First United Methodist Challenge

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September 9, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

Good day! I want to fill y'all in on our recent staff meeting conversations. One of the first things we discussed two meetings ago was what we stopped doing around 2020, what each of **our dreams are for our church**, and what we could start doing.

One change we've already made has been to **send birthday cards as a staff**. If you get one when your birthday rolls around, please know we celebrate with you and are grateful for you. If you don't get one, please call the church office to update your birthday with Teresa.

Two comments that stood out to me from what the staff shared was an idea of folks gathering around a **shared interest** and a desire for us to have **more events** that we can invite folks to attend. Hence, our first new event will be called Saturday Stroll.

For our first **Saturday Stroll**, invite friends who may not even come to church to join us on **October 10th at 5pm**. Hopefully the weather will be nice by then. We will all meet at the Town Plaza Shopping Center at 5pm. From there, we'll simply **stroll down Main Street**.

Once we hit downtown, we'll **eat, shop, and enjoy getting to know one another better**. This is one of those events where we scatter into our community, since we already gather together to worship, for Youth, in Sunday school class, etc.

I've tasked each member of staff to start considering what event they want to invite friends to as well as something that they think would be great to do. I can't wait to see what fun, new, and **unique events** may spring up!

Lastly, we're going to have a **Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 4pm**. Your Lay Leader, Terrell Tebbetts, has graciously offered his yard right next door to the church on Main Street to have our event. More information coming soon!

Contact the church office at 870-793-3803 if you would like to be a part of the Van Ministry.

Cottage Meetings Dates have Been set.

These casual gatherings are being held in homes of church members. We pray they will be a meaningful way to deepen connections with one another and with our new pastor, as well as an invigorating opportunity to discuss our current ministries, spaces, and opportunities for growth.

Using names from the current church directory, an invitation has been mailed to members and assigned a date and Cottage Meeting location. If you are unable to attend your selected Cottage Meeting, please call the church office at 870-793-3803 and let us know. Cottage Meetings dates are listed below.

Sunday, September 13
Time: 3:00pm

Wednesday, September 16
Time: 6:00pm

Thursday, September 17
Time: 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 29
Time: 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 6
Time: 5:30pm

If you did not receive an invitation call the church office and we will help you find a suitable date.

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As you may have read in last week newsletter the Pastor Jonathon will be joining us playing and singing and share with us.

"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
Marva Hipp.....member
Starr Kent.....member
Charles Kibbe.....member
Ron Lewallen.....member
Aline McCracken.....member
Billy Prickett.....member
Florene Renfro.....member
Eleanor Royer.....member
Ken Rueter.....member
Alannette Rushing.....member
Laney Thompson.....member
Sarah Waits Conner.....niece of Lyndal & Shirley Waits
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
Tom Curl.....member

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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

UACCB Students and Staff

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:
First United
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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

In-Person Attendance September 6th

9:00 Service..... 30
11:00 Service 67
Total 97

Our Presence on Social Media

August 30th
Online Worship Views
9:00 Service(FB) 31
11:00 Service (YT 51 + FB 211) 262

Our Gifts

Received in September
Amount needed each week.... $10,519.15
Received through 9-06-2026
Total Giving..... $6,294.57

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Amazing Grace: Luke 15:1-10

Silver Belles & Beaus
We will start back Sept. 15th.

Our Service

for September 13th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God

GREETERS:
9:00 Maggie Beshears
11:00 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Barrett Moore

LITURGIST: Pete Roulier

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 13 Jim Davis
Deann Castleberry
Starr Kent
Morgan Painter Reyes
Sept 14 Kate Taylor
Sept 15 Cody Cox
James Matinchek
Sept 16 Becky Brewer
Ethan Perez
Bradley Slaughter
Sept 17 Scott Kallsnick
Charles Kibbe
Sept 18 Macy Ann Bryant
Rikki Painter
Sept 19 Mia Roberts
Steve Taylor
Jane Vinson

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Sept 15 Ron & Barbara Cheatham
Sept 16 Sydney Nail & Leighton Leddy
Sept 17 Bradley & Andrea Slaughter

MEMORIALS

CHRIS TEBBETTS
Stanley Wood & Scott Wood

Flower Calendar 2026

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

Open Dates
September 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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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **September 14th, 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

Sept 9th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Sept 12th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Sept 12th	Wedding Shower - see insert
Sept 14th	United Women of Faith - 5:00pm in the Parlor
Sept 15th	Belles & Beaus - Fellowship Hall - Noon
	Common Ground a College & Career Group - 6:30pm

Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Sept 16th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Sept 14th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com