

Winner Methodist Church

THE VISION

SEPTEMBER

2025



Leadership Council August 17, 2025

Members present at the Leadership meeting were Pastor Tony Coffman, Malon Burtz, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Clint Vanneman, Clint Woods, and Judy Mills.

The opening prayer was given by Clint Vanneman.

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

Mitch Miller moved to approve the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Vanessa Goodell and motion was carried.

A journal documenting recent activities was provided by Pastor Tony.

The GPS program is scheduled to begin on September 10 and will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All volunteers must complete the Child Safety Training. Should the Child Safety Policy receive approval, all volunteers must read and sign the policy document. The live nativity event is set for December 7; the specific time will be announced at a later date.

Confirmation will begin on September 10th. Pastor Tony acknowledged Diane Durrin's curriculum, noting that it has been shared with other churches.

No Outreach meeting was held this month. The August 13 potluck in the park had low attendance of 25 due to hot, windy weather.

No meetings were held for Cares or the SPR Committees.

The Worship Committee worked on the 2026 budget. Church decorating is set for November 23 after worship. "Sounds of Christmas" is planned for December 3, and there will be two Christmas Eve services.

The Finance Committee will meet following the submission of budget requests. The Scholarship certificate of deposit is scheduled to mature in May 2026, while the Missions certificate of deposit will reach maturity in October 2025.

The Trustees Committee provided a list of ongoing tasks and is currently putting up a new highway sign. They found a company that will replace the windows in the choir room. Tony volunteered to refinish the baptismal stand.

The AV Committee fixed the microphones; basement audio is now working.

Missions Sunday is scheduled for September 14th. The event will encourage the congregation to raise more than \$10,000 in support of Texas flood victims. The missions committee will match donations on a one-to-one basis, up to a total of \$10,000.

The charge conference is scheduled for October 19 during the worship service, with Darla attending. Lori Schaeffer moved, and Dan Patmore seconded, to approve the Child Safety Policy. Kim DeMers' pre-GPS will be supervised by Vanessa Goodell, and parents must check in their children.

Mick Rowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Diane Durrin. The motion was approved, and the meeting concluded at 11:25 AM.

Pastor Tony Coffman led the closing prayer. The next meeting is set for September 21, 2025.

Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

Pastor's Corner

September 2025

Church in the Flood

Last month, in August, I posted the thoughts of a Pastor named Scott Reece called, "God in the Flood". His words reminded us that even in a tragedy like the catastrophic flooding that took place on July 4th in South Texas, God was there. If you have not read that, you should. You can find that in the church or on our website.

As of the end of August, here is what we know.

Deaths = 138 confirmed

Missing = 2

Total Damage and Economic Loss = \$18-22 Billion

Residential Building Loss = \$1.1 Billion

How much is a billion? In time, one million seconds equals 11.5 days. A billion seconds equals more than 32 years.

Whole communities, including one where a Global Methodist Church existed, were wiped from the map, never to be rebuilt. These places already suffered severe poverty, and the people who survived will simply move on and relocate.

As I pondered this, I believe the next question that we have to ask ourselves is, "Where is the Church in the flood?" Of course, the church in and around South Texas is very active in doing what it can to help those who were affected by this event. But the church is bigger than just those in South Texas. The church is the Body and Bride of Christ, and we are all part of that body.

Paul, in calling the church to be in unity, says this in his letter to the Ephesians.

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

(Ephesians 4:3-6, NLT)

Saying this, how can our church help? How can Winner Methodist Church help those who are still suffering two months later?

I talked with a leader in the MidTexas Conference of the GMC. The stories ripped at my heart. The Global Methodist Church had four churches in the affected counties; now there are three. These churches (the people) are going door-to-door in the towns and cities asking what immediate assistance people need. They are getting answers that range from towels and bedding to assistance paying for funerals. They need more financial help so that they can pass that on to the needy in the communities.

What can we do? On Sunday, August 31st, our Winner Methodist Church Missions Committee challenged our congregation to give. Our Missions Committee issued a giving challenge, agreeing to match, dollar-for-dollar, the first \$10,000.00 raised by the church. All of the raised funds, including the Missions Committee match, will be sent to the MidTexas GMC Conference to give out to their communities as they find the needs. With your help, South Dakota dollars will serve the deep needs of the people in South Texas, and Christ will be glorified by your generosity.

Last year, in raising funds to provide clean drinking water to preschool children in South Africa, Winner Methodist Church proved to be a loving and generous church to people we will never meet. I'm so thankful to be part of a church that believes in this kind of giving. Let's step up again and, by our love for Christ, help others with our gifts and offerings.

May God richly bless you,
Pastor Tony

Birthday Blessings!



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
Derald Shippy	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
Anne Pinter	9/30



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
Travis & Carrie Kuil	9/ 28
Mark & Betsy Rohde	9/ 30

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



September 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 Numbers 17-20	2 1 Chronicles 25-29	3 Psalms 108-110	4 Proverbs 23-24	5 Amos 1-4	6 John 16-18
7 Philemon	8 Numbers 21-24	9 2 Chronicles 1-5	10 Psalms 111-113	11 Proverbs 25	12 Amos 5-9	13 John 19-21
14 Hebrews 1-4	15 Numbers 25-28	16 2 Chronicles 6-10	17 Psalms 114-116	18 Proverbs 26-27	19 Obadiah	20 Acts 1-2
21 Hebrews 5-7	22 Numbers 29-32	23 2 Chronicles 11-15	24 Psalms 117-118	25 Proverbs 28	26 Jonah	27 Acts 3-4
28 Hebrews 8-10	29 Numbers 33-36	30 2 Chronicles 16-20				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed	2 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees	3	4 6:30 PM Missions Ministry	5	6 Membership Class
7 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion	8	9 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee	10 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:00 PM GPS, MYF & Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 Revelation Bible Study Pastor Tony's Birthday	15	16 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Cares Committee	17 6:00 PM GPS, MYF & Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	18	19	20 Kingsbury/Koenig Wedding
21 9:00 AM Worship Service New Member Welcome Leadership Meeting	22	23 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Outreach	24 6:00 PM GPS, MYF & Confirmation 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:15 PM Women's Bible	25	26 Josh Meyer Funeral	27
28 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 Revelation Bible Study	29	30 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group				



MYF

Be part of
the fun!!

Announcement for Confirmation Classes

Any 7th or 8th Grade student is welcome to join the 7th and 8th Confirmation Class. We will be studying the New Testament this year. You will need a parent or trusted adult to accompany you each week. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the back of the sanctuary. We have pizza each night and learn together about Jesus through reading the Bible. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Third year confirmation class begins on Wednesday, September 3rd. While typically completed during 9th grade year, any high school student may join. Students will work closely with a mentor to deepen their faith and gain an understanding of what it means to be a Global Methodist. We will meet as a group monthly, and mentors and students set their own meeting schedule. If you would like more information or sign up to be a part of this group, please contact the church office.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

STARTING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

BIBLE STUDY @ 2:00 PM

MAX LUCADO "TAME YOUR THOUGHTS"

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

STARTING OCTOBER 1ST

BOOK CLUB @ 7:15 PM

MJ ULMER "JIM RIVER BOY"

2ND, 3RD, 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

STARTING SEPTEMBER 10

BIBLE STUDY @ 7:15 PM

PSALMS



GPS Kids runs on Wednesday
nights from 6:00-7:00 PM -
and starts September 10th!
All children in grades K-6th
are welcome to attend.



Give online by using
the QR Code

BLUE BUCKET REQUEST—WINNER MUSIC DEPARTMENT

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST—SALTINE CRACKERS & CANNED FRUIT

WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

Service Time 9:00 AM

STAY CONNECTED

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*Grace is when God gives us
good things that we don't deserve.*

*Mercy is when He spares us
from bad things we deserve.*

*Blessings are when He is
generous with both.*

God is good all the time!