

First Methodist Church of Clinton

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The Cornerstone

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Ephesians 2:20

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR’S CORNER

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:27-28

You know the song,
"I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes we're the church together."

I am excited about our series in September, and with it, our Stewardship campaign. Our theme this year is "We Are the Church." I love our church. I love the people, the ministries, and our fellowship time together. All of this brings me such joy each week. I tell folks, I love being here, I love partnering with each of you in ministry, and I pray that you do as well. Our Stewardship campaign this year will focus on how we love our church and our community through serving, giving, and sharing. This month, we will hear stories and testimonies about how we have been able to love God and each other through the support of your tithes and offerings. I am excited about this series and campaign, and I invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to complete your pledge card and join us in loving God and those around us.

Prayer List

George Walters, Marvin Mitchell, Frances Pearson, Wayne Boyette, Ethan Youngblood, Mary Margaret Hobbs, Homer Morris, Debra Morris, Jane Waters, Pam Griffin, Wayne Tew, Louetta Carr, Pat Warrick, Emery Walker, JoAnn Westbrook, Janet Johnson, Brantley Williamson, Cheryl Moore, Wes Keen, Zachery Johnson, Steve Baker, Mike & Myra Humphrey, Glenn Brewer, Bryson Capps, Ed Owen, Merry Wicke, Greg Moore, Jimmy Smith, Carolyn Wrench, Wayne Reynolds, Angie Hall, Danny Dyson, Violet White

Those who are homebound

Ruth Godwin, Barbara Carr

Those who are in long term care

Loraine Butler, Margaret Oates, Anthony Balkcum, Pat Green, Mary Humphrey, Frances Pearson, Gerry Krivoniak

First Church Music Corner

Dear Church Family,

The next few months are going to be jam-packed with music here at First Methodist! For the past couple of months, we have been busy planning music and events and are now looking forward to a great Fall semester! This month would be a great time to consider participating in the music program of our church. There are many ways in which you can be involved! Please take a few minutes to read about each of our different music ministries. Please contact us if you are interested in joining any of the groups or would like more information. If you are not available to actively participate in any of these groups, then please consider picking one to cover with your prayers! This is just one of many ways you can “love your church” as well as show the love of Jesus and proclaim the Good News of His salvation.

Children’s Music: Children’s choirs meet as part of Wednesday Methodist Bunch. Please note that K-5 age groups will meet at the same time this semester. The K-5 Children’s Choir meets from 4:45-5:30. The Preschool Choir meets from 5:30-5:45. Here are some dates that we are planning to have the children’s choirs involved in worship this Fall:

- **Sunday, October 5th during morning worship. This is also Homecoming Sunday at First Methodist!**
- **Sunday, November 2nd during morning worship (First Sunday “Combined” Service).**
- **Sunday, November 23rd as part of the Community Thanksgiving Service.**
- **Sunday, December 7th during morning worship (First Sunday “Combined” Service)**
- **The children and youth will present the Christmas musical *The Power of the KING*, on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

Handbells/Brass Ensemble: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. This is open to everyone 6th grade and up.

- **The brass ensemble will play on Sunday, October 5th during morning worship. This is also Homecoming Sunday at First Methodist!**

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. 6th grade and up.

- **The choir will help lead some of our favorite hymns as part of First Methodist’s Fall Revival on Monday, September 8, 2025.**
- **Our choir will be joined by other area churches to provide music for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 23rd.**

Son-up Service Praise Team: This group provides contemporary/blended-style music for the 9 o’clock Sunday services. They meet to rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:15 in the sanctuary.

Dulcimer/Acoustic Ensemble: This group is made up primarily of dulcimer players, but we are open to any acoustic instrument (guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, flute, etc.). The possibilities are endless. This group meets on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the music room. We already have several opportunities to provide music for the community this Fall!

- **On Monday, September 15th the Dulcimer Ensemble will provide music for the Clinton Lion’s Club.**
 - **On Sunday, December 7th the Dulcimer Ensemble will provide music for the evening “Hanging of the Greens” service at Hopewell Methodist Church.**
 - **The Dulcimers will also play for the “Night in Bethlehem” nativity walk-through as part of Christmas in the City on Thursday, December 4th from 6-6:30.**
- ***On Thursday, December 4th from 6-8:30, our church will host “A Night in Bethlehem” Nativity walk-through as part of Clinton’s “Christmas in the City”. As in past years, this will feature live music from First Methodist musicians and singers. Please contact us if you are interested in providing music for this event. There will also be a sign-up sheet posted outside the church office.*****

First Kids Corner

Welcome Back to School!

I hope and pray that everyone has had a wonderful start to the school year. What a fantastic time we had at the Back to School Bash last month! Personally, I was very thankful the dunk booth water was warm!

As we settle into our fall routines, here are a few important reminders:

WEF (Wednesday Evening Fellowship) – Begins September 10th

*K-2nd grade will have class with me.

* 3rd – 5th grade will rotate through different teachers.

We are in need of teacher volunteers to help make this class a success – your support is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Program & Parade

All Children will be preparing for our Christmas Program during WEF and Sunday School. We’re also excited to participate again in the Clinton City Parade! More details for both events will be shared soon.

Sunday School

Our regular curriculum is back in full swing! I’ve asked our 3rd – 5th graders to choose a “Life Verse” – a Bible verse that speaks personally to them. I’d love for each child to have theirs selected in the next couple of weeks.

October Sock Drive

Next month, First Kids will be collecting new socks – one of the most requested items among the homeless. Look out for our donation box starting in October.

New Communication Platform

With our church family continuing to grow, both Children’s Ministry and the Youth program are now using the Bank app for communication. Please scan the QR code below to join and stay updated. Let’s continue to make this season full of faith, fun, and fellowship! We can’t wait to see how God moves through our kids (and next time feel free to join me in the dunk booth!)

Abby Tomell-children@fmcnc.org

Join our Children’s Ministry Band

Our groups are growing which means our platforms that we communicate through must change.

Scan the QR Code to connect



Happy September! School is back in session and fall is on the way! The youth are ready for a new school semester. We have our new youth shirts, new stickers, and are looking forward to an excellent fall season. With this new season, we are doing new things. Here are some of the new opportunities we are beginning this fall: Youth Worship Band and the Youth Leadership Team. If your youth would like to be involved with these teams, let pastor Joel know.

This fall, the youth have an outing planned for each month. This month, we will be going to Selma Turlington's lake house at White Lake after church on September 21st to swim. Lunch will be provided for the youth and we will share in food, fun, and devotion. Youth, mark your calendars.

We also are utilizing the “Band” app for communications, event sharing, and daily devotion sharing. If you as a parent or your youth are not a part of this app yet, scan the QR code below or email youth@fmcnc.org to get connected. “Band” can also be accessed via a web browser on your computer. You don’t have to have a phone to get connected!

Finally, on September 14 at 4pm., our fall confirmation course for rising middle schoolers will begin. This is to help them to understand and affirm their faith. At the end of the course, those wishing to be baptized will have the opportunity to do so. The class is meant for our rising middle schoolers, however, it is available to those youth who have not been in a confirmation course to attend as well.

I am so excited for this season and look forward to the many adventures that I and the youth will have this year.

Pastor Joel Wise

Upcoming dates:

Sept. 7 Revival, Youth Band leads worship.

Sept. 14 4pm Confirmation Course

Sept. 14 Youth 5pm-7pm

Sept. 21 Lake day at White Lake (1pm - 3pm)

No youth in the evening

Sept. 28 Youth 5pm-7pm

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Parent Band





Band App Logo

Youth



THE

BIBLE

RECAP

The Bible Recap

Resumes

September 10th

10:00 am



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Seasoned Adults Living Triumphantly

Schedule 2025

September 11:

Cry Freedom Missions/Lunch

October 23:

Mike’s Farm

November 11:

Sylvan Heights & Veteran Museum

December:

TBA



Meals On Wheels

9/12 Steve Williams

9/26 Sue Williams

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Holly McMillen at 910-551-2917.

Birthday Cake Volunteers:

Janet Carter, Sue Williams, Helen Hobson
This ministry provides birthday cakes for handicapped adults. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christy Boyette,
wcboyette@intrstar.net.

Nursing Home Member Residents

Mary Gran - Anthony Balkcum,
P.O. Box 379 Clinton, NC 28329
Rolling Ridge - Loraine Butler, Mary Humphrey, Frances Pearson
700 Mt. Olive Dr. Newton Grove,
NC 28366

First Baptist Church Food Bank Collection

Canned Green Beans

Mary and Martha Congregational Care Team

This team of volunteers works to provide care to each member of the church by delivering Sunday Morning flowers, meals, cards, visits, and calls. If you would like to be part of a team that takes Communion to our friends that are homebound please contact Pastor Matt.

Skill Creations Ministry

Every month we have an opportunity to go and be a blessing to the residents at Skill Creations in Clinton.

Our time there includes a Bible Lesson, singing, and a craft. We enjoy some sweet fellowship with the residents at Skill Creations and leave blessed each time. You are welcome to join us each month for this great time of worship. Please meet at Skill Creations. If you have questions or want more information, contact Leslie Seals.

Worship Corner - September

Altar Guild:

Phillip & Elizabeth Andrews

Ushers:

Volunteers Needed

Greeters:

Ida Johnson Circle

Acolyte Schedule: Please contact Sarah Stone at (910)990-9726 to sign your child up.

Chancel Flowers:

9/7 Janet Shoemaker

9/14 Elizabeth Andrews

9/21 Debbie Jones

9/28 Vevlyn Lowe

Flower Calendar 2025

Hi friends, there are plenty of **slots** ready to be claimed! To sign up please contact the church office or you may go online. Arrangements are \$55 for one slot or \$110 for both. Please make sure payments are made before your slot date.

Thank you,
Maykala Bishop, Administrative Assistant

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Labor Day! Office Closed No Intercessory Prayer	2 9:00am Chat with M@	3	4	5	6
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Combined Worship 6:30pm Revival	8 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Revival	9 9:00am Chat with M@ 6:00pm Community Communion 6:30pm Revival	10 10:00am Bible Recap 4:00pm Dulcimers 4:30pm 1st & 2nd Grade Choir 5:00pm 3rd-5th Grade Choir 5:30pm 3-4 year & K Choir 5:30pm Bible Study & Handbells 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Chancel Choir	11 10:30am SALT Outing: Goldsboro	12	13
14 Son Up Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am Covered Dish 12:00pm Youth 5:00pm	15 10:00am Intercessory Prayer	16 9:00am Chat with M@ 4:30pm Griefshare 6:00pm NOW Meeting	17 10:00am Bible Recap 4:00pm Dulcimers 4:30pm 1st & 2nd Grade Choir 5:00pm 3rd-5th Grade Choir 5:30pm 3-4 year & K Choir 5:30pm Bible Study & Handbells 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18 Birthday Cakes: Janet Carter, Sue Williams, Helen Hobson	19	20
21 8:00am Methodist Men Breakfast Son Up Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am 12:30pm Youth Whitelake Trip 5:00pm Young Adult Game Night	22 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Ida Johnson Meeting	23 9:00am Chat with M@ 6:30pm Eleanor Powell Meeting	24 10:00am Bible Recap 4:00pm Dulcimers 4:30pm 1st & 2nd Grade Choir 5:00pm 3rd-5th Grade Choir 5:30pm 3-4 year & K Choir 5:30pm Bible Study & Handbells 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 Son Up Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am Youth 5:00pm	29 10:00am Intercessory Prayer	30 9:00am Chat with M@ 7:00pm Admin Board	31 10:00am Bible Recap 4:00pm Dulcimers 4:30pm 1st & 2nd Grade Choir 5:00pm 3rd-5th Grade Choir 5:30pm 3-4 year & K Choir 5:30pm Bible Study & Handbells 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Chancel Choir			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

	Birthdays
2	Jim Moore, Hugh Carr
3	Christopher Hobbs, Hayes Griffin
4	John Baxter, Daughtry Jackson
5	Tyler Carter
6	Marshall Heath
7	Greyton Barwick, Mitch Malpass, Wright Wtaers
10	Jonathan Taylor, Jason Taylor, Jack DuBose
12	Caroline Butler
13	Kelly Best, Craig Herring
15	Cheryl Faircloth, Ruth Godwin, Gary Wells, Emily Sumner
16	Phillip Andrews
17	John Sargent, Hadley Daniel, Dottie O'Quinn
18	Richard Rogers
19	Beverly Tew, Debo Bell, Iris Turlington, Susan Heath
21	Neal Strickland, Abby Tomell
23	Pam Griffin
24	Karen Herring
25	Jonathan Bell
26	Ken Sutton, Denise Hendricks
27	Clark Serafini, Kay Evans, Carol Gore
28	Sue Shepherd
29	Jena Yeager
	Anniversaries
11	Curtis & Lori Barwick
12	Jeff & Sarah Swartz
21	Darrell & Debbie Jones
30	Marshall & Susan Heath

BACKYARD BUDDIES

Afterschool Childcare Program



WE'RE HIRING TEEN CAREGIVERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The teenage caregiver serves as an active participant in the care of the children. They are to actively engage in play, conversation, and interactions with the children while serving as a positive Christian role model

For More Information on the Position:



For a Quick View of Our Application



bybcp1998@gmail.com

<https://www.fmcnc.org/backyard-buddies>

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FMC MISSIONS

MISSION TRIP

SEPT. 21-26

REGISTER ONLINE

[HTTPS://WWW.FMCNC.ORG/FMC-
MISSIONS#TEXAS](https://www.fmcnc.org/fmc-missions#TEXAS)



Wednesday Nights
5:30 pm
Sanctuary
Led by
Pastor Matt
Beginning
September 10th

Bring your Bible
and something to
take notes



THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH



27-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

 **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
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WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10TH

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*Sanctuary
Sounds*

Sermons,
Music,
Thoughts and
More



 **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
WWW.FMCNC.ORG CLINTON, NC

First Methodist Church Homecoming 2025 October 5th 11:00 am

Homecoming Preacher: Rev. Matt Seals
Covered Dish to follow



Mustard Seed Faith

Grief Share®

Grief never ends... Grieving is all-encompassing. The loss could be a spouse, child, family member, friend, pet, and even divorce. Recovery from grief is overwhelming and can be lonely. First Methodist Church would like to help you with your loss by providing "Grief Share" support. This support series will help and give encouragement from a loss. The Grief Share Support group will begin September 16th. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please notify the church office.

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September 16th

4:30-6:30 pm

\$15.00 (scholarships
available)

Scan to register




**FIRST METHODIST
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September Revival

September 7th-9th

6:30 pm

Rev. Jeremy Hairr - Revival Preacher

Music

September 7th Steadfast Youth Praise Band

September 8th Hymn Sing

September 9th Holly Grove

A love offering will be collected each night
to support those who come to share with us.