Mark 1:29-45), why has Jesus come?
4. Leviticus 13:45-46 (larger context: Leviticus 13:1-17; 14:1-32) describes how a person with leprosy is to interact around other people. What most likely caused the man with leprosy in Mark 1:40-45 NOT to do so?
5. First, what does you Bible translation say for Mark 1:41? Was Jesus "angry" or "indignant" or "filled with compassion?" Which translation do you think is the more accepted one by scholars? Which translation is most likely the original?

Cottage meetings are coming!

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.

"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 sympathy goes out to the *Neaville grandchildren Madison, Mason, Grace, and Max* in the death of their grandmother, **Judy Murrah**, who passed away August 10th in Searcy.

Funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

and to

Our sympathy goes out to *Gayle Ross and family* in the death of her mother, **Ruth Vinzant Chesnutt**, who passed away on August 15th.

Funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

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

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living
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

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

Canned Tuna

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

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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In-Person Attendance August 16th

9:00 Service	38
11:00 Service	63
Total	103

Our Presence on Social Media
August 9th
Online Worship Views

9:00 Service(FB)	
11:00 Service (YT 30 + FB 115)	145

Our Gifts

Received in August

Amount needed each week	$10,519.15
Received through	8-02-2026
Total Giving	$3,701.00
Received through	8-09-2026
Total Giving	$8,966.57
Received through	8-09-2026
Total Giving	$7,080.31

Our Service

for August 23rd

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS given in honor and glory of God

(need altar flowers this Sunday)

GREETERS:
9:00 Joe Don Reynolds
11:00 Jim & Merry McSpadden

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jonathon

LITURGIST: Terrell Tebbetts

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 26	Beth Boyce Winberry
	Paul Holifield
Aug 27	Bryan Langston
	Joe Taylor
Aug 28	Laman Fountain
	Matthew Walmsley

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Aug 24	Harry & Becky Crossett

First United Methodist Church

A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Go to Scriptures: Matthew 6:26-34

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 23 September 13, 20, 27
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 24th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

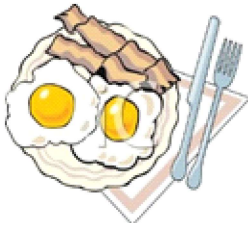
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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 19th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Aug 22nd	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Aug 25th	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 26th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Aug 24th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com