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CHANGE SERVICE  
Henderson, Texas 75652  
204 North Marshall  
First Methodist Church

The preschool kept our older campers on the move this summer with tons of fun activities! They had a blast bowling, catching a movie, exploring the Rusk County Library and depot museum, and touring the fire station. To beat the heat, they also hit the splash pad and had a fun water balloon/water gun fight. These students even went to Chick-fil-A for a free lunch one day, Campfire Coffee for story time, and the Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin! Feedback from students and parents was extremely positive with students begging to attend every day!



Sharing the Joy of Jesus Christ with Others



First Methodist Church  
Henderson, Texas

### Summer Psalms: Prayers for Real Life

This summer, we are journeying through the Book of Psalms in a new sermon series titled "Summer Psalms: Prayers for Real Life." The Psalms are more than ancient poems and songs. They are honest prayers for the real experiences of life.

Our eight-week sermon series will include:

Week 1 — "The Life That Flourishes" Text: Psalm 1 Theme: The blessed life is not built by accident. It grows from roots planted in God's Word.

Week 2 — "When the Lord Is My Shepherd" Text: Psalm 23 Theme: God guides, provides, restores, and walks with us through the valley.

Week 3 — "When I Am Afraid" Text: Psalm 56 Theme: Fear is real, but faith teaches us where to put our trust.

Week 4 — "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Text: Psalm 51 Theme: Repentance is not shame; it is the doorway to restoration.

Week 5 — "Help Me, Lord" Text: Psalm 121 Theme: Our help does not come from our strength, resources, or control. Our help comes from the Lord.

Week 6 — "How Long, O Lord?" Text: Psalm 13 Theme: The Bible gives us permission to bring our sorrow, confusion, and waiting honestly before God.

Week 7 — "The God Who Knows Me" Text: Psalm 139 Theme: We are fully known and fully loved by God.

Week 8 — "Let Everything Praise the Lord" Text: Psalm 150 Theme: The life of faith ends in praise. Praise is not just a song; it is the posture of a redeemed life.

We especially invite everyone to join us on Sunday, August 9, for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday. We will have one combined worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Before worship, everyone is invited to gather in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. for donuts, orange juice, fellowship, and conversation.

Children, youth, college students, teachers, administrators, and school employees are encouraged to bring their backpacks, book bags, briefcases, or work bags to worship. During the service, we will pray over them and ask God to bless, guide, protect, and encourage everyone as a new school year begins.

The beginning of a school year can bring excitement, new opportunities, and sometimes a little nervousness. The Psalms remind us that wherever we go—to the classroom, the office, the playground, the athletic field, or the college campus—God goes with us.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for this special Sunday as we enjoy fellowship, worship together, and surround our students, teachers, and school employees with the prayers and love of their church family.



August Newsletter 2026

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## August

- 6 Yates Park School Supply Train
- 9 Back To School Sunday / Blessing of the Backpacks—ONE WORSHIP Service  
10:00 am Sanctuary  
9:00am Donuts and Juice in Great Hall  
Youth Lake Day 1:30-7:00pm
- 12 Youth Wednesday Nights Fall Kickoff
- 25 Book Chat 11:30am

## September

- 6 One Worship Service 10:00am Sanctuary
- 7 Church Offices Closed—Labor Day
- 8 Women’s Luncheon 11:30am Parlor
- 9 Kid’s Club Wednesday Nights Kick Off
- 22 Book Chat 11:30am

SAVE THE DATE

*Hanging of  
the Greens*

NOV | 29 | 5 PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
HENDERSON, TEXAS

Back to  SCHOOL SUNDAY

AUGUST 9TH

9:00 am  
Donuts & Juice in GH

10:00 am  
Worship in Sanctuary

 Blessing of the Backpacks

FMC Henderson

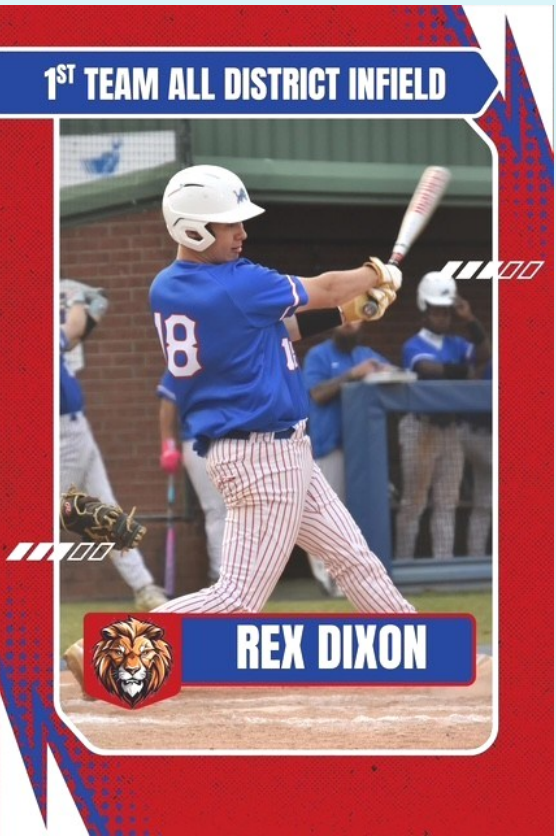
ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

10:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

## Celebrations & Praises



**Congratulations Rex Dixon!!**  
Rex Dixon was awarded 1st Team All District Infield, Offensive MVP of the Year 2026, All East Texas Honorable Mention for 3rd base, and Academic All District!



**Congratulations to Riley Foster and Justin Lymburner** on their marriage on June 6, 2026. Riley is the daughter of Jason and Emili Foster, and the granddaughter of Johnny and Linda Foster. Wishing the happy couple a lifetime filled with love, joy, and happiness.

## Memorials

 **Dr. Ray Brooks**  
(Father of Jack Brooks)  
Mark & Debbie Mann Kitchen

**Michael Flanagan**  
Joel & Barbara Hale Yard  
Yolanda Smith Budget

**Nelwyn Gray**  
Pals SS Class Bereavement  
Don & Virginia Gage Youth  
Johnny & Linda Foster Budget  
Joel & Barbara Hale Capital  
Mart & Cathy Hooper Caring Ministry  
Troy & Mary Ann Craig Budget  
Charles Dawson Choir  
Sally Hosea Choir  
Jimmy & Cathy Sanders Local Missions  
Brady & Megan Green Children  
Mary McGee Budget

**Roxie Mayhugh**  
(Mother of Mike Mayhugh)  
John & Carolyn Williams Budget

**Cole Petty**  
Joel & Barbara Hale Capital

**Bill Webster**  
Joel & Barbara Hale Budget

**Susan Johnston Webster**  
Joel & Barbara Hale Budget

**We want to celebrate all the wonderful moments and praises in our church family! If we have missed a special occasion or praise, please contact the church office and let us know so we can celebrate with you.**



## August Birthdays!!!

- 1st Zulyenne Leverett,
- Chrystal Sabella
- 2nd Heidi Bradshaw
- 4th Patty Foster
- 5th Joey Watts
- 7th Gloria Keith,
- Corey Denison
- 12th Michelle Wade
- 13th Izzy Bagley
- 14th Julie Leuschner
- 16th Stephanie Eby
- 18th Anna Bennett
- 20th Ron Dixon,
- Nahla Walker
- 22nd Jessica Davis
- 24th Greg Gooding,
- Cathy Webster
- 25th Keith Watson,
- David Jimerson,
- Evie Howard,
- James Howard,
- Beckett Meeks



**Celebrating the birth of Tucker Hees Masi** on June 4th. Proud parents are Brandon and Meagan Masi, joined by big brother Dawson. Tucker is the third grandson of Mike and Lisa Mayhugh. Wishing this sweet family lots of love and laughter—and sending a few extra prayers to the grandparents as they keep up with all that boy energy!



Join us! We will meet in the church library at **11:30am on August 25th** for a discussion and brown bag lunch.

**Upcoming Community Book Chats:**

- 08/25 *What Alex Forget* Lianne Moriarty (Contemporary Fiction)
- 09/22 *Circle of Days* Ken Follett (Historical Fiction)
- 10/27 *Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine* Ed. Jo Ella Powell Exley (Texas History)
- 11/17 *The Shell Seekers* Rosamunde Pilcher (Generational Saga)
- 12/15 *Twice & The Christmas Box* Mitch Album (Magical Realism)



FMC,  
*Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be used toward furthering my education at Kilgore College.*  
Tucker LeBlanc

Dear First Methodist Family,  
I can't thank yall enough for everything yall have done for me. It's been a great getting to grow up in this church and getting to know everyone and I have a lot of memories that I will never forget. Josh, you've always been so nice and kind and you've been a great youth leader. I can't thank yall enough for all yall've done.  
Sincerely,  
Jack Perry

**Thank You to Our Volunteers!**  
*A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time, talents, and energy to help make our Mother's Day Breakfast, Father's Day Breakfast, Fish Fry, and July 5th Luncheon such wonderful successes. Your hard work, dedication, and spirit of service helped create meaningful fellowship and enjoyable gatherings for our parish family. We are truly grateful for all you do to support our church and community.*

**Meet Our New Worship Leaders**



**Welcome Aaron Grigsby**

*We are excited to welcome Aaron Grigsby as our new Contemporary Worship Leader. An East Texas resident for more than 15 years, Aaron has a lifelong passion for music, playing drums, guitar, and piano, with drums remaining his favorite.*

*Aaron is a graduate of Van High School and works as a carpenter with Hoar Construction, contributing to major projects across East Texas. His faith became deeply personal during his teenage years, leading him into worship ministry through Bible studies and church service.*

*Aaron believes worship is about more than music—it is helping people draw closer to God. He and his wife, Melissa, were married on February 28, 2026, and enjoy spending time together outdoors and with family and friends.*

*As he steps into this new role, Aaron hopes to continue growing as a husband, disciple, and servant of Christ while faithfully serving others. Please join us in welcoming Aaron and supporting him as he leads us in worship.*



**Welcome Taylor Radford**

*We are pleased to welcome Taylor Radford as our new Choir Director beginning July 1. A Gladewater native and graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University's School of Music, Taylor also holds a Texas Music Educator Certification (EC-12).*

*Taylor currently serves as Head Choir Director at Henderson High School and brings five years of teaching and directing experience to this role. She is passionate about helping others grow in their musical abilities, confidence, and character, and sees music as a powerful way to serve God and lead others in worship.*

*We are grateful for the gifts, experience, and faith Taylor brings to our church family. Please join us in warmly welcoming her and praying for her as she begins this new season of ministry.*

**Annual YATES PARK CURBSIDE SCHOOL SUPPLY TRAIN**

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!  
FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WHILE THEY LAST!  
KIDS MUST BE PRESENT IN CAR WITH ADULT  
ALL RUSK COUNTY STUDENTS WELCOME!

ALL ABOARD FOR EDUCATION!

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026**  
8 AM - 12 PM

**HENDERSON CIVIC CENTER DRIVE-THROUGH**  
1005 Texas Highway 64  
Henderson, Texas  
Lake Forest Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

- Peggy McAlister 903-658-4900
- Fay Terry 903-245-2304
- Vickie Murrillo 903-571-0609
- Evelyn Walls Anderson 903-918-1606

What a joy to see the Hope in the eyes of a child who receives our communities' generosity.

If you would like to sponsor or support this year's Help The Youth Yates Back-to-School Supply Train, please let them know. Thank you for continuing Ms. Elder's legacy and for helping make a difference in the lives of Rusk County students!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Ladies, you are warmly invited to join us for the next Women's Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30am** in the Parlor. The cost is \$12, and we kindly ask that you sign up in the church office. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and a presentation from one of our members Michelle Cooper, who is the new director of the Depot Museum.  
*Hope to see you there!*

**~ Our Presence ~**

|                    | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 | June 28 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 9:00 Common Ground | 53     | 65      | 110     | 88      |
| 11:00 Traditional  | 59     | 63      |         | 59      |
| Total:             | 112    | 128     | 110     | 147     |
|                    | July 5 | July 12 | July 19 | July 26 |
| 9:00 Common Ground | 97     | 76      | 81      | 74      |
| 11:00 Traditional  |        | 51      | 58      | 62      |
| Total:             | 97     | 127     | 139     | 136     |

**Financial News**

| May                      |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Offerings (Actual)       | \$32,975.40 |
| With (Preschool \$3,000) | \$35,975.40 |
| Expenses (Actual)        | \$47,269.39 |
| June                     |             |
| Offerings (Actual)       | \$41,783.78 |
| With (Preschool \$3,000) | \$44,783.78 |
| Expenses (Actual)        | \$46,305.55 |

**Ways to Continue to Give...**

- By mailing your check to:**  
FMC Henderson  
204 N. Marshall Henderson, TX 75652
- By dropping off a check to the church office.**  
(Monday - Thursday 8am-noon & 1-4pm)
- By Online,** click Give on [fmchenderson.org](https://fmchenderson.org)
- By automatic draft.**  
(Forms available in the church office.)
- By Text.**  
(Send a text message to **73256**, with the message of **FMCHenderson** followed by the gift amount.)

## Coming Up!

September 9  
Wednesday Nights  
Begin



Many thanks to all that helped with our  
GLOW with Jesus Vacation Bible School!!



Join our Kidz Club  
Remind Group!

[KIDZ CLUB](#)

Text @fmckid  
to 81010 to join!

### Questions?

Contact our Children's  
Director Kaysie Sabella  
903-657-6588  
[ksabella@fmchenderson.org](mailto:ksabella@fmchenderson.org)



## Coming Up!

Aug 9  
Lake Day

Aug 12  
Youth Group  
Fall Kick-Off



On Wednesday, August 12, we are having our Fall Kick-off to welcome back our youth and begin the Fall Semester of regular Wednesday night meetings! We will meet weekly at 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Come join for dinner, games, worship, devotion time and small groups!

If you would like to volunteer and see what amazing things we have going on, reach out to Youth Directors Josh and Morgan Wardle!



If your youth is going into 6th grade through 12th grade, then they can join us for Lake Day! Johnny and Cyndi Walker are allowing us to spend the day at their Lake House on Lake Tyler so the kids can swim, go tubing, hang out, enjoy some great food, and enjoy some time of fellowship to close out the summer!  
Let Josh know if your youth would like to join!

August 9th from 1:30pm—7:00pm!

Sundays  
10:00am

Wednesdays  
5:30-7:30pm

Games  
Bible Study  
Worship  
Prayer

Remind Groups!! Be  
sure to join today!!

PARENTS

Text @FMCHENP  
to 81010 to join!

JR HIGH STUDENTS

Text @FMCHENJR  
to 81010 to join!

HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

Text @FMCHENHS  
to 81010 to join!

### Questions?

Contact our  
Youth Co-Directors  
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