

WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISION

SEPTEMBER 2026



Leadership Council

The Leadership Council met on August 16, 2026. Members present were Pastor Tony Coffman, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Dan Patmore, Korie Pravecek, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Roger Dice, and Judy Mills. The meeting commenced at 10:30 AM. Roger Dice opened the session with prayer.

Korie Pravecek moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, and Roger Dice seconded the motion. The council approved the minutes unanimously. The Treasurer's Report presented and noted that large expenses have been moved to capital investments. Mitch Miller moved to approve the report, Diane Durrin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pastor Tony Coffman shared journal entries from the past month. He has met with Lay Ministry to fill open positions on committees. Pastor Tony will need to have his knee replaced sometime soon.

Vanessa Goodell is getting ready for GPS, which will start September 9th. Plans to have three groups with one curriculum. A meeting will be held for volunteers before GPS begins.

Diane Durrin reported that she is preparing for confirmation. They will be studying the Old Testament this year. The Outreach Committee had no report. Donna Duffy reported that Cares will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. The SPR Committee has met to discuss employment issues, and the Worship Committee did not have a report. Lori Schaeffer reminded everyone to get the 2027 budget request forms returned by September 1.

The Trustees' Committee is reviewing the wedding and funeral policies. The code for the choir room door has been changed. AV Committee is looking to replace the projectors up front.

Missions Week will be held September 20. Brett from Blessman International will give a presentation. Diane Durrin will have the 7th & 8th grade confirmation class participate in the Shoe Box Program.

A discussion was held regarding Pastor Appreciation Month (October). Pastor Tony Coffman, request we focus on Bishop Mark Webb for appreciation during this month. Korie Pravecek stated we could honor both Pastor Tony Coffman and Bishop Mark Webb.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM with a closing prayer from Pastor Tony Coffman.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mills

September Already?

Well, that went fast.

It feels like we just finished the last day of school, and here we are already hunting down backpacks and pencil boxes and the one pair of shoes that still fits.

Summer has a way of slipping through our fingers. We make big plans in May — the projects we'll finish, the trips we'll take, the rest we'll finally get — and then August shows up and hands us the bill. Hopefully, some of what we hoped for happened, but certainly, some of it didn't. That's just how summer goes.

But there's something good about this time of year, too. For families with children in school, September works like a second New Year's Day. New teacher, new classroom, new schedule taped to the refrigerator. There's a fresh start built right into the calendar, and you don't have to be a student to take advantage of it.

Because here's the thing about summer: it scatters us. Ball tournaments, trips to see the grandkids, cattle to move, weekends that fill up before you've even looked at them. None of that is bad. But somewhere in the middle of a scattered season, the things that hold us steady can quietly slide down the list. Supper at the table. Prayer that's more than a few words before bed. Sunday morning.

The writer of Hebrews knew how easily that happens. “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

Notice that he doesn't scold anybody. He doesn't accuse them of losing their faith. He simply observes that a habit had formed — the habit of not showing up — and he calls them back; gently, but clearly.

Because being together isn't an accessory to the Christian life. It's how our God the Christian life to work. We are not built to spur ourselves on. We need somebody in the pew behind us and in front of us who notices when we've been gone. We need to sing words we're too tired to believe on our own that morning and let the room carry us for a while. We need to hear that God is faithful from someone who has tested it longer than we have.

That's what a church is. Not a building on a corner in a small town. It's a group of ordinary people who keep turning up for each other, week after week, until turning up becomes who they are.

Whether you've missed a couple of Sundays, a couple of months, or a couple of years — whether you've been traveling, or busy, or just plain worn out — there is a place for you here, and you have been missed. Nobody is going to ask where you've been.

Set the alarm. Get the kids up. Come as you are: tired, unprepared, running a little behind. Most of us will be right there with you. Fall is a season of new beginnings. Let one of yours be walking through these doors again.

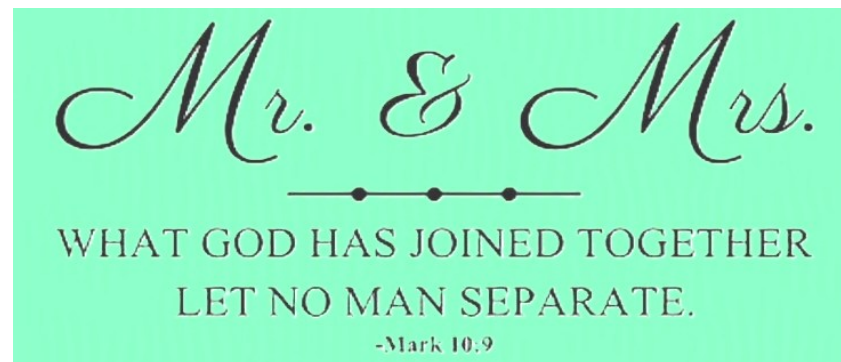
Grace and peace,

Pastor Tony



Saylor Schuyler	9/1
Madysen Dvorak	9/4
Lori Schaeffer (Craig)	9/5
Becca Carlson	9/5
Linda Schueth	9/6
Brody Calhoon	9/9
Twila Owen	9/10
Claire Pravecek	9/12
Keelie Kuil	9/13
Eldora Mathis	9/13
Lucile Richey	9/13
Tony Coffman	9/14
Eric Bachmann	9/14
Jim Halverson	9/19
Tresh Swedlund	9/20
Craig Schaeffer	9/22
Scottie Jorgensen	9/26
Austin Nelson	9/26

Barb DeSersa	9/27
Karen Juracek	9/27
Dan Patmore	9/27
Scott Schuyler	9/27
Linda Nelson	9/29



Steve & Kathy Nielsen	9/1
Mel & Barb Lee	9/2
Tim & Dorothy Gant	9/2
Bob & Judy Benson	9/4
Zach & Rheanna Pederson	9/7
Chad & Kodi Blotsky	9/15
James & Teresa Mathis	9/15
Wayne & Anne Bolton	9/17
Marc & Ashley Dvorak	9/18
Chase & Harley Kingsbury	9/20
Travis & Carrie Kuil	9/ 28
Mark & Betsy Rohde	9/ 30

Bible Reading Plan

September 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Lamenta- tions 4-5	2 Ezekiel 1-3	3 Ezekiel 4-6	4 Ezekiel 7-9	5 Ezekiel 10-12
6 Ezekiel 13-15	7 Ezekiel 16-18	8 Ezekiel 19-21	9 Ezekiel 22-24	10 Ezekiel 25-27	11 Ezekiel 28-30	12 Ezekiel 31-33
13 Ezekiel 34-36	14 Ezekiel 37-40	15 Ezekiel 41-44	16 Ezekiel 45-48	17 Daniel 1-3	18 Daniel 4-6	19 Daniel 7-9
20 Daniel 10-12	21 Hosea 1-3	22 Hosea 4-6	23 Hosea 7-10	24 Hosea 11-14	25 Joel 1-3	26 Amos 1-3
27 Amos 4-6	28 Amos 7-9	29 Obadiah	30 Jonah 1-4			





September 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group 6:15 p.m. AV Ministry 7:00 p.m. Trustees Ministry	2	3 6:30 p.m. Missions Ministry	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Communion	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Needle Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Finance	9 6:00 p.m. GPS, MYF , Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Worship Ministry 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10 7:00 p.m. SPR Ministry	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. 9th Grade Confirmation Meeting	14 Pastor Tony's Birthday	15 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Needle Ladies	16 6:00 p.m. GPS, MYF , Confirmation 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Administrative Council	21 2:00 p.m. Cares Ministry	22 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Needle Ladies	23 6:00 p.m. GPS, MYF , Confirmation 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	24	25	26
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LANDS OF THE BIBLE

Then & Now

Ten nations of Scripture — and their names today

CANAAN ♦ ISRAEL

Genesis 12:5

PERSIA ♦ IRAN

Esther 1:1

BABYLON ♦ IRAQ

Daniel 1:1

ARAM ♦ SYRIA

2 Kings 5:1

PHOENICIA ♦ LEBANON

Acts 21:2

ASIA MINOR ♦ TURKEY

Acts 16:6

CUSH ♦ SUDAN

Isaiah 18:1

PUT ♦ LIBYA

Ezekiel 27:10

SHEBA ♦ YEMEN

1 Kings 10:1

EDOM & MOAB ♦ JORDAN

Ruth 1:1

*"Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but my words shall not pass away." — Matthew 24:35*



BLUE BUCKET-COATS FOR KIDS

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST— SALTINE CRACKERS
& INSTANT POTATOES**

It's not our job to convert people.
It's not our job to save people.
It's not our job to convict people.
It's not our job to convince people.

It's our job to tell people.

The convincing, convicting,
converting, and saving is the work
of the Holy Spirit.

GIVE
ON-LINE



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Sunday Service Time 9:00 am

Tony Coffman, Pastor



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