First United Methodist Challenge

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September 16, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

I need to make two corrections to previous newsletters.

1st – Our **Saturday Stroll** will be at **11am on October 10** (instead of the other time). Long story short: businesses don't stay open as late as I wish they would on Saturdays! Oh well, please invite your friends to meet us all at the Town Plaza Shopping Center so that we can **stroll down Main Street, shop, eat and enjoy the day.**

My second correction concerns the **Silver Bells and Beaus.** I don't know how I got in my mind that they are our bell choir. Perhaps I like the song "Silver Bells" and am yearning for Christmas. It's because I always wanted to be in a bell choir. Of course, nearly all bell choirs I know of use **BRASS, not SILVER** bells. Please excuse my mistake everyone.

While I'm on Silver Bells & Beaus, thank y'all so much for having me yesterday! I enjoyed the delicious chicken and cayenne ranch to dip it in, along with the conversations and fellowship. **Thank you** for singing along with me and for opening up your ears and hearts to hear some new songs. **Grace & Peace**

I'm getting excited about our **Animal Blessing on October 4 at 4pm**. Thank you in advance to our lay leader, Terrell Tebbetts, for offering his **front yard on Main Street**. Mark your calendars now, because I can't wait to meet your critters! I'm still waiting to hear, but we may have a petting zoo of sorts of sweet animals for you to love on.

The CALL is a non-profit organization that mobilizes local churches to serve local children and youth placed in foster care.

Please join United Women in Faith in learning about **The Call** with Affiliate Director Ashley Beller.

We will meet on Oct 5th at 5 pm in the parlor.

All are welcome.

Cottage Meetings Dates

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.

Wednesday, September 16
Time: 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 6
Time: 5:30pm

Thursday, September 17
Time: 6:00pm

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

"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
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

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

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week

Saltine Crackers

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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In-Person Attendance September 13th

9:00 Service	29
11:00 Service	76
Total	105

Our Presence on Social Media
September 6th
Online Worship Views

9:00 Service(FB)	90
11:00 Service (YT 42 + FB 150)	192

Our Gifts

Received in September

Amount needed each week $10,519.15

Received through	9-06-2026
Total Giving	$6,294.57
Received through	9-13-2026
Total Giving	$6,955.48

Our Service

for September 20th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God welcoming Pastor Jonathon, Missy, Sophia, and Emma by the Chaney-Huddleston Fellowship Class.

GREETERS:
9:00 Jim Ramsey
11:00 Pam Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jonathan

LITURGIST: Pam Smith

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 20	Maddie James
Sept 21	Diane Tebbetts
	Chris Wagoner
Sept 22	Cassidy Garrett
Sept 23	George Bentz, Jr.
	Leah Crossett Cook
Sept 24	Sherry Everett
	Cole Jordan Weaver
	Shirley Stuckey
Sept 25	Matthew McClure
	Ava Miller
	Austin Sweat
Sept 26	Patrick Arnold
	Cathy Hill

MEMORIALS

RUTH CHESNUTT
Harry & Becky Shelton

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Grace Over Work: Luke 15:11-32

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

September 20, 27

Sign up in the hallway by the office.

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

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **September 21st, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

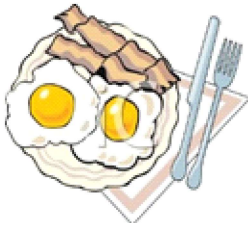
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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 16th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Sept 19th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Sept 22nd	Common Ground a College & Career Group - 6:30pm
	Church Council - 5:30pm - Barnabas room
Oct 5th	United Women of Faith - 5:00pm in the Parlor
	Program - Learning about **The Call**



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Sept 23rd** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Sept 21st,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com