

WINNER METHODIST
CHURCH
THE VISION
AUGUST 2026



Leadership Council

The Leadership Council met on July 26, 2026. Members present were Pastor Tony Coffman, Donna Duffy, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Linda Nelson, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Roger Dice, and Judy Mills. The meeting commenced at 10:30 AM. Mick Rowe opened the session with prayer.

Linda Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, and Lori Schaeffer seconded the motion. The council approved the minutes unanimously. The Treasurer's Report was presented and noted that giving is down from last year. Mitch Miller moved to approve the report, Dan Patmore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pastor Tony Coffman shared journal entries from the past two months, including notes on his vacation and the annual conference. He also reported that he will step down as head of the Winner Ministerial Association and begin working with the Winner Senior Citizen Center.

Vanessa Goodell reported that 45–50 children participated in VBS. GPS will begin September 9.

Diane Durrin was absent but reported that she is preparing for confirmation.

The Outreach Committee had no report. Donna Duffy reported that Cares will meet in September.

The SPR Committee had no report, and the Worship Committee will not meet again until September.

Lori Schaeffer distributed the 2027 budget request forms and asked that they be completed and returned by September 1. The total budget will no longer be listed in the weekly bulletin.

The Trustees' Committee shared minutes from its June and July meetings. The AV team is working with the Praise Team on microphone sound, and the hands-free microphone has been upgraded.

Missions Week will be held September 20. A representative from Blessman International will discuss the need for clean water jugs in Africa. The Missions Committee will also participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

The council discussed church keys. Trustees will re-code the choir door and replace the locks on the church doors, while the office will manage key distribution. The council agreed to purchase a Christmas tree from the T4 Organization for \$100. Charge Conference will be held on October 3 at the end of the service.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM with a closing prayer from Pastor Tony Coffman.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mills

Seek the Lord

Living a Life That Honors Jesus — Zephaniah 2:3

Right now, out on the county roads around us, farmers are watching the skies or their favorite weather apps. Everyone in Rural America knows what it is to wait on something you can't control — rain, markets, a growing season that doesn't care about our plans. We know how to wait.

Last month I suggested we learn to ask, “DTHJ – Does this honor Jesus?” What I want to ask this month is if we know how to do that.

The prophet Zephaniah wrote to a people who had grown comfortable ignoring God. Judgment was coming — and coming justly. But right in the middle of that warning, God gives them — and us — a way forward.

Zephaniah 2:3 says:

"Seek the LORD..., seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD."

That word "seek" shows up three times in one verse. Not "believe about him," not "admire him from a distance", but “Seek.” That's active. It's a farmer walking the fence line before the storm, not one hoping the fence holds itself.

Honoring Jesus isn't a feeling we wait to arrive. It's a direction we choose to walk, every day, on purpose. Zephaniah names three things to seek, and I think they still describe what it looks like to honor Christ today.

Seek the Lord himself. Before obedience, before service, before anything we do for him, honoring Jesus starts with wanting him. Not just wanting what he gives — a good harvest, a healthy family, a peaceful life — but wanting the Giver. If our faith only shows up when we need something from God, we haven't sought him. We've used him.

Seek righteousness. This is the part we'd rather skip. Righteousness means our private choices actually line up with what we say we believe; how we treat our spouse when no one's watching, how we speak about our neighbor, what we do with a debt we could get away with not paying. Honoring Jesus isn't only on Sunday morning; it's on Tuesday afternoon in the shop, in the kitchen, or in the field. I say this directly because I love you: God is not interested in our image. He's interested in our obedience.

Seek humility. This is the soil the other two grow in. Pride tells us we're fine as we are. Humility says, "Lord, show me where I'm wrong, and I'll change." A humble church is one God can actually work with, because they're not too proud to be corrected.

Notice the word "perhaps" in that verse. Zephaniah doesn't promise a formula that guarantees safety on our own terms; he points to humble dependence on the Lord's mercy. And that's exactly where the Gospel meets us. We don't seek the Lord, righteousness, and humility to earn shelter from judgment. We seek him because, in Christ, the shelter has already been provided. Jesus stood in the place of judgment so that we could be hidden in him, not because we sought hard enough, but because he sought us first, all the way to a cross.

So, this is both a call and a comfort. The call: examine your life honestly. Where has faith become a Sunday habit instead of a daily pursuit? Where has pride crowded out correction? The comfort: you don't have to clean yourself up before you come to him. Come as you are and let him do the changing.

This month, I want to challenge every one of us, young and old, lifelong member and newest face in the pew, to make Zephaniah 2:3 a daily prayer. Seek him. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. And trust that in Christ, you are already held.

May our God bless you and keep you, and shine his face upon you, and give you peace.

Pastor Tony





Jalen Tideman	8/2
Jim Brozik	8/3
Landon Calhoon	8/4
Judy Mills	8/5
Doug Long	8/10
John Hanson	8/10
Rita Ptacek	8/10
Chloe Taggart	8/13
Robert Goodell	8/14
Greg Bice	8/15
Delanie Nelson	8/16
Justin Nelson	8/18
Leah Vanneman	8/20
Betty Rowe	8/23
Harold Watzel	8/23
Julie Rohde	8/26
Connie DeMers	8/26
Laura Kahler	8/26

Beckham Nelson	8/30
Rodney Lookabill	8/30
Kay Berg	8/31



Joel & Rhonda Gilchrist	8/3
Mick & Betty Rowe	8/4
Dustin & Brooke Fisher	8/7
Doug & Barb Long	8/7
Tony & Lisa Coffman	8/9
Nathan & Gail Curtis	8/12
Ryan & Julie Rohde	8/13
Harold & Eva Watzel	8/14
Dan & Coleen Patmore	8/15
Jordan & Tiffany Nelson	8/22
Doug & Wanda Wiken	8/24
Dan & Angie Burtz	8/27
Matt & Jolene Hagen	8/27

AUGUST BIBLE READING PLAN

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Isaiah 28-30
2 Isaiah 31-33	3 Isaiah 34-36	4 Isaiah 37-39	5 Isaiah 40-42	6 Isaiah 43-45	7 Isaiah 46-48	8 Isaiah 49-51
9 Isaiah 52-54	10 Isaiah 55-57	11 Isaiah 58-60	12 Isaiah 61-63	13 Isaiah 64-66	14 Jeremiah 1-3	15 Jeremiah 4-6
16 Jeremiah 7-9	17 Jeremiah 10-12	18 Jeremiah 13-15	19 Jeremiah 16-18	20 Jeremiah 19-21	21 Jeremiah 22-24	22 Jeremiah 25-27
23 Jeremiah 28-30	24 Jeremiah 31-33	25 Jeremiah 34-36	26 Jeremiah 37-39	27 Jeremiah 40-42	28 Jeremiah 43-45	29 Jeremiah 46-48
30 Jeremiah 49-52	31 Lamentations 1-3					

August 2026

Sun

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Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion	3	4 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees Ministry	5	6 7:00 PM Missions Ministry	7	8
9 9:00 AM Worship Service	10	11 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	12	13 7:00 PM SPR Ministry	14	15
16 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Administrative Council	17	18 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	19	20	21	22
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30 9:00 AM Worship Service	31					

HOW TO PRAY

1 Start with Praise

Thank God for who He is.

"Lord, You are good. Thank You for Your love and mercy."

2 Confess

Tell God your sins and ask for forgiveness.

"Father, forgive me for my mistakes. Clean my heart."

3 Give Thanks

Thank Him for His blessings.

"Thank You for my life, my family, and Your protection."

4 Ask for What You Need

Bring your worries, hopes, and requests to Him.

"Lord, please guide me. Heal me. Help me trust You."

5 Pray for Others

Lift up people around you.

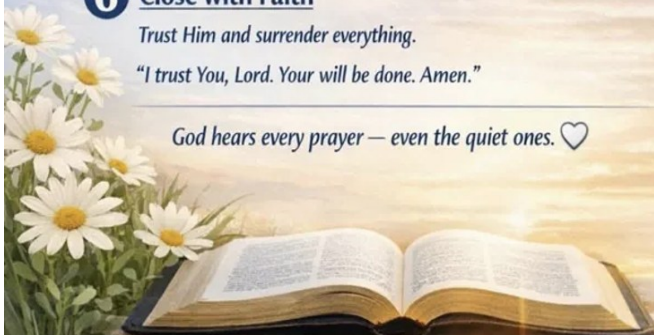
"Bless my family. Help those who are sick and hurting."

6 Close with Faith

Trust Him and surrender everything.

"I trust You, Lord. Your will be done. Amen."

God hears every prayer — even the quiet ones. ♥



BLUE BUCKET-SPOTTED TAIL CRISIS CENTER

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST— CEREAL

Summer is here and many of us look forward to upcoming vacations, it is important to remember the ongoing needs of our church. While we are away or experiencing changes in our routines, the church continues its work and relies on the generosity of its congregation. Please consider maintaining your regular giving to support the church's mission and activities during this season.

GIVE
ON-LINE



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Sunday Service Time 9:00 am

Tony Coffman, Pastor



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