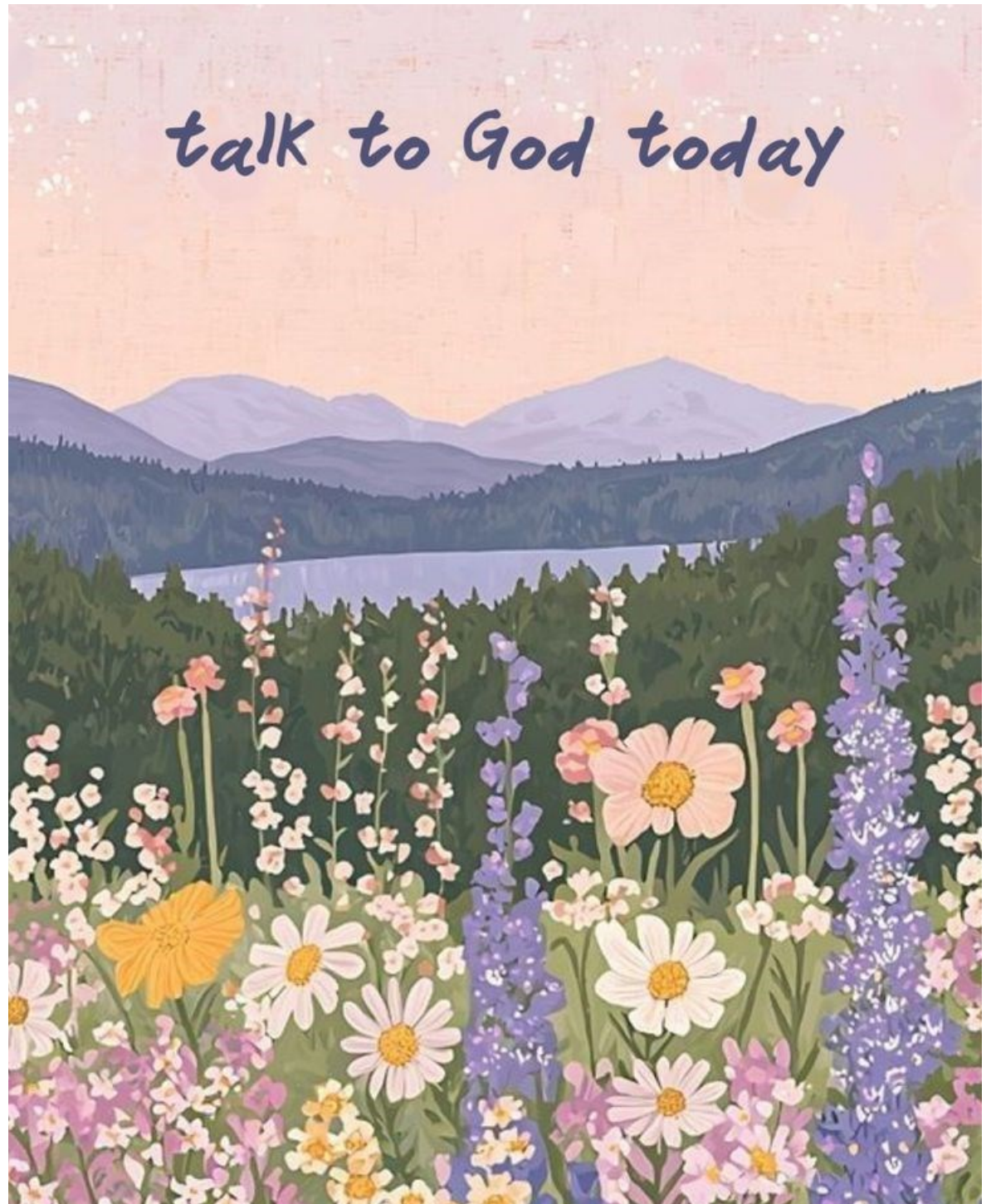


Winner Methodist Church

THE VISION

**AUGUST
2025**



Leadership Council July 20, 2025

Members present at the Leadership meeting were Pastor Tony Coffman, Malon Burtz, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Mitch Miller, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Clint Vanneman, Bobbi Viedt, Clint Woods, and Coni Halverson.

The opening prayer was given by Clint Vanneman.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Mick Rowe and seconded by Clint Woods; the motion was carried.

Mitch Miller moved to approve the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Mick Rowe and approved.

A journal documenting recent activities was provided by Pastor Tony. Communion was rescheduled to August 10th to coincide with a baptism.

Vacation Bible School reported an average nightly attendance of 50 children. The presentation is scheduled for July 27th during the worship service.

Planning for Confirmation will begin in early August.

There was no Outreach meeting this month; discussions regarding new initiatives continue.

Cares delivered items to assisted living facilities for the 4th of July holiday. No August meeting is planned.

No meetings were held for SPR or the Worship Committee.

The Finance Committee will begin preparing the 2026 budget.

The Trustees Committee provided a list of ongoing tasks and is currently relocating air conditioners.

The AV Committee reported technical issues in recent weeks, currently under review.

The Missions Committee allocated \$2,920 to Blessman for educational materials for children near our church-funded wells.

The Child Safety Policy has been reviewed and will be presented for a vote next month.

Tony raised the possibility of holding the Annual Charge Conference during the worship service. He also noted the importance of welcoming visitors. A potential fundraiser for Global Methodist Churches affected by flooding in Texas was discussed. Upcoming baptism will include cakes funded by the worship budget.

Dan Patmore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Schaeffer; motion carried.

Closing prayer by Pastor Tony Coffman.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2025.

Coni Halverson - Recording Secretary

Pastor's Corner

August 2025

God in the Flood.

The words below are not mine but was a blog post written by the pastor of a very large church, Scott Reece. These are his words, but I think they need to be read by all of us. Be blessed by this reading. Pastor Tony.

WHERE WAS GOD IN THE FLOOD?

Over the past few days, my heart has wrestled deeply with the tragedy unfolding in Texas. The floodwaters have swept away more than cabins, they've shaken families, broken hearts, and left many of us asking the hard questions. As a shepherd, I'm supposed to have answers, but sometimes, I just have tears. This isn't a post filled with easy explanations, it's one born out of pain, prayer, and the unshakable truth that even in the flood, God is still present.

This is the heart-wrenching tension we must sit with, one that stretches both the human soul and the theological framework of even seasoned believers. Could God have stopped the flood? Yes. Could He have preserved every life? Absolutely. Did He have the power to send angels, divert waters, or awaken every camper before danger came? Without question.

And yet, He didn't. Not in the way we prayed. Not in the way we hoped.

This is where we enter the sacred realm of mystery. Even the Apostle Paul, caught up to the third heaven, confesses: "Now we see through a glass, darkly..." (1 Corinthians 13:12). There are moments in life where divine sovereignty doesn't align with human expectation, and in those moments, our theology must not collapse, it must deepen.

We often ask, "Why didn't God act?", but what if the deeper question is, why does He sometimes choose restraint, even when it breaks His own heart?"

The cross is our clearest example. Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to prevent His crucifixion, but He didn't. Not because He couldn't, but because there was a greater purpose at work, a redemptive plan hidden within suffering. Could this be one of those moments? We do not claim to know the full mind of God (Isaiah 55:8-9), but we do know this, His delay is never His absence, and His silence is never His apathy.

Sometimes God restrains His hand so that a greater Kingdom revelation might emerge, even through the ashes of grief. This Is Not Judgment. This Is Travail. Let's be clear, this tragedy is not a sign of God's judgment on these children, this camp, or this region. This is not wrath, it is travail. Creation is groaning. The earth is trembling. And the Kingdom is advancing through birth pains, not comfort (Matthew 24:8). This flood did not take God by surprise, but nor was it His delight. We serve a God who weeps with us (John 11:35) and enters into our suffering with scars of His own.

What We Do Know. Though we cannot answer every "why," the believer's voice must anchor the people of God in what is unshakably true: He is still good, His goodness is not circumstantial, it's covenantal. The cross remains the proof of His love, not our circumstances. He is still just. His justice may not be immediate, but it is inevitable, every tear will be accounted for, every injustice will be made right, every hidden pain will be healed. He is still present. Even in the storm, He was there, in the cries, in the chaos, in the quiet miracles. He is "Emmanuel," God with us, in the flood as much as in the fire.

He is still working. As Romans 8:28 declares: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

This does not mean all things are good, it means that even the worst thing, like a flood that takes young lives, can become the soil for divine redemption. Let's not allow mystery to give way to unbelief, let's not allow pain to steal our posture of faith.

This is the time for the Ekklesia to weep and war, to mourn with those who mourn, to declare the goodness of God even in the valley, to contend for a generation that has been shaken. We don't have all the answers, but we have a God who still speaks, a Gospel that still saves, and a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. –
Scott Reece, River City Church.

Birthday Blessings!

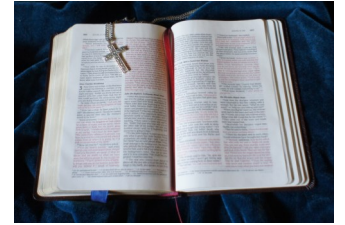


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<i>Landon Calhoon</i>	<i>8/4</i>
<i>Judy Mills</i>	<i>8/5</i>
<i>Jeri Finney</i>	<i>8/9</i>
<i>Doug Long</i>	<i>8/10</i>
<i>John Hanson</i>	<i>8/10</i>
<i>Tayden Mathis</i>	<i>8/11</i>
<i>Donna Duffy</i>	<i>8/12</i>
<i>Chloe Taggart</i>	<i>8/13</i>
<i>Robert Goodell</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Greg Bice</i>	<i>8/15</i>
<i>Garry Durrin</i>	<i>8/15</i>
<i>Delanie Nelson</i>	<i>8/16</i>
<i>Justin Nelson</i>	<i>8/18</i>
<i>Leah Vanneman</i>	<i>8/20</i>
<i>Betty Rowe</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>Harold Watzel</i>	<i>8/23</i>
<i>Julie Rohde</i>	<i>8/26</i>
<i>Connie DeMers</i>	<i>8/26</i>
<i>Laura Kahler</i>	<i>8/26</i>
<i>Beckham Nelson</i>	<i>8/30</i>
<i>Rodney Lookabill</i>	<i>8/30</i>
<i>Kay Berg</i>	<i>8/31</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>Joel & Rhonda Gilchrist</i>	<i>8/3</i>
<i>Mick & Betty Rowe</i>	<i>8/4</i>
<i>Dustin & Brooke Fisher</i>	<i>8/7</i>
<i>Doug & Barb Long</i>	<i>8/7</i>
<i>Tony & Lisa Coffman</i>	<i>8/9</i>
<i>Nathan & Gail Curtis</i>	<i>8/12</i>
<i>Ryan & Julie Rohde</i>	<i>8/13</i>
<i>Casey & Laurie Osborn</i>	<i>8/13</i>
<i>Harold & Eva Watzel</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Dan & Coleen Patmore</i>	<i>8/15</i>
<i>Wade & Yuon Burtz</i>	<i>8/18</i>
<i>Jordan & Tiffany Nelson</i>	<i>8/22</i>
<i>Archie & Marlys Remmers</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Doug & Wanda Wiken</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Dan & Angie Burtz</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>Matt & Jolene Hagen</i>	<i>8/27</i>
<i>Marshall & Colleen Springer</i>	<i>8/28</i>

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



August 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 Daniel 1-6	2 John 3-4
3 1 Timothy 1-3	4 Numbers 1-4	5 1 Chronicles 5-9	6 Psalms 96-98	7 Proverbs 17-18	8 Daniel 7-12	9 John 5-6
10 1 Timothy 4-6	11 Numbers 5-8	12 1 Chronicles 10-14	13 Psalms 99-101	14 Proverbs 19	15 Hosea 1-7	16 John 7-9
17 2 Timothy 1-2	18 Numbers 9-12	19 1 Chronicles 15-19	20 Psalms 102-104	21 Proverbs 20-21	22 Hosea 8-14	23 John 10-12
24 2 Timothy 3-4	25 Numbers 13-16	26 1 Chronicles 20-24	27 Psalms 105-107	28 Proverbs 22	29 Joel	30 John 13-15
31 Titus						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 AM Worship Service Adam Curtis Baptism 10:30 Revelation Bible Study	4	5 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees	6	7 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group 6:30 PM Missions Ministry	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:30 Revelation Bible Study	11	12 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee	13 6:00 PM Picnic In The Park	14 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Leadership Meeting	18	19 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	20	21 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group	22	23
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FOOD PANTRY REQUEST—

WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

Service Time **9:00 AM**

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THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for
they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall
inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they
shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:3-10