

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Luncheon in September was a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and community. We were pleased to welcome Michelle Cooper, the new Director of the Depot Museum, who shared an informative presentation about the museum and its role in preserving our local history.

Several of the women had recently visited the Depot Museum and enjoyed exploring its exhibits and discovering all that it has to offer. We are grateful to Michelle for joining us and helping us learn more about this valuable community resource. It was a delightful luncheon enjoyed by all who attended.



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CHANGE SERVICE
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First Methodist Church



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Over the next several weeks, we are launching a new sermon series called **“Be the Church.”** The heart of this series is simple: **church is not just a place we go; it is who we are as the people of God.** When we become part of the Body of Christ, we are called not only to worship together but also to serve, grow, care, give, welcome, and reach beyond ourselves.

When we join the church, we pledge to be faithful with our **time, talents, gifts, and service.** Those words are more than a membership promise. They describe what discipleship looks like in everyday life. God has given each of us something to use for His Kingdom. Some people sing. Some teach. Some cook. Some visit. Some work with children. Some pray. Some greet. Some decorate. Some run sound equipment. Some repair things. Some organize. Some serve quietly behind the scenes, where few people ever see what they do. Every one of those gifts matters.

Our four-week sermon series will help us reflect on what it truly means to **Be the Church.**

Week One: “Show Up” — Acts 2:42–47

Faithfulness begins with presence. The early church devoted itself to worship, teaching, fellowship, prayer, and caring for one another. We will ask: Am I simply attending church, or am I truly participating in the life of the church?

Week Two: “You Have Something to Offer” — 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

Paul reminds us that the Church is the Body of Christ and that every part of the body matters. You do not need to preach, sing, or teach to have a ministry. God has gifted every believer in some way, and those gifts are meant to be used to serve others.

Week Three: “What Is in Your Hand?” — Exodus 4:1–5

God asked Moses, “What is that in your hand?” Moses had only a staff, but when he surrendered it to God, it became part of something extraordinary. We will consider what God has already placed in our hands—our time, abilities, resources, experience, compassion, and willingness to serve.

Week Four: “Here I Am, Send Me” — Isaiah 6:1–8

The series will conclude with Commitment Sunday. Isaiah heard God ask, “Whom shall I send?” and responded, “Here am I. Send me!” That is the response we hope each of us will prayerfully consider as we seek ways to serve.

During this series, we will set up ministry tables with opportunities to serve in nearly every area of FMC Henderson’s life. These will include **Worship, Fine Arts, Growing Ministries, Caring Ministries, Church Family Ministries, Facility Ministries, and Community Outreach.** There will be opportunities to greet guests, serve communion, sing in the choir, help with children or youth, work with sound and livestream, visit the sick, prepare meals, assist with church events, care for our facilities, serve in local missions, and much more.

The goal is not for everyone to do everything. In fact, that would wear us all out quickly! The goal is for each of us to prayerfully ask, **“Lord, where do You want to use me?”** The Church grows stronger when we stop asking only, **“What does the Church have for me?”** and begin asking, **“Where does God need me?”**

You may discover that the ministry God is calling you to is something you have never tried. You may also find that an ability you have always taken for granted is exactly what the church needs. Or you may simply realize that the greatest gift you can offer is your willingness to show up and say, **“Here I am.”**

I hope you will join us for all four weeks of this important series. Walk through the ministry tables, ask questions, and pray about where God may be leading you. Remember this truth:

There is a place for you in the Church because there is a purpose for you in the Body of Christ.

Let us worship together. Let us grow together. Let us care for one another. Let us serve our community.

Let us **Be the Church.**



Be the Church
Show Up. Use Your Gifts. Offer What You Have. Say Yes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 4 Pink Sunday (Wear Pink to Worship)
- 6 National Night Out
- 7 No Youth / Kidz Club (Fall Break)
- 12 Church Offices Closed—Columbus Day
- 20 Preschool Fall Carnival
- 27 Book Chat 11:30am
- 28 Kidz Club Halloween Party
- 31 Downtown Trick or Treat 4-7pm

Coming Up:

- November 1st—All Saints Sunday,
One Worship at 10am
- November 29th—Hanging of the Greens 5pm
- December 13th—Children’s Play,
One Worship at 10am
- December 20th—Christmas Brunch,
during Sunday School Hour
- December 24th—Christmas Eve Service at 5pm
- December 27th—One Worship Service at 10am



all saints'
SUNDAY

November 1st
One Worship Service at 10:00am

BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Confirmation

6TH & 7TH GRADERS
AND ANYONE OLDER THAT WANTS TO PARTICIPATE
CLASSES ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
PASTOR MIKE WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!



PLEASE, JOIN US
FOR

Hanging of the Greens

NOV | 29 | 5 PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
HENDERSON, TEXAS

It is that time of year again to order poinsettias that will help decorate our Sanctuary and Great Hall for the holiday season. Poinsettias are **\$25 each**, and the **deadline to order is Monday, November 16th**. All proceeds benefiting the youth fund. Order forms are available in the church offices.



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!

Celebrations & Praises



Celebrating the 3rd Graders who were presented Bibles in the Common Ground service on Sunday, September 20th.
Isabella Grace, Nathan Lee Denison, and Jamey Lee Denison



Celebrating the birth of
Collins Nicole Chrest on September 2nd,
daughter of Maxx & Haley Chrest, and
granddaughter of Lee & Peggy Scoggins.



Celebrating the Baptism of
Max Mann,
son of William & Abby Mann,
and grandson of Mark & Debbie Mann and
Allen & Jennifer Galyean.

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.

 <u>Memorials</u>	
Jerry Allen	
Johnny & Linda Foster	Budget
Mike & Mary Lou Smith	Budget
Mark & Margaret Leitner	Memorial
Yolanda Smith	Budget
Dub Dwire	
Mike & Mary Lou Smith	Budget
Joel & Barbara Hale	Budget
Mark & Nancy Gibson	Memorial
Vivian Jimerson	
Richard & Glenda Wallace	Memorial
Buzz & Carole Fullen	Memorial
Bob & Monica Sanders	Memorial
Johnny & Cyndi Walker	Memorial
Tommy & Linda Strong	Children
Thomas & Bonita Walters	Library
Cyndy Willard	Youth
Linda Craig	Memorial
Mart & Cathy Hooper	Caring
Troy & Mary Ann Craig	Budget
Jake & Sherry Jordan	Budget
Dr. John & Kay Nan Duran	Budget
Mark & Margaret Leitner	Memorial
Anne Sipes	Budget
Don & Pam Howard	Budget
DA Office Staff	Budget
Joe Watts	
(Father of Joey Watts & Stephanie Houston)	
Buzz & Carole Fullen	Memorial
Bob & Monica Sanders	Memoria
Johnny & Cyndi Walker	Memorial
Tommy & Linda Strong	Children
Cyndy Willard	Youth
Mart & Cathy Hooper	Children
Joel & Barbara Hale	Budget
Martha Harper	Budget
Dr. John & Kay Nan Duran	Budget
Mark & Margaret Leitner	Memorial

Dear Church,

Thank you so very much for your recent contribution. We are so fortunate that you have joined with us to serve those in need in our community. Your gift came at just the right time!

Sincerely -
HIM Board of Directors & Staff





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,
Aaron Grigsby
- 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



Dear Church Friends,

I would like to thank our church friends for their prayers, cards, flowers & attending the funeral during the worst time of my life. I will always love & miss him! Thanks to Mike for being there always for us.

Jerry B. Allen
Betty L. Allen



Join us! We will meet in the church library at **11:30am on October 27th** for a discussion and brown bag lunch.

Upcoming Community Book Chats:

- 10/27 *Texas Tears and Texas Sunshine* by Ed. Jo Ella Powell Exley (Texas History)
11/17 *The Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher (Generational Saga)
12/15 *Twice & The Christmas Box* by Mitch Album (Magical Realism)



Henderson Interchurch Ministry Holiday Collection

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season, we have an opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors in need through our friends at Henderson Interchurch Ministry (HIM).

HIM is currently collecting food and financial donations to help provide holiday meals for families in our community. We invite you to participate by donating nonperishable food items and other foods commonly used in holiday meals. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference for local families.

A collection cart has been placed by the church's sliding doors for your convenience. Donations may also be delivered directly to Henderson Interchurch Ministry. Monetary gifts are especially appreciated, as they allow HIM to purchase needed items and serve families more effectively.

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help those in need this holiday season. Together, we can make a difference and bring hope, joy, and nourishment to members of our community.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17

We are grateful for your support and for the caring spirit that makes our church such a blessing to Henderson and the surrounding community.



The College Care Ministry is a new ministry to support and encourage our first-year college students as they transition into this new season of life. Through prayer, cards, care packages, and personal encouragement, we want every student to know they remain an important part of our church family and are never walking alone. Let us know in the church office if you want to be a part of this new ministry!

The 2026-2027 school year is underway at FMC Preschool. We are completely filled (and then some) with students and staff! Our students have enjoyed getting to know their teachers, making new friends, and reuniting with old friends. Children have toured the school, learned the rules, and started attending chapel, music, gross motor, library, and Teams of Tomorrow (basketball skills) as part of their reintroduction to school.

In other news, our October carnival is right around the corner (October 20). If you would like to donate cookies or prizes, please let the preschool know.



Calling All Volunteers

We're thrilled to announce that our church will be participating in Henderson's National Night Out again on **Tuesday, October 6th**, and we need your help to make it a joyful and welcoming experience for our neighbors!



National Night Out is a beloved annual event that brings together communities across the country to promote safety, unity, and neighborhood spirit. It's a chance to connect with local families, law enforcement, and fellow organizations in a fun, relaxed setting—and we want our church to be right at the heart of it.

Here's how we need your help:

- ⇒ **Be a friendly face** at our booth, welcoming visitors and sharing what makes our church special.
- ⇒ **Help setup** and/or take down our church booth.
- ⇒ **Offer financially** for items needed for this event.

Let us know how you can help in the church office.

Let's come together to shine a light in our community. We can't wait to see how God uses this night—and you—to make a difference.



Paint the Town Pink Join Us in Supporting Rusk County Cancer Fighters



We're honored to partner with the Fire Department for their annual Paint the Town Pink event again this October, raising funds to support individuals in Rusk County who are bravely battling cancer.

As a church community, we prepared a gift basket to be raffled off during the fundraiser. Thank you to all that contributed to this basket and cause.

The touch of Pink outside was graciously added by some wonderful volunteers. Thank you ladies for your decorating talents!

Wear Pink Sunday

As part of our support for this important cause, we encourage everyone to wear pink to church on **Sunday, October 4th**.

Thank you for being part of this meaningful cause.



~ Our Presence ~

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
9:00 Common Ground	128	78	88	63
11:00 Traditional		62	63	55
Total:	128	140	151	118

Financial News

August

Offerings (Actual) \$41,576.40
With (Preschool \$3,000) \$44,576.40
Expenses (Actual) \$44,918.12

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**.)



Coming Up!

October 7th
Fall Break
No Kidz Club

October 28th
Kidz Club
Halloween Party

October 31st
Downtown
Trick or Treat
4-7pm

Sundays
10:00 am

Wednesdays
5:30-7:00pm

**Ages 4 yrs –
5th Grade**

*Music
Games
Arts & Crafts
Bible Study
Snacks*

**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



We are going to spend some time with our youth talking about what it really means to “confess that Jesus is Lord.” Romans 10:9 says, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” But is that it? Is salvation really that simple? We will explore the tension Scripture presents: we can never do enough good to earn our salvation, yet truly confessing that Jesus is Lord is far more than simply saying the right words. It means a life increasingly shaped by submission to Christ, repentance, grace, mercy, obedience, and care for others—including the widow, the orphan, the poor, and those in need. Please be in prayer for our youth as they wrestle with what it means not only to say that Jesus is Lord, but to live as though He truly is.



**Mark Your Calendars
for Summer Camp 2027!!!**

Ignite Camp will be June 17-21.

More details coming soon!



Coming Up!

**No Youth Group
(Fall Break)**
October 7th

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?

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