First United Methodist Challenge

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October 21, 2026

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From Pastor Jonathon. . .

I assume you've heard about the terrible car accident that happened earlier this week. It involved two boys and two girls. Both boys are deceased and were students at Batesville High School. Both girls, as of this writing, are alive but severely injured. One of the girls is a student at Cave City and the other at Batesville. One of the boys was even active in the Spanish-speaking congregation near Central UMC.

Before you read further than this sentence, please pause to continue to pray for the students, their families, and both Cave City and Batesville communities.

While tragedies like this are extremely hard hitting for our community, we trust in God's comfort and presence to meet us all where we are. O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. In a way that only you can Jesus, bring your light to shine in the darkness of our confusion, questions, and pain. Most importantly, Lord, comfort each family during this devastating loss and continued fight for life. Amen.

On a different note, I need to share something that happened last week at the church building. A man came Friday dressed as a community leader, asking to meet with me. As you may be aware, I take Fridays off, so Teresa was here mostly by herself. This man ended up being arrested later in the day for breaking and entering someone else's private property.

I share this with you to ask for your diligent help. While we can trust most people we let into our building, we need to remain vigilant. Please do not assume anyone is welcome in to do work. Please check with Teresa first before opening the door for anyone you do not know. Also, consider that even though I or other people are usually in the building, there are times when Teresa is by herself and must be protected at all costs. Seriously, she is a saint! Thank you

Check out the insert
for
Help and Hope
Cereal Drive

A Five Week Women's Bible Study
on the Book of Ruth
Beginning Monday, October 26 at 6:00pm
We will meet in the Alpha Room.
For more information contact
Abby Barker at 870-834-5875

Trunk or Treat at FUMC! October 31 4:00pm

We need trunks & candy! Please donate candy in the bucket by the office. If you would like to participate in the annual Main Street festivities by having a trunk in our parking lot, please contact the church office! We will supply candy for you to hand out.

"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
Joe Pool.....member
Florene Renfro.....member
Amanda Roberts.....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
Jimmie Ruth Taylor.....friend of member
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 Rehab
Billy Prickett.....member

Our Prayers for Our Community

Sports & Recreation

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

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 October 18th

9:00 Service..... 31
11:00 Service 73
Total 104

Our Presence on Social Media

October 11th
Online Worship Views
9:00 Service(FB) 222
11:00 Service (YT 43 + FB 88) 131

Our Gifts

Received in October

Amount needed each week - $10,519.15

Received through 10-04-2026
Total Giving $11,303.08

Received through 10-11-2026
Total Giving $6,902.18

Received through 10-18-2026
Total Giving $7,941.50

Our Service

for October 25th

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God in memory of Sally Allen by Dan & Vicki Reed.

GREETERS:
9:00 Jim Ramsey
11:00 Charles & Sue Kibbe

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Jonathon

LITURGIST: Joyce Prickett

USHERS: Ron Cheatham
John Ellis
David Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 25 - October 31

Oct 28 Ross Cox
James Davis
Jim Ramsey
Oct 30 Graham Alberson
Jeffery Davis
Oct 31 Shirley Coe
David Daniel Patterson

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Oct 30 Aaron & Annie Wynn

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Mark 8:27-29

Pray for our church

for our pastor & staff
for our leaders
for those who are homebound or hospitalized
for every household
for our small groups and relationships

Flower Calendar 2026

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

Open Dates
November 1, 8, 15, 22
Sign up in the hallway by the office.

HELP AND HOPE
CEREAL DRIVE
Join us for a Cereal Drive and help ensure no one starts their day hungry
Collection Dates
OCTOBER
26 - 30
GOAL: 600 BOXES
We're collecting new, unopened boxes of cereal to support local families in need
Collection Points
Independence County Library
UACCB, First Community Bank
FutureFuel Chemical Company
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Because a great day starts with a good breakfast
Sponsored by P.E.O. Batesville Chapter DJ
For more details, contact
Stacy Gunderman: 870-612-2816

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Check out newsletters online!
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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **October 26th, 6:00pm,** at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

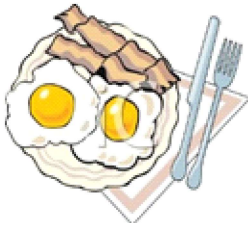
9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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

Oct 21st	BFUMC Kids - 6:00pm
	BFUMC Youth - 6:00pm
	Mark Bible Study 6:00pm in the Barnabas Room
Oct 24th	Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
Oct 25th	Knot Forgotten Ministry - 1:00pm - Fellowship Hall
Oct 26th	Women's Bible Study - 6:00pm - Alpha Room
Oct 27th	Common Ground *a College & Career Group* - 6:30pm
Nov 2nd	United Women of Faith - 5:00pm in the Parlor
Nov 9th	The Memory Garden Ministry - 6:00pm - Parlor



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the **Oct 28th** newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, **Oct 26th,** to the church office or by email to fumcbatesville@gmail.com