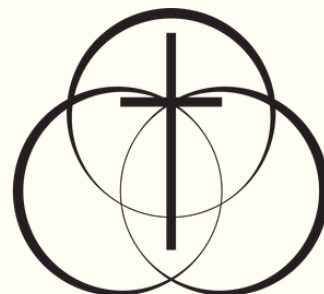


CLARKESVILLE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025



## LIVING, BY DESIGN.

We're all familiar with that feeling that there's got to be more to life than this. Surely the daily grind, the endless roller coaster of ups and downs is not why we've been put on the earth?

We were absolutely made for a higher harmony. Even, an inward one. But surely, something has changed. How are we welcomed back into our purpose? Back to our origin? Ultimately, how can we return to our design, that is His Image? Our new sermon series will explore these questions and God's answers in His Word.



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# CHURCH WIDE



TWO  
SUNDAYS TO WORSHIP  
AND FELLOWSHIP  
ALL TOGETHER THIS  
MONTH!



DO YOU RECEIVE OUR  
MIDWEEK UPDATE EMAIL?  
IF NOT, MAKE SURE TO JOIN  
OUR EMAIL LIST!

Visit [clarkesvilleumc.org](http://clarkesvilleumc.org)  
scroll to the bottom and  
click 'Join Our Email List'



*Sunday, August 10*  
**Back To School Bash**  
**ALL IN AT 10**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Churchwide Cookout  
Bounce House ~ Fun for our whole church family!  
*Service will begin at 10:00am.*  
*Students are invited to bring their backpacks.*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**  
**ALL IN**  
**TO SING**

*Come before Him with joyful songs!*  
*Psalm 100:2*

**ONE SERVICE, 10:00 AM**  
**SANCTUARY**



# COMMUNITY

## JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR SUPPER!

We are so thankful to Don & Sherrie Fry for again being willing to cook for our fellowship meals on Wednesday nights. From the Fry's:

*We are excited about the 2025-26 Wednesday Night Dinners for our church family beginning August 13th. Don and I are planning some different meals this year that we think you will enjoy. There are a few changes we want to let you know about so please read through and pass the word.*

*First of all,,,,,ALL CHILDREN EAT FREE! This includes our high school young people also. (always make reservations please)*

*We will begin serving at 5:15p.m. so they will have plenty of time to get to their classes.*

*Adults will be \$6 each and any donations will be appreciated. Many times we send food to our family members who are sick and unable to attend as well as our free meals for the children.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5:15-6:00pm  
Weekly  
in the  
Fellowship Hall

- Kids and Youth eat free
- Adults \$6
- Your first meal is free!

## AUGUST

AUGUST 13

*Spaghetti  
Salad  
Bread  
Peach Cobbler*

AUGUST 20

*Tacos (hard & soft)  
Nachos  
Refried Beans  
Dessert*

AUGUST 27

*Hamburgers  
Chips  
Pork n Beans  
Homemade Ice Cream*

- For reservations, fill out the sign up sheet in your bulletin and place in the offering plate or visit [clarkesvillefmc.org/sign-up](http://clarkesvillefmc.org/sign-up).
- Cancellation? Call or text Sherrie at 706-768-4884 no later than 2pm on Mondays.
- Payment still expected for reserved meals that are not picked up.



# COMMUNITY

**GriefShare®**  
GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

**STARTING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

**LEGACY HALL, SEEKERS CLASS**

*A GriefShare group is a 13-week, safe and welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.*

*To attend or for more information contact  
Lin Goen 770-356-1758, lingoen@yahoo.com*

**ON AIR**

Tuesdays  
7:30 AM  
WCHM  
NewsTalk 94.3FM

**NAVIGATING  
THE CROSS**

Reflections on God's Word

**Hear Pastor Ross  
on the radio!**



## **HIS LAST DAYS** *Outdoor Passion Drama*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST**

**7:00 PM**

**TALLULAH FALLS**

Suggested donation of \$10  
Bring a camping chair or picnic blanket to sit on grass.  
Sunglasses or hat also suggested.  
Hamburgers and hotdogs available for purchase.

Join Pastor Ross as he leads  
Chapel for the men of  
Victory Home

**August 15**

and every third Friday at 12:15PM

157 Victory Home Ln  
Tallulah Falls



Helping Hand Inc.

**Victory Home**



## **BEGINNING SEPT 10** **FINANCIAL PEACE** *University*

A Dave Ramsey Course  
Facilitated by Wyatt & Stephanie Nicholson  
Wednesdays, 6:15pm, childcare provided

**Bible Study and Fellowship**  
for women of all ages!

**Beginning  
in  
September**

Hosted by  
**Friends in Faith Circle**  
Meeting the third Tuesday  
each month



More info:  
Lisa Nicholson  
lisapharm63@gmail.com



# ADULTS

## CFMC MENS MINISTRY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
6:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*All men are invited!*

The Men's Ministry kicks off the fall season with a meeting on Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Men of the Church of all ages are invited to an evening of food, fellowship and Christian encouragement designed especially for men. A delicious meal is followed by devotional time, a program and business meeting. In August we will focus on our plans and activities --another BBQ chicken fund-raiser in September, our new Bible study and upcoming retreat. Proceeds from the Spring BBQ sale enabled us to assist with the Youth Mission Trip. Many thanks to the men who literally carried the burdens of others by helping church members as they moved to new homes. We also appreciate those who are working to maintain the playground so it will be safe for our young children. Please join us and call the Church office by Monday, August 21 to let us know that you are coming.

**CONTACT BOB COOK**

**BCOOK730@BELLSOUTH.NET**

**FOR MORE INFO!**

## MEET US FOR LUNCH!

MEN'S LUNCH OUT  
TUESDAY, AUG 12  
11:30 AM  
BLUE CREEK



LADIES LUNCH OUT  
WEDNESDAY, AUG 13  
11:30 AM  
CHICAGO'S PIZZA

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

Sunday, August 17

**10 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us for coffee and breakfast!

Speak with representatives from each of our adult Sunday school classes.



**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!**

*Friends in Faith*

August 19th  
5:30PM  
Blue Creek Restaurant

RSVP by  
August 18th





# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## Welcome to CFMC Preschool & Kindergarten School!



"Rooted in Faith, growing in love"

Open House  
Thursday, August 7, 4:30 - 6:00

First day of school  
Monday, August 11

Drop-off 8:15 - 8:30



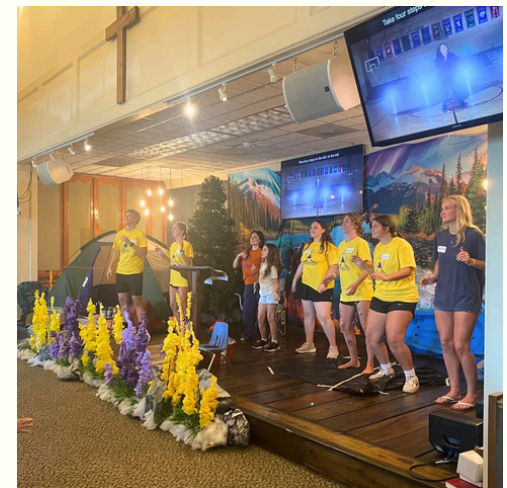
## UPCOMING

- Don't miss the Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 10 at 10am!
- Kids & Youth Wednesday night programming starts up again on August 13.
- Families are encouraged to sign up for Wednesday Night Suppers, served from 5:15-6pm. Kids & Youth eat free!
- Nursery will now be available on Wednesday nights in addition to programming for Elementary school children and Youth.
- Beginning August 17, Children's Church will be available during both the 9am and the 11:15am service.





# A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER FUN!





# AUGUST 2025 CFMC CALENDAR

Attention: Community use of facilities is not listed on calendar. To minimize scheduling conflicts, please check your proposed date and time with the front office before scheduling an event or meeting.

## **August 3**

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - C  
10:10 AM Sunday School - LH, C  
11:15 AM Traditional Worship - S

## **August 4**

5:15 PM Thrift Store Board  
6:30 PM Trustees -AB

## **August 5**

10:00 AM Prayer Group - C  
11:00 AM Bible Study - C

## **August 6**

6:00 PM Instrument Ensemble - S

## **August 7**

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Crossroads Cafe  
4:30 PM Preschool/Kindergarten Open House  
5:30 PM GriefShare - LH Seekers Class

## **August 10**

10:10 AM BACK TO SCHOOL BASH - FH  
(only one service & cookout for entire church)

## **August 11**

8:30 AM First Day of Preschool/Kindergarten  
6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - AB

## **August 12**

10:00 AM Prayer Group - C  
11:00 AM Bible Study - C  
11:30 AM Men's Lunch Out - Blue Creek  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts - FH, LH  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

## **August 13**

11:30 AM Ladies Lunch Out - Chicago's  
5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper - FH  
6:00 PM Adult, Children's & Youth programs  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## **August 14**

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Crossroads Cafe  
5:30 PM GriefShare - LH Seekers Class  
7:00 PM District Boy Scout Leaders Meeting - C

## **August 15**

12:15 PM Pastor Ross preaches at Victory Home

## **August 17**

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - C  
10:10 AM Adult Sunday School Bash - FH  
10:10 AM Youth & Kids Sunday School - C  
11:15 AM Traditional Worship - S

## **August 18**

6:00 PM Finance Committee - AB

## **August 19**

10:00 AM Prayer Group - C  
11:00 AM Bible Study - C  
4:00 PM Hospitality Committee - LH  
5:15 PM Friends in Faith at Blue Creek  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts - FH, LH  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

## **August 20**

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper - FH  
6:00 PM Adult, Children's & Youth programs  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## **August 21**

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Crossroads Cafe  
5:30 PM GriefShare - LH Seekers Class

## **August 24**

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - C  
10:10 AM Sunday School - LH, C  
11:15 AM Traditional Worship - S

## **August 25**

1:45 PM Singing at New Horizons Care Facility  
6:00 PM Church Council - AB

## **August 26**

10:00 AM Prayer Group - C  
11:00 AM Bible Study - C  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts - FH, LH  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

## **August 27**

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper - FH  
6:00 PM Adult, Children's & Youth programs  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## **August 28**

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Crossroads Cafe  
5:30 PM GriefShare - LH Seekers Class

## **August 30**

7:00 PM His Last Days Outdoor Drama - Tallulah Falls

## **August 31**

10:00 AM All In To Sing - S (only one service)  
7:00 PM His Last Days Outdoor Drama - Tallulah Falls

FH- FELLOWSHIP HALL  
LH- LEGACY HALL  
C - THE CONNECTION  
S - SANCTUARY  
AB - ADMIN BUILDING



# CELEBRATE

WE SHARE LIFE TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Jim Threlkeld	18	Jack Powell
2	Jessie Ledford	18	Debbie Easton
2	Stan Wilbanks	19	Laurel Blake Kafsky
2	Kyle Adkins	19	Steve Blake
4	Tom Chesnick	19	Adalyn Ledford
4	William McNair	19	Sandy Stryker
5	Al Skelton	19	Brody Schenk
6	Donald Melven	20	Randy Brooks
6	Karen Taylor	20	Dallas Farmer
9	Garrett Cummings	21	Michael Van Hooser
10	Miriam Iossi	23	Susan Weidner
11	John Monroe	23	Christian Llanas
11	Jan Courter	23	Tim Teague
12	Cindy Jones	24	Cj Pitts
12	Catherine McNair	24	Jamey Finocchio
12	Audrey Kelly	25	Frieda Powell
13	Carolyn Wojciechowski	27	Rabun Bennett
13	Sara Kerr	27	Les Turner
13	Ava Nicholson	27	Claren Spivey
14	Millie Holcomb	27	Lee Owen
15	Charles Burke	28	Nora Almazan
15	Motsey Wilson	29	Maebree Holcomb
16	Ian Nesbit	29	Ben Gallagher
17	Matthew Weidner	30	Jack Thomson
17	Steve Wilks	31	Ann Gore

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Wyatt & Stephanie Nicholson
4	David & Gloria Agnew
7	Walter & Carolyn Wojciechowski
10	Bob & Jeanie Cook
11	John & Pam Monroe
11	Tom & Sara Kerr
12	Jack & Frieda Powell
13	Pat & Sandy Stryker
15	Mike & Nancy Mixon
15	Tom & Connie Wilbanks
19	Garnett & Jean Hulsey
27	Ethan & Emily Jo Page
31	Doug & Sandra Barge



We don't want to leave you out! Please submit your birthday or anniversary to the Church Office if missing on our list.



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