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<u>Our Vision</u>

To transform the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to help people become disciples who know God, grow as Christ followers, and go live on mission.

SIGN UP FOR FMCE PEW NEWS & MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter and/or notifications via FMCE Pew News, email <u>secretary@fmce.church</u> or call 334-347-3467 and you will be added to the distribution list.

RECORD OF OUR

FAITHFULNESS

May Total Budget Expenses May Budget Received May Budget Shortage	\$4	59,293 47,391 11,902)
May Capital Improvement Expenses May Capital Improvement	\$	0
Received May Capital Improvement Overage	\$	3,020
	\$	3,020
May Ministry Plan Shortage	(\$	8,882)
(Unaudited as of May 27, 20)25)	

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2nd ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DINNER

Dear Friends,

Our community matters so much, and you all do a wonderful job supporting it in many ways. I want to share with you one special way you support our community. At the beginning of May, our church held the 2nd Annual First Responder Appreciation Dinner. We have participated in this event with the 12th Judicial Circuit DA's office; James Tarbox is one of our members and leaders in our congregation. It's a joy to see our church serve in such a way to honor and appreciate our first responders in our community. In a country where support for law enforcement and first responders seems to be dwindling in communities, funding isn't always available, and recruiting for these agencies is difficult outside of communities like ours in the conservative south. A simple expression of gratitude and appreciation can have a profound impact on them. In 2025, I am even more thankful for each of you as well. Your volunteer efforts to serve this community are so special to see; you all give your all to serve them. So, thanks to your generous contributions, this year our church was able to cover the entire meal for over 200 first responders and their families. We truly appreciate your support! It is so great to see our church on mission!

Gina Cruz has contributed another article to our newsletter, providing an update on the mercy fund and emphasizing the generous support from the community through your contributions.

In Christ Matt Jordan

FMCE MERCY FUND

Throughout the months of April and May, with your generous giving, you have been able to touch the lives of countless people. Oftentimes we see people come into the church office who are broken, scared, and seeking hope as they try to overcome the latest obstacle that life has thrown at them. With your giving, you have provided meals to seven individuals on Wednesday nights, helped to keep the lights on for nine families, assisted two families with their rent, provided a place to stay for two homeless people and groceries for four individuals. You have also supplied a place to stay for five individuals and one veteran in addition to helping a family dealing with cancer stay in their home for another month. Thank you FMCE for loving on your fellow neighbors!

FMCE ENDOWMENT FUND

In addition to the MERCY Funds, FMCE Endowment monies were used to purchase 26 pairs of jeans for the Elba Work Release inmates. Also, the lawns of two non-members were mown.



IN PICTURES

















WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE SUMMER

FAMILY DINNER

6:00 PM IN THE YOUTH BUILDING MAIN HALL STARTING JUNE 4TH



SHEPHERD SAFE Church-Wide Training

Led by Pastor Matt June 8th 3:00 PM in YBMH

Sign-up is Live for

Vacation Bible School!

June 16-19 5:30-8:00 PM

(4 yrs - 12 yrs | grade just completed)

Dinner, Bible Study, Games, FUN! Honorariums

<u>Katie Stuart</u> Herbert & Joyce Barr

Memorials

Laura Lolley Jerry & Jane Daw

<u>Wade Paramore</u> Herbert & Joyce Barr Reginald & Carol Sorrells Ray & Nancy Miller Jim & Nancy Buntin Donny & Suzy Finley Martha Abernathy

FMCE Staff Spotlight



Janis Luttrell

Janis Luttrell has dedicated 18 years to her role as the administrative assistant at Enterprise First Methodist Church, where she also serves as the pianist and organist. Working closely with her husband, Rev. Billy Luttrell, who is the Minister of Music and Associate Pastor, Janis contributes significantly to the church community. Together, they are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of three grandchildren.

When Janis is not in the office, she is likely enjoying a ride on the Harley with Billy, relishing some sabbath time through the V-Twin power and marveling at God's splendid creation. Janis is a passionate believer in Jesus, and she ministers to so many in our congregation just by having a listening ear and being a diligent servant.

Give some thanks to and for Janis this month!

Corporate Worship

A Word from Pastor Matt

Dear friends,

As we approach the summer and all the fun happenings of our culture and community, I want to give you some encouragement and resources. The author of Hebrews tells us not to negate meeting together as is the habit of some (Heb. 10:25a). Summer is full of temptations, travels, fun, and sandy toes; however, don't risk the habit of not meeting in corporate worship together during your travels. Whether you are traveling far and wide, close to home, or near the shores, find a way to gather together in corporate worship. If leaving your vacay early on Sunday instead of at lunch means you can make it to worship at First Methodist, then do so, for we will not be whole without you! If you are traveling far and are unfamiliar with local churches in the area, or somewhere like the Caribbean, where you aren't sure if there is a church, then watch us online and invite others with you to join in! If you are traveling with a sports team for your children and the game starts at church time then gather in the hotel or the dugout before the game and watch worship with your family and the team; call someone on staff to give a devotion if you play before our service starts and we would be happy to give the Word to you and your team! Don't neglect meeting together, as is the habit of some even in the most fun times of our culture. Corporate worship is about more than getting your weekly fill up of Jesus. Corporate worship is where the body of Christ is edified together under the word of God, where the body of Christ is trained in part for the spiritual life, where the body of Christ can come together and worship the one true God who is worthy, and where the body of Christ can be reminded we gather to worship corporately because WE are ONE in our voice, our nature, and our praise. Corporate worship is essential to a healthy spiritual life and relationship with Christ. As a pastor was once asked, "Can you be a believer in Jesus and not attend corporate worship?" The pastor responded, "Well of course you can, but you can't be a healthy follower of Jesus without corporate worship." Don't neglect the habit of meeting together!

Churches in the PCB area to attend if you can't make it back to FMCE

1.Woodlawn Church (Pastor Joe Lay)

2.Gulfview United Methodist Church (Pastor Brad Zimanek)

3.Good News Church in Santa Rosa (Pastor Brad Goode)

4. First United Methodist Church Panama City (Pastor Jeremy Pridgeon)

Books every Christian should read...abbreviated list

- Turning Points by Mark Noll
 Wild at Heart by John Eldredge
 Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
 Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer
 The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer
- 6.Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

7. The Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch

8. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Pete Scazzero

9. Emotionally Healthy Discipleship by Pete Scazzero

10. The Deeply Formed Life by Rich Villodas

11.Letters to the Church by Francis Chan

In Christ, Pastor Matt

Pastor Billy's Notes

Preparing for Worship

The priests then left the Holy Place. All the priests there were consecrated, regardless of rank or assignment; and all the Levites who were musicians were there—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their families, dressed in their worship robes; the choir and orchestra assembled on the east side of the Altar and were joined by 120 priests blowing trumpets. The choir and trumpets made one voice of praise and thanks to GOD—orchestra and choir in perfect harmony singing and playing praise to GOD: Yes! God is good! His loyal love goes on forever! Then a billowing cloud filled The Temple of GOD. The priests couldn't even carry out their duties because of the cloud - the glory of GOD! - that filled The Temple of God. (2 Chronicles 5:11-14)

These verses are included in the story pertaining to the dedication of the temple found in 2 Chronicles. Solomon had spared no expense or effort in the building of God's temple. Solomon had prepared himself and the people to worship God in the hopes God would find favor with them and dwell in the temple.

When we gather as the body of Christ to worship, it is the single most important thing the church does, it is out of that worship and our love for God, that all other ministry of the church must come. If it does not happen that way, we cease to have ministry and just have great programs.

I find that when I need to do something it always works better if I am prepared. It is the same with worship. We cannot just show up for church unprepared and expect God to inhabit our worship. We must prepare our hearts and our minds in advance. Like the priests in the scripture, my challenge to each of us is to consecrate ourselves, to distance ourselves from known sins in our life, ask God to show us unconfessed sins and give each of us a clean heart, and a pure mind, coming before God as a spotless vessel.

Each of us, worship leaders and worshippers alike, must spend time alone with God and ask God to show unconfessed sin in our lives, walk away from those things in our lives that should not be there, and ask God to give us a clean heart and a pure mind, allowing us to come before God as a clean vessel. Then God will find approval in our worship.

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"Sing "cerely,
Billy
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Into the Light THEME OF MFUGE STUDENT CAMP

This month, our students are headed to MFuge (Mission Fuge) in Mobile, where we'll do mission projects and worship with hundreds of other students. The focus verse of camp this summer is John 4:42.

"And they told the woman, 'We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world." This verse concludes John's recording of Jesus's encounter with the woman at the well in Samaria. Most of us are familiar with this true story. Jesus went through Samaria on His way to Galilee. When He gets to the Samaritan town of Sychar around noon, He takes a rest at a well. Jesus has a conversation with a woman at the well that leads her to realize and understand that He is the promised Messiah. Upon this revelation, the woman leaves her jar by the well and runs into town and tells everyone the awesome news. It says in verse 39 that many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of what the woman testified. But they didn't stop there. They urged Jesus to stay with them, and He did for two more days. Many more townspeople believed because of what Jesus told them. Then they told the woman that they now believed not because she had told them but because they had experienced Jesus for themselves.

There comes a time in the Christian's journey that faith becomes less about religious motions and expectations and more about knowing, loving, and imitating Christ, the true source of faith. Once a person has experienced the Light, they share the Light with others in the hopes that they, too, will believe, repent, and follow Him. Much like the woman at the well who experienced Jesus and told the whole town, we too must tell others the good news. And much like the townspeople, we must grow in our relationship with Jesus and take ownership of our faith. This is what our students will learn June 2-7, and it's a great reminder for all those who follow the Lord.



Dr. Amy Young Director of Family Ministries familymin@fmce.church 256.750.1771

Students and Young Adults

The Gospel Project - We are starting Volume 4 this month. If you're not a part of a Sunday School Small Group, this is a great time to join one.

The Young Adult Small Group meets on Sunday mornings at 10 in the Library.

Everyone is encouraged to volunteer at Road Trip VBS June 16-19th where we'll be on the go with God.





Mom's Day Out & Stepping Stones Preschool

"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127 : 3

Tammy Ezzell, Director mdo@fmce.church ~ 334-393-2536

June 2025

There is still time to register for MDO/SSP 2025-2026 as well as Mom's Day Out Summer Camp, June 16th-July 10th. Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will enjoy Dinosaur Discovery, Space Exploration , Art studio and Under the Sea Adventure.

Special Thursday activities will be Fun Experiments, Arts and Crafts, Ice Cream Party and Outside Fun! Call 393-2536 or email mdo@fmce@church.com



Happy Father's Day! June 15th

Walt With Me, Daddy

Walt alongside me, Daddy and hold my little hand I have so many things to learn that I don't yet understand

Teach me things to reep me safe from dangers every day. Show me how to do my best at home, at school at play

Every child needs a gentle hand to guide them as they grow. So walk alongside me, Daddy. We have a long way to go.



Congratulations to all of our Stepping Stones graduates!!



Andrew Coppus Blake Grant Brooklyn Jones Declan Peterson Delîlah Cann Emersyn Straîts Emma Loevdal Josiah Green Madîson Jones Madîson Kelley Violet McBride

MDO/SSP 2025-2026 Open House August 5th Times 1130 A.M.-1 P.M. First Day of Class August 6th



Sign-up is Live for

Vacation Bible School!

June 16-19 5:30-8:00 PM

Click the link or visit

fmce.mycokesburyvbs.com

to sign up your child and/or yourself

FMCE FINANCE MOMENT

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we are thankful for the support you have given our Church. We are in good financial shape and that is going to allow us to continue to do God's work, and will enable us to reach out and do even more for our Church, our Community, and for our Lord! This will require us to continue being diligent in our giving and sometimes it will call us to be sacrificial in our offerings.

In her book "Afire with God," Becky Schwartzentraub states that "Stewardship is a continuous cycle that begins with God's initiative and gifts and continues with our receiving, managing, and distributing all that God has entrusted to us." This is brought to our attention all throughout the Bible. In fact, of Jesus' 38 parables 16 of them taught us about how we are to manage our money. We are told in Proverbs to "Honor the Lord with your wealth." What does that mean? To me, it means that we should support the Lord's work, and should do so with a humble heart and a joyful spirit.

I pray that each of you enjoy a peaceful year, and that prosperity follows you as well. I pray that First Methodist Church Enterprise continues to find new ways to serve the Lord, even as we continue the impactful programs we now enjoy. May God Bless You Greatly! ~David Ellisor

FMCE Finance Committee



JUNE ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER SCHEDULE June 1: Harley Schlieger & Zander Schlieger Acolytes: Crucifer: Hadrian Lett June 8: Acolytes: Claira Stuart & Walt Stuart Crucifer: Mary Kathryn Marshall June 15: Havana Lett & Walt Stuart Acolytes: Crucifer: Hadrian Lett June 22: Acolytes: Harley Schlieger & Zander Schlieger Crucifer: Mary Kathryn Marshall June 29: Acolytes: Havana Lett Crucifer: Hadrian Lett



S.T.A.R.S

Our final STARS meeting for the summer will be Tuesday, June 10, at Johnny Henderson Park. We will have a shelter reserved. I'll let you know the location as soon as it is confirmed. I'll bring chicken. Bring a picnic side dish. In case of rain, we will meet at the church. Please call the church to let us know you are coming, our email me at <u>gary@fmce.church</u>

After our summer break, we will begin our regular meetings on September 9th.

Pastor Gary

ENTERPRISE CELEBRATE RECOVERY

TAKING INVENTORY

How often do we take the time to take an honest and complete inventory of ourselves? If you are like I am, life is busy, and I feel pulled in all directions over a multitude of details. Truthfully, I have only taken a handful of honest and complete inventories of my life from childhood to the present. All inventories were within a Celebrate Recovery Step Study with a small group of women.

About halfway through a step study, participants are told to secure a sponsor and start working on their inventory. The lessons leading up to that point help to prepare us to dig deeply into the past and meticulously write down all the ways we have been hurt or wronged. We consider the effect that event or series of events has had in our lives. We also acknowledge our part in it.

We learn with God's help to *forgive* those who have hurt us. We take responsibility for our part in it. And then, we make *amends* whenever possible. All these actions are carefully overseen by the step study leaders. There is much listening, prayer and more than a few tears.

The result is *victory* over hurts from the past that have tortured us inside over the years. A saying in recovery is, "You can't heal a wound by saying it isn't there." We acknowledge these wounds. We know they will grow and fester if we do not act. We acknowledge, with sincere prayer, that the blood of Jesus will wipe away our every sin if we trust and believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We learn the joy of making things right when we have wronged others. We thank God for healing and peace.

Is this the end of our step study? No, but it is a turning point. From there we learn how to walk confidently in the light of God's goodness and mercy. We learn about the way our actions in the world become our witness. We learn about the joy of serving the Lord.

Does this sound like spiritual growth to you? We have signup sheets for our next step studies, one for men and one for women. Once we collect contact information, all interested parties will be contacted and a good meeting time will be chosen. Come join us at the heart of Celebrate Recovery, even if you can't do Tuesday nights. We'd love to have you in one of these confidential, safe small groups. Call me for more information.

Jean Johnson, 334-406-7964 Ambassador for Enterprise Celebrate Recovery



PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your daily prayers. If you know someone who should be included on this list, please feel free to or call the Church Office at 334-347-3467 or email <u>secretary@fmce.church</u> to add your request. If you see someone on this list who needs to be removed, we would appreciate that information as well. Please pray earnestly for these and others you have upon your hearts.

Our Church; Unspoken Concerns; Our Nation; Our Frontline Workers; The United States of America; Our President, Vice-President, and current administration; Our United States Military Men & Women; Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs, Doctors, Nurses, & Hospital Staff; Hurricane Victims; National & Worldwide Issues; Natural Disaster Victims; Herbert & Joyce Barr; Bennie & Geraldine Beckham; Jackie Bryars; Rick Burch; George Chattin; Craig Cody; Kevin Cohee; Don Ellis; Kathy Gammill; Gene Gullo; Su Hunter; Carl & Earlene Jackson; Jane Jesson; Peggy Jeter; Betty Johnson; Caro & Jack Kaiser; Travis, Jennifer & Baby Michael Konrath; Carolyn Lambert; Joann McCormack: Gene & Katie Marcum; Billy & Laurielee Mixson: Bonnie Morgan; Jordan Morrow; Dorothy Munns; Teresa & Brian Neill; The Wade Paramore Family; Shirley Paramore; Kathryn Peacock; Kathy Przybala; Mary Rollins; Dottie Schwartz; Sis Sherling; Rudy & Susan Taarea; Debbie Tarbox; Jay Wallace; Grant & Sarah Williams; Jason Wood; Marci Young.



JUNE

- 1- None
- 2 Mary Helen Tarbox
- 3 Scott Alpeter
- 4 Bowen Beckham, George Chattin, Michelle Strickland
- 5 None
- 6 Jasper Norwood, Everly Schlieger
- 7 None
- 8 Ken Emerson, Mollie Sawyer
- 9 John Wallace
- 10 Millie Townsend
- 11 Olivia Archie, Chris Barbaree, Waller Martin
- 12 Georgia Goodson
- 13 None
- 14 Rainer Cotter
- 16 Sean Anderson, Lindsey Bryars
- 17 None
- 18 Joanne Parker, James Tarbox
- 19 Candy Easdale
- 20 Cecil Smith, Jr.
- 21 Dave Snider
- 22 None
- 23 None
- 24 None
- 25 Karen Dunham
- 26 None
 - 27 Becky Chattin
- 28 None
- 29 None
- 30 Debbie McGhee, "Maddie J" Moore

- 1 Gayla White
- 2 Harrison Jennings
- 3 None
- 4 Rhonda Barr 5 – None

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.



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