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#### **The Vision**

Our vision is our intended destination or goal. The vision of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

#### **The Mission**

Our mission is the roadmap for achieving our vision. The mission of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to connect, coach, and commission people to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

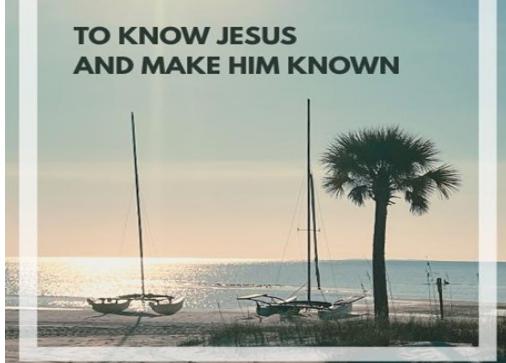
# The Messenger

February 5, 2026

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7*

These are part of Paul's final words as he writes to the Philippian Church. These are words that have resonated with me throughout my Christian journey. They are words I have to go back to often, especially when the future looks unclear and life seems unstable. It's so easy in our day to worry and to be anxious. Paul, under the authority of the Holy Spirit, writes to remind us that we need not submit ourselves to the unproductive act of worry but rather to pray, be grateful and rest in His peace. May you spend time and energy today in prayer and gratitude rather than worrying about things that perhaps only Jesus can fix. Jesus also instructs us on what to do with the day-to-day concerns of life. Take time today to read His words in Matthew 6:25-34.

-Ben



#### **Upcoming Sermons**

**February 8, 2026**

Becoming: Spirit Propelled

Acts 20:22-24

**February 15, 2026**

Becoming: Connect, Coach, Commission

Matthew 4:18-22



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Dawn McGinn, John Bull, Joyce St. John, Harry Brax, Pete Seyfarth, Charles & Lisa Oliver, Johnny Kersnac, Linda Robison, Ricky Bullock, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Serrato, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor, Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Natalie Schmidt, Nancy Ruff, Dawn Rhoades, John Fales, Becky Collins, Richard Gingles, Mandy Reinike, Lauren Sullivan, Corbin Altese, Penny Tripp and Leo LaCour.



### Flowers Calendar

There are several open dates on the Flower Calendar through June for the sanctuary.

3/8, 3/15, 4/19, 4/26, 5/17, 5/24, 6/7, 6/14, and 6/21. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved one, contact the church office @ 228-863-9619.



### Acolyte Schedule

February 8th Raylee  
February 15th Collins  
February 22nd Ellie  
March 1st Raylee  
March 8th Jacen

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 8th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses  
11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online  
11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl Luncheon in the CLC  
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party @ the Barrows 706 Briarwood

### Monday, February 9th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
12:00 p.m. Blood Drive in the CLC

### Tuesday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Side by Side room

### Wednesday, February 11th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.  
5:30 p.m. Dinner & Discipleship in the CLC  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### Thursday, February 12th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

### Sunday, February 15th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses  
11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

### Monday, February 16th

#### Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
6:00 p.m. Methodist Women in the CLC  
6:00 p.m. Permanent Endowment Meeting in the Library

### Tuesday, February 17th

#### Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side room

### Wednesday, February 18th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.  
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### Thursday, February 19th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's parlor



### Pulled Pork Fundraiser

There will be a pulled pork fundraiser to raise money for scholarships to the Home of Grace on Sunday, March 8th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center @ the main campus. The cost of the plates are \$12.00.



First Methodist Women will be incorporating the book study, We Saved You a Seat, into our monthly meetings beginning with our next meeting on Monday, Feb 16th, at 6:00 p.m. We would love for any women to join us for food, community, and meaningful discussion about finding and keeping lasting friendships. We are offering a free copy of the book for women who would like to attend. Look for the order form at both campuses to sign up for a book!

### Save the Date



**SUNDAY 2/8/26  
11:00-1:00 CLC**

Youth Fundraiser for their winter retreat and their summer trip to M28 in North Carolina. Donations will be accepted at the entrances to the CLC. Come enjoy a variety of soups, grilled cheese station, and dessert. Thanks for your support!



**O.A.K.S.**  
Older Adult Kindred Spirit

First Methodist Church  
Long Beach, MS

### O.A.K.S. Luncheon

Please join The O.A.K.S. for a luncheon in the Christian Life Center on Wednesday, February 25th at 11:30 a.m. All are invited and please bring a dish to share.

### Youth Group Students:

(current 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Summer Trip is the week of July 6-11**

**Sign up with Emily by February 8 to reserve your spot!**



### Lenten Prayer

The sanctuary will be open for prayer during Lent. A prayer guide will be provided for each week.

- Noon to 1 PM on weekdays from Feb 19 - April 3
- 5:30 - 7 PM on Wednesday evenings March 11- April 1
- 6:30 -7:30 AM on Friday mornings from Feb 20 - April 3



Save the date for  
Vacation Bible School 2026:  
**JUNE 14-18, 2026**

Register now for Kids in PreK- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
and for Volunteers!



Youth Group students - let's watch  
the big game together!

Who: Youth Group Students in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades  
When: Feb 8 @ 5 PM  
Where: The Barlows' house- 706 Briarwood Dr.  
Bring: appetizer or dessert to share

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## Youth Group

7th-12th Graders

**Feb 8** - Super Bowl Party @ The Barlows'

**Feb 15** - Winter Retreat/No Youth

**Feb 22** - Youth Group

**March 1** - Youth Group

**March 8** - Youth Group

**March 15** - Youth Group

**March 22** - Youth Group

**March 29** - No Youth

Above events begin at 5 PM in Heritage Hall.  
Youth will participate in Wednesday night  
dinners through March 4. Our Wednesday night  
Heart & Soul gathering resumes March 11 from  
5:30 - 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall.



4th-6th Graders  
5-7 PM on Sundays

**Feb 8** - No In-Betweens

**Feb 15** - No In-Betweens (Mardi Gras break)

**Feb 22** - In-Betweens

**March 1** - In-Betweens

**March 8** - In-Betweens

**March 15** - In-Betweens

**March 22** - In-Betweens

**March 29** - No In-Betweens

In-Betweens meets in the Side-by-Side room in  
Moore Hall at 208 Pine Street. Enter on the side  
facing the park! In-Betweens will participate in  
Wednesday night dinners through March 4.