

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We had a truly delightful time at our Women's Ministry Luncheon in September! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us. The Spirit Strummers blessed us with a beautiful program, and the fellowship shared around the table was uplifting and memorable. We're already looking forward to our next luncheon in November—mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. As always, guests are welcome, and we encourage you to invite a friend to share in the joy and connection. Thank you again for making our September gathering so special. See you in November!



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First Methodist Church



A Note from Our Pastor—Mike Mayhugh

Thank God for Fall!

Friends, can you feel it? The first breath of cool air, the hint of gold in the trees, and the joy of pulling on a light sweater for Sunday worship—thanks be to God! As the season turns, we're reminded that the Lord is always at work bringing renewal. October will be a month full of gratitude, community, and meaningful worship here at church. Mark your calendars and jump in!

Community & Outreach

⇒ **Paint the Town Pink — Wear Pink Sunday (Oct 5)**

On Sunday, October 5, let's fill the sanctuary with every shade of pink as we raise awareness for cancer prevention and care, honor survivors, and pray for healing and hope. This simple act of solidarity speaks loudly to our community—thank you for helping us “shine pink” for Christ's compassion.

⇒ **National Night Out (Tue, Oct 7)**

Join us on Tuesday, October 7 as we gather with neighbors for National Night Out. We'll be out there smiling, visiting, and sharing church “bling” along with refreshing slushies. It's a perfect chance to meet new friends, invite folks to church, and remind our city that God is near and we are for them.

⇒ **“Fill the Monster” with Treats**

Our big, friendly “monster” collection bin is hungry again! Help us fill the monster with individually wrapped candy and small prize-worthy goodies. Your donations will bless:

- *Our Preschool Fall Carnival (prizes for games and activities), and*
- *The Downtown Trick-or-Treat Trail, where we'll be handing out candy with warm smiles and an even warmer welcome.*

Drop-off is easy—look for the monster in the hallway outside the offices and “feed” it anytime the church is open. Thank you for turning sweets into seeds of kindness!

Worship & The Word

This month we continue our journey through The Revelation of Jesus Christ, listening for hope in a world that longs for it. Come ready to worship, learn, and be encouraged:

- *“The Two Great Multitudes” — Revelation 7 Sealed by God and sustained by grace—find strength in the Savior who holds His people fast.*
- *“The Sounds of the Seven Trumpets” — Revelation 8:2–11:19 When God sounds the alarm, He also extends mercy. Hear the call to repentance and resilient faith.*
- *“The Signs Before God's Final Wrath” — Revelation 11–14 In the thick of spiritual conflict, the Lamb still leads. Learn to live faithfully, fearlessly, and focused.*
- *“The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath” — Revelation 15–16 & the Aftermath — Revelation 17–19 God's justice is not the end of the story—Jesus' victory is. Let hope anchor your heart.*

As cool mornings give way to glowing afternoons, may the Lord refresh our spirits and renew our mission. Let's wear pink with compassion, show up with neighborly joy on National Night Out, and fill that monster to overflowing for our little ones and our town's families. Most of all, let's keep our eyes on Jesus—the Lamb who shepherds us through every season.

*Grace and peace,
Your Church Family*

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 5 Pink Sunday
- 7 National Night Out
- 8 Youth Extreme Bingo Night
- 11 First Presbyterian Rehoming Sale 9-5
- 13 Church Offices Closed
- 21 Preschool Fall Carnival
- 22 No Kidz Club or Youth (Fall Break)
- 28 Book Club Meeting
- 29 Kidz Club Halloween Party



FEED THE TREAT MONSTER!
It's hungry. It's waiting. And it LOVES candy. Our Kidz Club events are coming up, and the MONSTER outside the church offices is ready to be stuffed with goodies! Help us fill it to the brim with bags of candy and small toys to make these events extra sweet for our kids. Every treat helps—and the MONSTER isn't picky. Drop off your donations anytime before October 17th and let's keep the sugar flowing! Let's make this the most monstrously fun ever for the children!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REHOMING SALE**
Our friends at First Presbyterian Church invites you to their Rehoming Sale on **October 11th, from 9:00am-5:00pm** in the church Fellowship Hall. It is a cash only sale, and all proceeds will go to Youth Camp at Camp Gilmer.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month
This October, we take time to honor and celebrate our pastor Mike Mayhugh.
Let's make this month a time of encouragement and gratitude. A kind word, a thoughtful note, or a simple "thank you" can go a long way in showing appreciation.
How You Can Participate:

- Share a personal message of thanks or encouragement.
- Lift up our pastor in prayer throughout the month.
- Find small ways to bless and support the ministry.

Let's celebrate our Pastor this October!

PINK OCTOBER

FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIGHT THE FIGHT

In support of the Henderson Fire Department's Paint the Town Pink October initiative, we invite everyone to wear pink to worship services on **Sunday, October 5th**. Let's stand together in raising awareness and showing our community spirit!

Calling All Volunteers
We're excited to be part of **Henderson's National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th**, and the countdown is on! A huge thank you to everyone who's already signed up to serve—you're helping us create a warm, welcoming space for our neighbors.



If you haven't volunteered yet, it's not too late! There are still plenty of ways to jump in and be part of this joyful evening of community connection and outreach.

- Ways You Can Help:**
- ⇒ Greet visitors at our booth and share what makes our church family special.
 - ⇒ Assist with fun activities like crafts, games, or giveaways for kids and families.
 - ⇒ Donate snacks or treats to help us spread a little sweetness.
 - ⇒ Offer prayer or encouragement to those seeking hope or connection.

Whether you love being in the spotlight or prefer working behind the scenes, there's a place for you. Let's come together to live out our mission, build relationships, and reflect Christ's love in a meaningful way.

Sign up in the church office today—let's make this night unforgettable!

Celebrations & Praises

A group of four children (three girls and one boy) standing in a church hallway, each holding a small blue Bible.

Celebrating our 3rd Graders **Addison Eggert, Carter Leuschner, Evelyn Leech, and Jareth Darville** on receiving their Bibles.

A young boy wearing a cowboy hat and a dark shirt, standing next to a brown horse in a field.

Celebrating our New Member **Alistair Isaiah Sauder**.

A basket filled with various grocery items, including bags of snacks, boxes of cereal, and a bag of rice, all tied together with a white ribbon.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful basket our church donated for the Fire Department's Paint the Town Pink October event. Because of your contributions, we were able to offer a meaningful gift that reflects the love and compassion of our church family. Thank you for being part of this mission. Together, we are making a difference—one act of kindness at a time.

*We want to extend our deepest thanks to **Monica Sanders and Carole Fullen** for adding a beautiful touch of pink to our front entrance. The pink proudly represents our participation in the Fire Department for their annual Paint the Town Pink event this October. Thank you for helping us be apart of something so meaningful.*

A row of ten colorful candles in various colors (blue, yellow, red, green, purple, etc.).

Happy Birthday
October Birthdays!!!
2nd Taylor Cooper
3rd Mary Hall
4th Margaret Moseley, Betsy Brooks, Mike Mayhugh, Shirley Mayo
5th Teal Leech
6th Linda Gooding, Cathy Hooper
7th William Doerge
8th Kyle Bryan
9th Monica Sanders
10th Emily Tate
11th Jett Smith, Peggy Scoggins
14th Caroline Taylor
16th Ouida Henson
19th Scott Lee
21st Carie Watts, Jimmy Stroud
25th Bill Cochran
26th Jason Bridges, Michelle Cooper
27th Vincent Howard, Morgan Wardle
31st Buddy Dawson

Memorials

A black and white line drawing of a dove in flight, holding an olive branch in its beak.

Nelwyn Bagley

Johnny & Cyndi Walker	Capital
Carlos & Frankie Hunt	Capital
Cheryl Gallagher	Budget
Troy & Mary Ann Craig	Building
Paul & Cindy Acres	Building
Sharla & Mike Worthington	Budget
Melinda Christian	Building
Mark & Nancy Gibson	Building
Jack & Betsy Brooks	Building
Buzz & Carole Fullen	Building
Mike & Mary Lou Smith	Building
Bill & Carolyn Cochran	Building
Joel & Barbara Hale	Building
Johnny & Linda Foster	Building
Bob & Monica Sanders	Building
Jackie & Judy Toon	Building
Phyllis Alford	Endowment
Norman Construction	Building
Carol Scoggins	Building

Karen Briscoe

Johnny & Linda Foster	Budget
Lemons SS	Capital
Sharla & Mike Worthington	Budget
Johnny & Cyndi Walker	Capital
Buzz & Carole Fullen	Building
Bob & Monica Sanders	Building

Barbara Jolley

Don & Virginia Gage	Youth
Jack & Betsy Brooks	Handbells

Eddie Mayhugh
(Father of Mike Mayhugh)

John & Carolyn Williams	Budget
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Jeff Sewell

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Perricone	Capital
Jack & Betsy Brooks	Building



COMMUNITY BOOK CHAT

In October we are reading a cozy mystery—*The Busybody Book Club* by Freya Sampson. Bring a brown bag lunch and meet in the First Methodist Library at 11:45am on Tuesday, October 28th.



Upcoming Community Book Chats--Save the Dates

- 11/18 Reader's Choice -- Choose a book from FMC Library ([Auto]Biography)
- 12/16 *Miracles and Wonder--The Historical Mystery of Jesus* by Elaine Pagels (Religious History)

Scan the QR Code to Join the Community Book Chat Group Me Discussion. Download the Group Me App, set up your account, and then scan the QR Code to join our online community where we chat about upcoming events and great books.



LIBRARY LOOKOUT:

This month the FMC library invites you to read about Christianity and meditate on your faith as you rise and shine to give God the glory while viewing at least one sunrise.
I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. – C.S. Lewis



Join Us For Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 1st-November 25th
Monday-Thursday
From 8:00am-1:00pm
At Henderson Interchurch Ministry
769 Hwy 64 West
Henderson Tx. 75652
Support Rusk County Families

Your Donations make a difference! Help us provide Thanksgiving Boxes for families in need!

Donations Drop off:
After hours?
Call
903-657-1595



- Food Items needed per box's:
- 1 chicken broth
 - 2 cans corn
 - 2 cans green beans
 - 1 canned yams
 - 1 canned milk
 - 1 instant potato mix
 - 2 margarine sticks
 - 1 pie crust
 - 1 cake mix
 - 1 Jar frosting
 - 1 stuffing mix
 - 1 small bottle of cooking oil
 - 1 can pumpkin pie mix
 - 1 can cranberry sauce can
 - 1 Turkey/chicken Gravy (mix or canned)
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 bag potatoes or sweet potatoes
 - 1 package Dinner rolls
 - 1 Box/package cornbread



Did you know that your gently worn sneakers could help FMC Preschool earn funds for items needed at our school?

Well, they can and here's how...Our school is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell; All we need is your support and your gently worn, used, or new sneakers!

Here's how you can help: Start in your and your family's closets and gather as many pair of sneakers that you no longer want; maybe you've out-grown them, they're out of style, or out of season. If you and your household have 20 pairs, great! If not, don't worry. You can ask your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and anyone in your social networks to help out. Every pair counts!

We appreciate your support in our fundraising effort! This will be an ongoing fundraiser starting September 15 and lasting throughout this school year. Shoes can be dropped off outside the preschool offices.

Questions?? Contact Leesa Green at (903) 657-4881 or lgreen@fmchenderson.org.

Help Us Bring the Chapel Closer to the Heart of Our Church

The chapel room at our church is a hidden gem—a sacred space adorned with the exquisite hand-carved crosses by Fred Meissner, each one a testament to faith, craftsmanship, and devotion. This beautiful room has long served as a quiet haven for prayer and reflection. However, its current location has made it difficult for many members of our congregation to access and enjoy it as often as they'd like.



That's why we're embarking on a heartfelt mission: to move the chapel to the second floor of the Sunday School wing, where it will be more accessible to everyone—young and old, weekday visitors and Sunday worshippers alike.

We Need Your Help!

This move is more than just a logistical task—it's a community effort. We're looking for volunteers who can lend their time, talent, and hands to help make this vision a reality. Specifically, we're seeking:

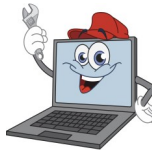
- ⇒ **Carpenters** to assist with structural adjustments and careful relocation of furnishings
- ⇒ **Decorators** to help preserve the chapel's serene beauty in its new home
- ⇒ **General Volunteers** who are willing to lift, carry, organize, and support in any way they can

Whether you're a seasoned craftsman or simply someone with a heart to serve, your contribution will make a lasting impact. Together, we can ensure that this sacred space continues to inspire prayer, peace, and connection for generations to come.

Interested in volunteering? Please reach out to the church office.

Help Us Replenish Our Technology Fund

This year, we've encountered a significant and unexpected challenge: several critical components of our church's technology infrastructure have reached the end of their service life and now require urgent upgrades or replacements. These include our server, workstations, and firewall—systems that are essential to the daily operations of our ministry.



While some of these needs were anticipated, others were not foreseeable and have arisen suddenly, leaving us with no choice but to act. We've delayed these upgrades for as long as we responsibly could, but continuing to postpone them risks serious disruption to our communication, administration, and outreach efforts.

Technology may not be visible during worship, but it's the backbone of how we serve our congregation and community—from managing church records and supporting online services to protecting sensitive data and enabling effective ministry.

The total cost of these necessary upgrades is **\$15,500**, which exceeds our current budget. To meet this need, we are asking for your support in replenishing our Church Technology Fund. Every contribution—large or small—will help us move forward with confidence and continue our mission without interruption.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued commitment to the life and work of our church.

~ Our Presence ~

	Sept. 7th	Sept. 14th	Sept. 21st	Sept. 28th
8:45 Common Ground	83	76	74	78
11:00 Traditional	75	74	66	68
Total:	158	150	140	146

Financial News



August



Offerings (Actual)	\$40,896.68
With (Preschool \$3,000)	\$43,896.68
Expenses (Actual)	\$46,817.59

Ways to Continue to Give...

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



It is that time of year again to order poinsettias that will help decorate our Sanctuary and Great Hall for the holiday season. Poinsettia's are \$25 each, and the deadline to order is Monday, November 17th. All proceeds benefiting the youth fund. Order forms available in the church offices.



We are overjoyed to share that, thanks to your overwhelming love and support, our Backpack Ministry has exceeded its goal! FMC originally committed to sponsoring 25 students with backpack meals for the school year—but because of your generous donations, we now have enough to sponsor 30 children in our community! Whether you gave the full amount or contributed a portion, every gift mattered—and together, you made this possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in action.

Coming Up!

October 22nd
No Kidz Club
Happy Fall Break!

October 29th
Halloween Party Night

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



HALLOWEEN PARTY NIGHT



29 OCTOBER | AT 5:30 PM

FMC KIDZ CLUB!!! DRESS TO SCARE



FIRST METHODIST
YOUTH



Beginning in October, we'll launch a new Wednesday Night teaching series! Over six weeks, we'll walk through the first six chapters of the Book of Daniel. Together, we'll explore Daniel's life and see how he remained faithful and even thrived while living in the midst of Babylon's non-Jewish culture. Students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to dive deep into the texts while at youth group!



Wednesday, October 8th,
5:30pm - 7:30pm is our
Annual Extreme Bingo night!

The youth will NOT want to miss
out on this! It's just like regular
bingo with some... EXTREME
twists! Bring a friend!



See You at the Pole & Saw You at the Pole

Area youth came together in a powerful display of faith and unity during the See You at the Pole and Saw You at the Pole events in September. Our youth participated in both gatherings, joining students around school flagpoles to pray for their schools, communities, and nation. The follow-up Saw You at the Pole celebration offered an uplifting evening of worship, encouragement, and connection, reinforcing the impact of student-led prayer and fellowship.

Coming Up!

October 8th
Extreme BINGO

October 22nd
No Youth Group
Happy Fall Break!!

Asking for Donations

**YOUTH
MEAL
FUND!**



If you would like to donate
to help with meals for our
youth on Wednesday
nights, please let the
church office know.

**New 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
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