First United Methodist Challenge

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August 26, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

Mini-Sermon

I started listening to the audiobook **Every Thought Captive** by Kyle Idleman. Of course I ran out of monthly listening hours on Spotify, but I was able to hear this loud and clear: "Here's the reality: either you will take your thoughts captive, or your thoughts will take YOU captive."

I know I have thoughts I have to keep giving over to Jesus when they crop up. Some are gory, some explicit, and others are nothing more than a distraction from thinking about God, God's kingdom, and his righteousness.

Although I preached on anxiety on Sunday, I asked for prayers Monday from the men's group. I worry about preaching. Did that even make sense? I hope I don't forget to say that. Yada Yada Yada… (**Seinfeld** anyone!?)

I found out yesterday (new doctor's apt.) that my blood pressure is high. Oh yeah, and I already take BP meds! So, this is an anxiety I'm giving over to the Lord today, right now, and the next many moments until it goes down. Prayers appreciated.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." **1 Peter 5:6-7**

I surely hope as I pray for your anxiety and problems as well, that you can join me in dumping all our anxieties onto God. Because here's the thing: the Lord is near and wants to care for us more, even heal us.

Hopefully, none of you catastrophizes, but if you do, here's something I found thought-provoking by **Jennifer Cohen** (Fitness Expert, Author & Entrepreneur) "Overthinking is your imagination misused… If you can overthink the worst, why can't you overthink the best?"

May God empower us to lean on him now. Amen and Amen.

Benediction of Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cottage meetings are coming!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Ramp Ministry

"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

UAMS - Little Rock
Rhett Carter.....friend of member

Nursery Available 11:00am Service

Kids Sunday School is every week from 10:00am—10:45am.

There is a nursery available for young children during this worship service.

We encourage older kids to stay in worship and it's fine if they make noise!

There are busy bags and coloring sheets located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

We are glad you and your kids are Here!

Nursery & Sunday School 9:00am Service

Kids are invited to go to the nursery after children's sermon.

Sunday School for kids is every week from 10:00am—10-45am.

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

Our Prayers for Our Community

Batesville Schools
Cedar Ridge Schools
Southside Schools
Midland Schools

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

Church Leadership

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Organist
Charlie Stanley

Treasurer
Ruby Curl

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Joe Johnson

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Dr. Terrell Tebbetts

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Our Mailing Address is:
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In-Person Attendance August 23rd

9:00 Service..... 33
11:00 Service 77
Total **110**

Our Presence on Social Media

August 16th
Online Worship Views
9:00 Service(FB) 70
11:00 Service (YT 21 + FB 273) 294

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 8-15-2026
Total Giving $7,080.31

Received through 8-23-2026
Total Giving $5,870.00

Our Service

for August 30th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mickey on our 66th wedding anniversary by Shirley Coe.

GREETERS:
9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat
11:00 Joyce Prickett

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Roberts

LITURGIST: Joyce Prickett

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 31 Nathaniel Lay
Bill Luster
Sept 2 Kyle Dodd
Kristie Vinson
Sept 4 Ella Shelton
Lance Lamberth
Sept 5 Marc Sexton

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Sept 1 Eddie & Robin Brock
Bryan & Carla Langston
Sept 4 Randy & Mariesa Bolin
Bill & Anne Luster

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Go to Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-9

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
September 13, 20, 27
Sign up in the hallway by the office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
WEDDING SHOWER
honoring
Reagan Smith
Bride-to-Be of Zach Langston
Please join us as we shower the bride-to-be
with love and best wishes
as she prepares to say "I do."
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
2:00–4:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
615 E. Main Street
Batesville, Arkansas
ZACH & REAGAN
The happy couple is registered at
Dillard's • Amazon • Target • The Knot
Home, Holidays & More
We can't wait to celebrate
with you!

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The FUMC Challenge

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **August 31st, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

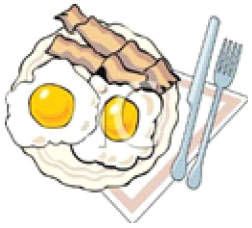
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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 26th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Aug 29th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Sept 1st	Common Ground a College & Career Group - 6:30pm
Sept 7th	United Women of Faith - 5:00pm in the Parlor
	Silver Belles & Beaus will not meet this month



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Sept 2nd** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Aug 31st,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com