First United Methodist Challenge

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September 30, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

Y'all, I have something I'm excited to **get to volunteer** for myself, and I'd like to invite **5-6 of you to join with me in meeting a vital need.** Each Wednesday, we have several students that come to Youth. They have said proudly that this is their church. And indeed, they are ours, because Christ is continuing to knit us together in relationship.

Backstory: these ***youth*** are getting dropped off at the library on Wednesdays after school via bus. They are choosing to hang out there before Youth starts so that they can walk down to Youth, where ***they participate, see their friends, are fed, and grow in their relationship with God and each other.*** Need: a ride home after Youth ends.

At most, this will be a **30 minute commitment, with only 2-3 drop off spots.** This is easy, really. I'm volunteering myself for **1 week per month** to help meet this need. I'm asking you reading this to join me in volunteering for this. **Be an answer to prayer. Meet this need. Help Jesus knit these students *(our youth)* even more into relationship with us.**

Contact Teresa, Lorrie, or me so that we can rely on you to help in this way. And, thank you advance in the name of Christ Jesus, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing!

Please join with me in our continued prayers for others. Joe is having his surgery today; **may the Lord protect him** and give his doctor and nurses focus, discernment, and compassion. Billy is being moved to rehabilitation, and Eleanor hopes to go home soon to sit in her chair. **May God continue to strengthen them.** Amanda had her first treatment this week; **we pray for God to grant her the energy she needs** throughout this entire treatment process. And, we continue to lift up those still recovering and even moving about a little more day by day: Eddie, Ross, Charles, Ron, and Ken. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.**

The Memory Garden

A Grief Support Gathering

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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.

"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
Florene Renfro.....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

St. Bernards - Jonesboro
Joe Pool.....member

White River Medical Center
Billy Prickett.....member
Eleanor Royer.....member

Our Prayers for Our Community

UACCB Students and Staff

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

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

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living
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 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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In-Person Attendance September 27th

9:00 Service	46
11:00 Service	73
Total	119

Our Presence on Social Media
September 20th
Online Worship Views

9:00 Service(FB)	41
11:00 Service (YT 35 + FB 113)	148

Our Gifts

September Budget $45,583.00
September Received $27,056.96

Received through	9-06-2026
Total Giving	$6,294.57
Received through	9-13-2026
Total Giving	$6,955.48
Received through	9-20-2026
Total Giving	$9,435.91
Received through	9-27-2026
Total Giving	$4,371.00

Our Service

for October 4th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God In honor of Gladys Smith 97th birthday on October 7th by David & Pam Smith.

GREETERS:
9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat
11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jonathon

LITURGIST: Alex Roofe

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 4 - October 10

Oct	4	Sherry Hankins
		Jimmy McSpadden
		Garrett Rice
		Paula Rutledge
Oct	5	Dan Reed
Oct	7	Paul Bube
Oct	8	Seth Kemp
		Becky Wann
Oct	9	Jaynee McCracken
Oct	10	Michael Coe
		Grant McDonald
		Cshawn Osborn

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Oct 10 Travis & Ashley Hon

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Genesis 3:1-10

Our new oven and cooktop is in place!

Flower Calendar 2026

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

Open Dates

October 18, November 1, 8, 15, 22

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.

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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **October 5th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

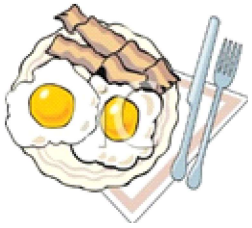
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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 30th	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Oct 3rd	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Oct 4th	Blessing of the Animals - 4:00pm
Oct 5th	United Women of Faith - 5:00pm in the Parlor Program - Learning about **The Call**
Oct 6th	Common Ground *a College & Career Group* - 6:30pm
Oct 11th	Saturday Stroll - 11:00am



Community Breakfast
Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Oct 7th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Oct 5th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com