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REVIVE US AGAIN WORSHIP SERIES

From Pastor Amy's Desk

White Oak Witness

August / September 2026

Revive Us Again: Honoring Our Past, Living Our Present, and Building Our Future

Part 1 of 2

Dear White Oak Family,

As we prepare to begin our new sermon series, "Revive Us Again," I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the remarkable story God has been writing through White Oak United Methodist Church.

This year, we celebrate 99 years of ministry. On August 27, 1927, White Oak was birthed from a tent revival at the corner of Lyndon Avenue and Memorial Drive. What began with faithful people gathering to seek God has become a church family that, nearly a century later, continues to worship, serve, grow, and share the love of Christ with our community.

Ninety-nine years is something worth celebrating! But an anniversary is more than an opportunity to look backward. It is an invitation to look forward and ask: What is God calling White Oak to become in the years ahead?

Honoring the Gifts of Our Past

One of the most powerful ways we honor those who came before us is by recognizing the sacrifices they made to build the church we have today.

Generation after generation, faithful people have given their time, talents, prayers, and financial resources so that the ministry of White Oak could continue. Their generosity has provided places to worship, opportunities to learn, ministries to serve our neighbors, and countless occasions for people to encounter the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Every dollar that has been given to White Oak over these 99 years represents more than money.

- It represents faith of someone believing that God's work is worth investing in.
- It represents a parent bringing a child to church, a student finding a place to belong, a neighbor receiving help, someone discovering the love of Christ, and a disciple being equipped to serve.

We should never take that generosity for granted. I am deeply grateful for everyone who has faithfully given to White Oak through the years. Your generosity has helped make ministry possible, and your gifts have been used for God's glory.



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Living Faithfully Today

Psalm 90:12 gives us a prayer that speaks directly to this moment: "Teach us to number our days, so we can have a wise heart." — Psalm 90:12, NIV

We are not promised tomorrow. We are given today. That means today matters. The decisions we make today matter. The way we use our time matters. The way we love one another matters. The way we give matters. We cannot change yesterday, and we cannot control tomorrow. But we can be faithful today.

Our 99th anniversary gives us an opportunity to ask not only, "What have we received?" but also, "What are we willing to give so that others may receive the same gift of faith?"

Investing in the Next Generation of Ministry

Jesus reminds us in Luke 14:28: "When you're thinking about building a tower, don't you first sit down and calculate the cost to determine whether you have enough money to complete it?" — Luke 14:28, CEB

Jesus understood that meaningful work requires intentionality, sacrifice, and investment. As we look toward our 100th anniversary and beyond, I believe White Oak is being called to make a renewed investment, and not simply in maintaining what we have, but in building what God is calling us to become.

That means increasing our generosity so that we can invest more intentionally in:

Developing disciples who know Jesus, follow Jesus, and help others follow Jesus.

Forging pathways for leadership development, equipping people within our congregation to discover and use their gifts.

Multiplying leaders, rather than simply asking the same faithful people to do more.

Strengthening our ministries so that we can reach children, youth, families, adults, and our neighbors in new and meaningful ways.

Expanding our ministry beyond our walls, living out our calling to serve God, grow relationships, and share love with everyone.

Strengthening our community partnerships and mission ministries, so that White Oak's presence is felt not only inside our building but throughout our community.

Creating a sustainable future, where the next generation receives a church that is spiritually vibrant, financially healthy, missionally engaged, and ready to answer God's call.

This is not about giving simply to have a larger budget.

- It is about investing in people.
- It is about making disciples.
- It is about equipping leaders.
- It is about multiplying ministry.
- It is about preparing White Oak to be a blessing for another generation.

-Pastor Amy



Sermon Series Continues

We will continue the Sermon Series we started in August. We are in week 2 of a 3 week series. Maybe it is time for a praise break! The songbook of the people of God can be a refresher, an encourager, or even a challenge that our faith needs from time to time. We invite you to take this short, three-week pause in the busyness of a summer of activities to remind yourselves that the God we worship and the Christ we follow are with us every step along the way. And the only appropriate response to encountering the divine among us is to sing, shout, and declare our praise. Enjoy a “Praise Break!”

Sunday, August 16th

“Unity of Praise”

Psalm 133

Sunday, August 23rd

“A House of Prayer”

Matthew 21 & Psalm 122

Sunday, August 30th- Prayer Walk

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

*We will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:45 AM for a brief prayer time and sending forth to leave the building, going into the neighborhood and community for our 1st Annual Prayer Walk! We all will re-convene at 11:30 for a Praise Break back inside the Sanctuary. See page # for more information.



New Series - “Revive Us Again”

As we approach the 99th anniversary of White Oak Methodist Church, we have an opportunity not only to remember where we have come from, but to ask God where He is calling us next. On August 27, 1927, White Oak was chartered after being born from a tent revival at the corner of Lyndon Avenue and Memorial Drive. Located near a train stop, that gathering became the beginning of a church built on faith, hope, and a willingness to follow where God was leading.

This September, we begin a three-week sermon series, “Revive Us Again,” based on 1 Peter 1 and 2. These chapters remind us that we are people of living hope, built upon the Living Stone, Jesus Christ, and called to be a chosen people who live our faith every day.

As we honor the faithfulness of those who came before us, we will also ask what it means for us to carry that same faith into the future. Revival is more than remembering what God has done—it is opening our hearts to what God is still doing.

Ninety-nine years later, the question is not simply, “Where have we been?” but “Where is God calling White Oak to go next?”

May God revive us again—not simply to preserve the church we inherited, but to become the living church Christ is calling us to be, building God’s kingdom through our lives, our witness, and our love.

From a tent revival to a living hope. From a train stop to a chosen people. From our past into God’s future—may God revive us again!

Sunday, September 6th

“Our Living Hope”

1 Peter 1:3-9

Sunday, September 13th

“The Living & Enduring Word of God

1 Peter 1:17-23

Sunday, September 20th

“The Living Stone”

2 Peter 2:19-25

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What's Happening

Sundays

9:30 AM– Sunday School

10:45 AM– Worship in Sanctuary (Zoom & Facebook Live)

*Every 1st & 5th Sundays Holy Communion

*Children's Church (Ages PreK-5th)- *except the 1st & 5th Sundays*

*Every 5th Sunday, Holston Children's Home Offering

Trustee's Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month in the Library (immediately after worship)

Mondays

Church Office Closed

Tuesdays

Church office hours 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Church Council Meeting Every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Library @ 6 PM Women's Prayer Time on Zoom Only @ 7 PM

Wednesdays

Church office hours 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

12:30 PM Adult in Person Bible Study in the 1st Floor Children's Classroom

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study on Zoom Only

6:30 PM Adult Small Group in Fellowship Hall

Youth Small Group @ 6:30 PM with dinner in Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

Church office hours 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Every other Thursday Girl Scout Troops Meet from 6 – 7:30 PM in the Children's Area

AA Meetings @ 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

UWF—United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) meet every 1st Thursday of the month in the Library @ 11 AM

Fridays

Church office hours 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturdays

Church Office Closed

Every other Saturday Girl Scout Troops Meet from 3PM – 4:30 PM in the Children's Area

*Food Pantry is open during the Church Office Hours during the week.



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In Prayer For...

- Prayers for Debbie Scott as she will begin chemotherapy for breast cancer, that was recently diagnosed as stage 2.
- Prayers for Donna Stanley as she is currently in the ICU at Erlanger recovering from her surgery on Tuesday, August 11th, Donna had an aneurism in her corroded artery.
- Prayers for Maddox Gilliam, grandson of Susan and Craig Borum, as he continues to recover from surgery on June 16th at Vanderbilt. Maddox was diagnosed with Legg-calve-Perthes disease, earlier this year and is now at home doing PT for rehabilitation.
- Prayers for Mark Thomas as he recovers from back surgery.
- Prayers for Bill Fetherolf while he still has pain from where the Stent was placed in his kidney and currently undergoing scans for his bladder.
- Prayers for Marsha Fetherolf as she continues her PT from her back surgery
- Prayers for Sheryl Seimer as she is having difficulty with her Liver function.
- Prayers for Vickie Putman as she recovers from recent stroke and an additional fall when she broke her ankle, she is back home from surgery with home health care.
- Prayers for Mrs. Mary Holloway, as she is home bound, and losing her sight.
- Prayers for Theresa Nix, founder/director of Downside Up, as she goes through chemotherapy treatment for her recent diagnosis of Breast Cancer.
- Prayers for Sandra Parker as she continues treatment of infusions for her Liver cancer, the lesions are slightly smaller and the inflammation is improving! Glory!
- Prayers for Annette Palmer, as she is no longer a candidate for a lung transplant and is battling an autoimmune disorder.
- Prayers for Tony Martin, as he continues his chemo treatment to recover and gain his strength back.
- Prayers for the children of Gateway to Victory School in Kericho, Kenya.
- Praises for the healing Mrs. Celia is experiencing from her DMEK eye surgery on March 12th, her eyesight is improving, GLORY!!

If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** you can fill out one of the **Purple** papers in the pews and drop it in the plates during worship service on Sunday, or email it to the church office. (whiteoakchurch@epbf.com)



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Prayer Focus

Prayer Focus for the Month of August/September – **Our Church**

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” NIV

Week of August 16th - Prayers for our children, teachers, and staff as they get started for a new school year.

Week of August 23rd – Praises to God for ALL of our children & youth. –

Week of August 30th - Prayers for our Fifth Sunday, The Church Has Left the Building event of the Prayer Walk

Week of September 6th - Praises for our Ministry Partnerships

Week of September 13th - Praises for the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” that have laid the foundation of ministry at White Oak for 99 years!

Mid-day Wednesday Bible Study

Looking to join a small group during the day to share in community and learn more of God’s word through the encouragement of open discussion, led by the Holy Spirit? We will meet from 12:30 - 2 PM each Wednesday. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat while we share and learn!

Everyone one is welcome, every age from every generation, male and female. Retired, working, and moms of littles! Hopefully you can come join, even if you are on your lunch break! Moms, if you would like to join and need childcare, please contact me, so that we can plan arrangements.

We are currently in Book 2 of Psalms (Ps. 42-72)

As we walk through Psalm Book 2, we look to see Jesus in every corner. We start with a short film introducing you to the book and its main themes. Then quick devotional videos will explain what's happening in each section and how it leads us to Jesus.

Videos Presented by David Bowden

Written by the Spoken Gospel Theology Team (Seth Stewart, David Bowden, Christine Kazar) and facilitated by Pastor Amy

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Trustees Update

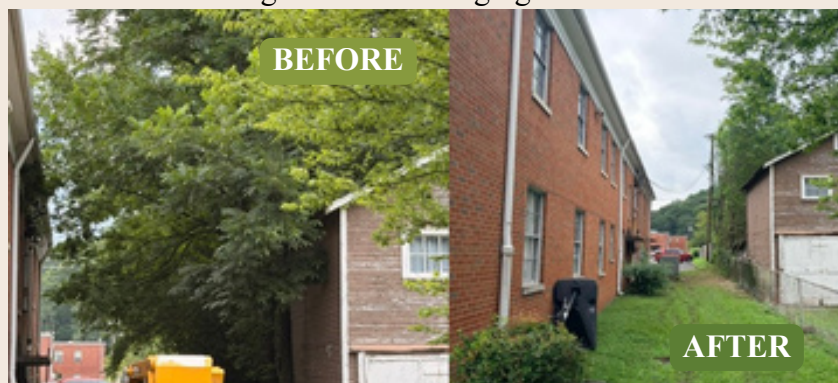
The trustees have been very busy this month or at least we've been paying people to be busy for us.

Here's what's been completed,

1. We have updated our signs to reflect our new website and food pantry and updated ministry partners.



2. We finished getting the trees trimmed back between our building and the house next door. They were overgrown and damaging our roof.



3. Big thank you to the following people for all their hard work. Chuck Darsey started trimming the hedges in the small parking lot. Then Alan Hayes and Rick Parker took over and cut the middle section of the shrubs, and Ed Hudson finished it out.

It takes a village, Thank each and every one of you for helping keep our campus more beautiful!

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Financial Update

TEXT Tribe to 73256 and go directly to our Realm Giving App.

By the time you read this, the TREE fund campaign has been completed. The trees and limbs in back of the church have been removed! GLORY!! Please walk around back to see how nice this area looks now.

The ROOF fund campaign has also closed. We had the roof replaced over the fellowship hall (slope facing the playground) and replaced several boards under the shingles. We anticipate the gutters to be cleaned and repaired this week. We hope these repairs and preventative maintenance will extend the life of the roof and gutters. Thank you for your generosity to ROOF, Operating budget, and to At White Oak.

Without YOU, nothing would have been accomplished. Thank you!!

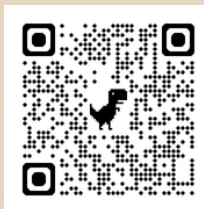
Now we turn our attention to COOL. The sanctuary air conditioner (remember we just replaced the heat) is in need of replacement. It is 26 years old!! Our desire is to replace it before it quits working and that is where you can be a major player. The estimate is around \$39,000. Please pray how you can make a special gift to the COOL fund campaign. Ask God to use you in a terrific way. Thank you!

We love *2 Corinthians 9*, where Paul encourages the church in Corinth (and Red Bank) to be generous in money, time, kindness, and service with others. Our Tribe reflects Paul's encouragement. August is our toughest month of the year. We have several LARGE yearly bills due in addition to our monthly expenses and our roof and tree expenses. Please continue to be faithful. Use the Realm app, text, or the good old paper check. It's time to start thinking about your RMD from your IRA. Did you know that you can send that (cash or stocks) directly to the church to satisfy your RMD? Oh yes you can. Talk to your financial advisor or call this office.

Here's the link for the Realm QR code...

Thanks,

Treasurers- White Oak United Methodist Church



We are committed to being open and transparent. More detailed reports available upon request.

Email whiteoakfinance@epbfi.com



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Youth Group Update

The Youth have had a great summer with two pool parties and a few of them going to Camp Bays Mountain in July. Now, they are starting another new school year.

We want to thank you for your continuing support with the honey fundraiser, those that volunteer for riding in the Youth Van on Wednesday evenings, and those that have brought a meal for the Youth! The sign-up Sheet for Youth Dinner is outside the Church Office. They are not picky and would appreciate anything you would like to make or pick-up!

What to Expect

- Transportation provided, if needed
- Begin with snack supper
- Real talk and meaningful discussion
- A safe space for questions and doubts
- Short video teaching + conversation
- Connection with friends and leaders who care

Intentional time with hands on mission projects to support our New Beginnings & Shower Up ministries.

When & Where

Wednesdays | in the Fellowship Hall (6:30 -7:45 PM)

Facilitators

Led by **Blake & Maddy Easterly**

*****And shout out to our awesome Youth Volunteers!** Sandy Cunningham, Tish Noll, John Nutt, Mollie & Kaz Sawyer, and Modesty White. Thank You all!

Contact **Maddy Easterly** at maddy.easterly@gmail.com for more details.

Save the Dates

Sunday, August 16th - Centennial Committee Meeting immediately following Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 18th - Shower Up from 10-1pm (Signal Mtn. Blvd. across from Christmas Tree lot)

Tuesday, August 18th - Church Council meets at 6pm in the Library

Sunday, August 23rd - Town Hall in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship Service with Lunch provided by the Houseless Ministry. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Saturday, August 29th - Baby Sprinkle for Liz Robertson & Miguel Monzon from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 30th - Prayer Walk in the Community following the Worship service

Thursday, September 3rd - United Women in Faith (UWF) meeting at 11am in the Library

Saturday, September 12th - CPR Training for Nursery, Youth, Children's Church volunteers

Sunday, September 13th - Trustees Meeting in the Library immediately following Worship Service

Get Connected!

Join In-Person, on ZOOM or Facebook Live for Worship!

Topic: White Oak UMC Worship

Time: **Sunday 10:45AM EST in the sanctuary.**

You can also join using the Zoom information below or on Facebook Live.

Meeting ID: 423 877 6042 followed by #, followed by our password 6042#

You can also join by phone at 1-646-558-8656, then put in meeting ID 4238776042 followed by the # (you can expect a few seconds delay before the next prompt). You will be prompted to enter the participant ID, just hit # and then you will be prompted for a password, you will enter 6042# and you will hear that you have been joined to the meeting.

SMALL GROUPS

- The Hilander Class meets in the Chapel at 9:45 AM on Sunday morning with rotating teachers of Mary Alice Thomas, Pauline Howard and Frank Parker.
- The Women's Group meets Sundays in the HEM Ministry classroom on the 2nd floor at 9:45am with Hillary Morgan leading.
- The Men's Discipleship Class is lead by Bill Fetherolf in library at 9:45 AM Sundays.
- Children's Sunday School is meeting on the 2nd floor at 9:45 AM with Libby Young.
- Women's Prayer Time is meeting on Tuesday's at 7:00 PM Zoom Only.
- Mid-day Wednesday Bible Study meets at 12:30pm in the 1st children's classroom.
- Zoom Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM.
- Adult Small Group is meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship hall.
- Youth is meeting in person on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, dinner provided.

Please FILL OUT a Connection Card and drop in the offering plates to get more connected.

Our websiteisupandrunning!

whiteoakumc.org



Chattanooga now has its own mobile shower unit and has served in multiple locations around the city where friends who are experiencing homelessness can be served the best.

Together we can Shower Grace, Shower Hope, Shower Love...with Shower Up!

White Oak & Shower Up

Our Newest opportunity to serve Shower Up started this summer. Shower Up for Red Bank / Signal Mountain Blvd. area was this June. Join us for our next Shower Up on **Tuesday, August 18th !**

This will continue till further notice. We meet off Signal Mountain Blvd. across from the Christmas Tree Lot.

Please contact Pastor Amy to sign up for a Tuesday to serve anytime from 10AM- 1 PM.

Currently we are in need of Men's and Women's tennis shoes, bug spray, and individually wrapped snacks like Little Debbie's, chips, granola bars, and crackers.

A light blue poster with a confetti border at the top. The word "BABY" is in large blue block letters, and "Sprinkle" is in a brown cursive script. Below this, it says "Celebrating Gabriel Robert Monzon - Due Oct. 20th". A horizontal line separates this from the date and time: "AUGUST 29" on the left, a blue donut with sprinkles in the center, and "2 - 4 PM" on the right. Below the line, the location is listed: "At White Oak UMC - Fellowship Hall, 2232 Lyndon Ave, Redbank, TN 37415". The RSVP information "RSVP to Hillary (423)637-1752" is below that. At the bottom, it says "Registered At Amazon:" followed by the names "Liz Robertson & Miguel Monzon (Mom & Dad) are excited to celebrate with everyone!". A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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Sprinkle

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UNITED WOMEN of FAITH

Bake Sale Extravaganza!



Sunday,
September 13th
2026

Before and
After Worship
Service



Entrance to Church Sanctuary
White Oak UMC

Are you a Baker?

Donate a baked good for the fundraiser!

Email: whiteoakchurch@epbfi.com



Make a donation by texting
TRIBE to 73256
put "UWF" in Memo.

www.holston.org/uwf





**We will be collecting donations for
McKamey Animal Center from now
until October 3rd.
Use the QR Code above to see their
Amazon wish list and give.**



McKamey Animal Center
Saving Animals. Helping People.

Have you experienced a loss, and you now carry the weight of Grief?

Ministry Partnerships

You are not alone. Our center offers **The Grief Recovery Method**; an evidenced based program to help you understand and process the emotions of Grief.

Individual and group classes are available.

- Grief Recovery Method
- Helping Children with Loss
- Pet Loss



For more information, email, call, or text

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The Family Justice Center of Chattanooga, TN 423-643-7600

TheFJC serves residents of Hamilton CountyandtheCity of Chattanooga by co-locating services in a trauma-informed environment to:

- Address intimate partner and family violence
- Address abuse of older adults through elder justice services
- Address human trafficking

All services provided at the FJC are **FREE and confidential** -- no appointment is necessary during regular business hours.

We also have bilingual staff to serve the growing Hispanic/Latino population.

Services provided:

- Assistance in creating a personal safety plan
- Help finding a safe place for you, your children, and pets
- Education and awareness regarding domestic violence, elder abuse, and human trafficking
- Referrals to services available in Chattanooga
- Civil Legal services and help with obtaining Orders of Protection
- Personal support in court appointments
- Emotional support

**LOCAL Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
CRISIS HOTLINE 423.755.2700**

Available 7 days a week,

Downside Up Inc.

We help children with disabilities and their families build community through our creative spaces and experiences.

- **Theresa Nix**, founder & CEO
- downsideupinc@gmail.com
- downsideupinc.org



White Oak Bicycle Co-Operative

The White Oak Bicycle Cooperative is a volunteer-run non-profit 501(c)(3) community bicycle organization that provides free access to bicycles, repair services, and safety

education to schools, partner organizations, and communities across Southeast Tennessee.

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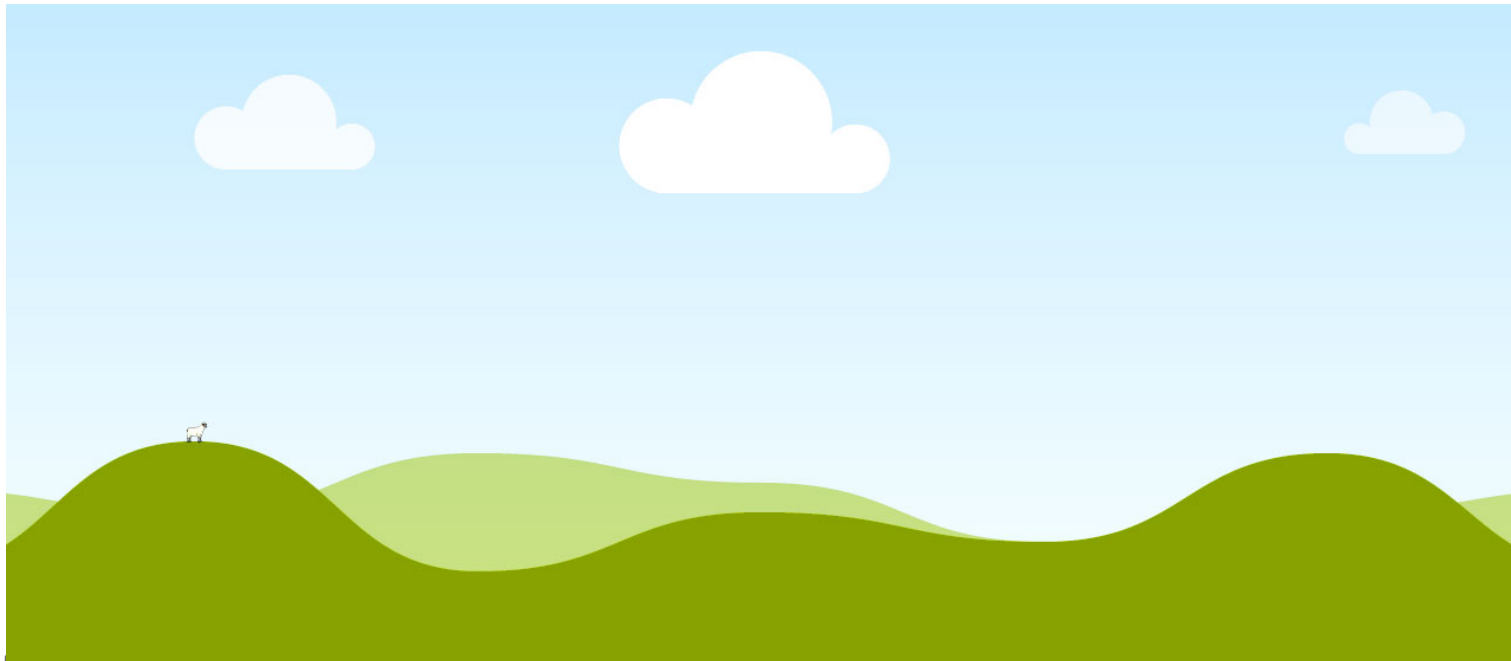


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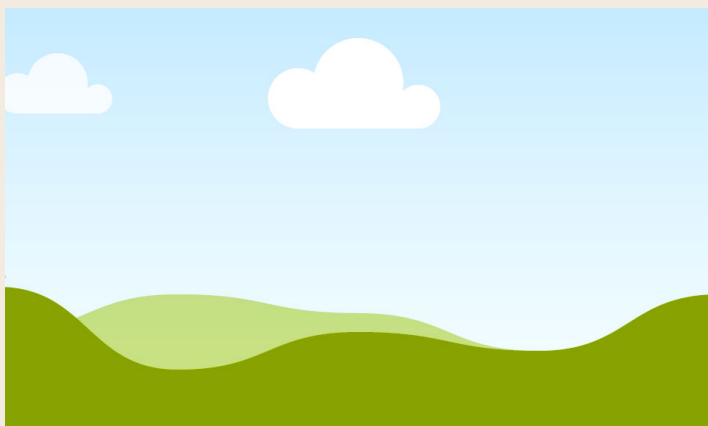
<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>9:00 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>9:00 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>9:00 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>9:00 - 12:00pm</i>

**Food Pantry OPEN during
Church Office Hours.**



Bible Study

“Book of James” by Francis Chan



True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God.

Francis Chan unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

This study will begin Wednesday, August 12th, facilitated by Kiley Gunter and Pastor Amy

Please join us via Zoom

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