

A Note from Our Pastor—Mike Mayhugh

September: Return, Rhythm, and Restoration

Here's a neat September fact: "September" comes from the Latin *septem*, meaning "seven." In the original Roman calendar, the year started in March; it really was the seventh month! Today, it marks the beginning of meteorological fall (Sept. 1) and the autumnal equinox, when daylight and night are nearly equal—a natural reminder of balance, renewal, and fresh starts.

As school routines settle in and summer comes to an end, September is a natural "reset" for our church family as well. Great things are happening around the church this month!

- Kids Club launches September 10—invite a neighbor family and help us kick off a joyful new season.
- Pastor-led Bible Study on Jonah also begins in September. Come discover how God's mercy runs farther than we do.
- We'll continue our sermon series in Revelation, receiving Jesus' pastoral words to His Church—then and now. Revelation 1:3 promises a blessing to those who read, hear, and take these words to heart—let's claim that blessing together.

Sermon Series: "Restoration Revelation"

September 7 – Words of Encouragement from Jesus (Revelation 2)

To a weary Church, Jesus speaks courage, faithfulness, and reward.

September 14 – Words of Correction from Jesus (Revelation 3)

Love tells the truth. Christ confronts compromise so His people can conquer.

September 21 – Jesus Reveals His Father to John (Revelation 4)

A door stands open in heaven; John—and we—are invited into the throne room.

September 28 – All-In Worship: "You Are Worthy!" (Revelation 5)

Heaven erupts as the Lamb takes the scroll. Worthy worship reshapes earthly living.

October 5 – The Lion Restores the Lost Inheritance (Revelation 6)

Seals break, history moves, and the Redeemer reclaims what sin forfeited.

October 12 – He's Coming Back for Us! (Revelation 7)

A sealed people on earth, a countless multitude in heaven—our future is secure.

Three Ways to Lean In This September

1. **Re-engage Worship.** Bring a Bible, invite a friend, and expect to meet the Lord. If you've been away for travel or summer schedules, September is the perfect time to step back into a steady rhythm of worship.
2. **Re-engage Community.** Groups, classes, choirs, Kids Club, and Jonah study are gearing up.
3. **Re-engage Service.** Ask the Lord, "Where's my spot this fall?" and jump into ministries at church and across our city.

A Word for the Season

September often brings full calendars and full hearts—new classes, practices, projects, and plans. In the swirl of it all, hear Jesus' steady voice from Revelation: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last." (1:17) The One who stands at the beginning and the end also stands right in the middle of our Mondays. He is not only Lord of the future; He is Lord of the details.

If you've been considering a next step—membership, baptism, joining a group, serving, or simply coming back to worship—September is your moment. Let's pursue Jesus together and expect Him to restore what feels weary, redirect what's off course, and renew our joy.

Grace and peace in the name of Jesus,

Pastor Mike

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8:45AM
Common Ground
Worship



10:00AM
Sunday School



11:00AM
Traditional
Worship

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Monday—Thursday 8am-4pm

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Organist / Accompanist—Mary Tidwell
Preschool Director—Leesa Green
Custodial Staff—Ira Wright

UPCOMING
EVENTS

September

- 1 Church Offices Closed
- 9 Women’s Ministry Luncheon
- 10 Kidz Club Wednesday Nights Begin
- The Epic of Eden: Jonah Bible Study Begins
- 13 911 Memorial Walk
- 24 See You at the Pole/Saw You at the Pole
- 26 Community Book Chat Lunch
- 28 3rd Grade Bible Presentations

WOMEN’S
MINISTRY

Ladies, please join us for a Women’s Ministry Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30am** in the Great Hall. We are looking forward to a wonderful program by the Spirit Strummers. Please call the church office to reserve your spot, or sign up outside the church offices. Guests are welcome! Cost for the lunch is \$12.



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MEMORIAL WALK



www.911MemorialWalk.com

SATURDAY SEPT.13th, 2025
Check-In 7:15am | Kickoff 8:00am

City Hall Building
Location: 300 W. Main St, Henderson, Tx
Contact: Jeff Craig (281) 799-7005 - info@911memorialwalk.com

Backpack
ministry

We are beginning our seventeenth year of the Backpack Ministry for children attending Wylie Primary School. This is our church-wide mission project, and over the past seventeen years, we have had the opportunity to help less-fortunate children in our community. All of this has been due to your love and generosity of time and donations.

The Backpack Ministry provides meals and snacks for the weekend to children whose primary source of food is the school cafeteria. By providing a backpack with food items to help sustain them until returning to school for a meal, their nutritional and overall well-being needs are met. The backpacks are discreetly distributed to the children each Friday afternoon and the last day before an extended holiday vacation such as, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. The food provides them with nutritious meals throughout the weekend.

The cost of providing backpack meals for a child the entire school year is approximately **\$144** this school year. FMC has committed to sponsor 25 students. Donations can be made for the full amount or for a portion of the cost, and any amount given is greatly appreciated! For more details about this worthwhile ministry contact church office at (903)657-6588.

Calling All Volunteers

We’re thrilled to announce that our church will be participating in Henderson’s National Night Out on **Tuesday, October 7th**, 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 you can get involved:
- ⇒ **Be a friendly face** at our booth, welcoming visitors and sharing what makes our church special.
 - ⇒ **Help with activities** like crafts, games, or giveaways for kids and families.
 - ⇒ **Contribute snacks or treats** to share with attendees.
 - ⇒ **Offer prayer or encouragement** to those who stop by and may be seeking hope or connection.

Whether you’re outgoing or behind-the-scenes, there’s a place for you to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity to live out our mission, build relationships, and show the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Interested in volunteering? Sign-up 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.

Celebrations & Praises



Celebrating New Members
Jeff, Corina, Samuel & Victoria Dietert
(Samuel serving in the Military)

PINK OCTOBER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIGHT THE FIGHT

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 this October, raising funds to support individuals in Rusk County bravely battling cancer.


As a church community, we’re preparing a **gift basket** to be raffled off during the fundraiser—and we’d love your help!

How You Can Contribute:

- ⇒ Donate **gift cards** or **gift certificates**
- ⇒ Make a **financial contribution** toward purchasing basket items

Deadline for Donations: Please drop off your contributions at the **church office by September 23rd.**

Together, we can bring hope and help to someone in our community during a challenging time. Thank you for being part of this meaningful cause.



Happy Birthday

September Birthdays!!!

- 1st Clovis Glenn
- 2nd Brady Watts, Derek Eggert
- 3rd Pam Brown, Tanja Romeo
- 4th Addi Graham
- 5th Fred Meissner
- 6th Roston Reid
- 8th Joanne Bagley
- 10th Jake Jordan, Kathy Martine, Jack Eberhard
- 11th Ryan Leech, Emma Davis
- 12th Amie Robertson
- 13th Braxton Bennett
- 14th Gary Pointer
- 15th Mikala Teer
- 17th Brad Robertson, Kaysie Sabella
- 19th Trey Hacker, Ayden Leech
- 21st Jimmie Taylor
- 22nd Miranda Walker
- 23rd John Duran
- 24th Megan Green, Lisa Bennett
- 26th Kenneth Hahn
- 27th Betty Allen, Lindsay Eberhard
- 29th Demi Walker
- 30th Morgan Doerge



Caring Ministry

We are looking for volunteer(s) to help with the fall shut-in member gifts. If you are interested in helping with these gifts, please let Karrie Clark in the church office know.

Memorials		
Barbara Jolley		
Bill & Carolyn Cochran		Budget
Jack Keith		
Tommy & Linda Strong		Endowment
Eddie Mayhugh		
Tommy & Linda Strong		Endowment
Jeff Sewell		
Bill & Carolyn Cochran		Budget
David & Jeti Fahle		Capital

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.



COMMUNITY BOOK CHAT

We are mixing it up and Community Book Chat is moving to a lunch meeting at locations to be announced each month. In September we are reading *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman—a recently released novel that explores themes of friendship, love, loyalty, grief, and the transformative power of art. We will meet at **Henderson Country Club** for a **BYO lunch at 11:45am on Tuesday, September 26th.**



Upcoming Community Book Chats--Save the Dates

- 10/28 *The Busybody Book Club* by Freya Sampson (Cozy Mystery)
- 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.



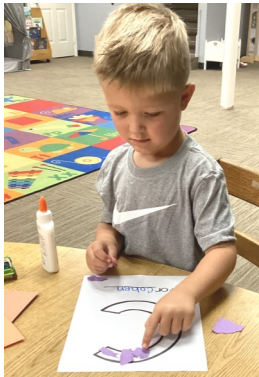
LIBRARY LOOKOUT:

This month the FMC library invites you to read about world religions, have conversations with your neighbors, and look for opportunities to engage in interfaith dialogue.

*Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?
May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion.* – John Wesley

The 2025-2026 school year is off and running at FMC Preschool. We are completely filled (and then some) with students and staff! Our students have enjoyed getting to know their teachers and new friends and reuniting with their 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 introduction back into school.

In other news, our October carnival is right around the corner (October 21.) If you would like to donate cookies or prizes, please let the preschool know.





INTRODUCING THE COMMON GROUND AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

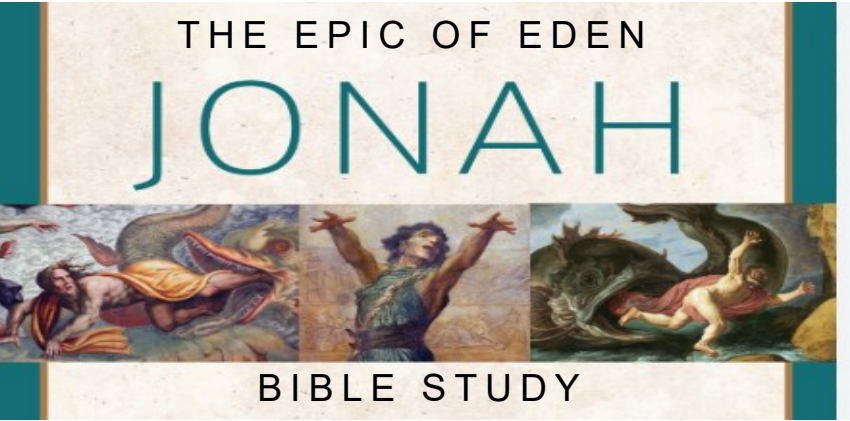
A big **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who will be supporting the Common Ground worship service in the A/V Booth on Sunday mornings.

Give these guys a high five!

**Ken Hahn
Mark Leitner
Colt Leuschner
Blake Meeks
Roston Reid**

LET'S STAY CONNECTED 

We strive to keep our congregation informed and engaged with all that is happening at FMC Henderson. If you are not currently receiving email communications from the church, we kindly ask that you notify the church office at your earliest convenience. We want everyone to feel included and informed. Please contact the office so we can ensure your information is up to date and that you remain connected to the life of our church. Thank you for helping us strengthen our community through communication.



New Pastor- Led Fall Bible Study: *Jonah*
The Epic of Eden: Jonah by Dr. Sandra L. Richter

Join us this fall starting Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00pm on the second floor of the adult wing for an enriching eight-week journey through the Book of Jonah, led by our pastor, using ‘**The Epic of Eden: Jonah**’ by Dr. Sandra L. Richter. This study offers a fresh and profound exploration of one of Scripture’s most well-known yet often misunderstood stories.

What Makes This Study Special

- A Deeper Dive into Jonah’s World
- A God Far Bigger Than We Thought

Through Jonah’s experiences, we’ll see that our God is much bigger than we often imagine. Participants are invited to reflect on the same poignant question:

Are we willing to let God be God, step out of our comfort zones, and answer a calling that might take us to the edges of the world as we know it?

Structure of the Study

- Eight weekly group sessions, each featuring a half-hour video session with Dr. Sandra Richter plus guided discussion.
- A study guide with three individual daily reflections per week and all the Scripture passages used.

Purchase the **Epic of Eden: Jonah** study guide for \$16.95 directly through Seedbed using the QR Code.



Join us this fall as we explore *The Epic of Eden: Jonah*, a story of divine compassion, prophetic challenge, and personal transformation. Led by our pastor and based on Dr. Richter’s scholarship, this 8-week journey encourages us to let God deepen our faith and calling.

Sign up at the church office, by calling, emailing, or putting your name on the sign-up sheet.

~ *Our Presence* ~

	Aug. 3rd	Aug. 10th	Aug. 17th	Aug. 24th
8:45 Common Ground	95	171	88	85
11:00 Traditional	65		65	62
Total:	160	171	153	147

Financial News

July

 Offerings (Actual) \$42,261.36
With (Preschool \$3,000) \$45,261.36
 Expenses (Actual) \$46,530.29

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**.)

Yates Park Back to School Project

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of this year’s Yates Project Backpack Program! Thanks to the generosity of our church family and community, **1,700 children** in our area received the school supplies they need to start the year with confidence and joy.

Whether you donated supplies, gave financially, or volunteered your time—you **made a difference**. Your kindness helped lift a burden for families and reminded our young students that they are seen, supported, and loved.

A special thank-you to **Betty Elder** for her leadership and heart for this ministry.

Let’s keep these children and their families in our prayers as they begin a new school year. May it be filled with growth, learning, and hope!

Coming Up!

September 10th
Kidz Club Wednesday
Nights Begin
5:30-7:00pm

September 28th
3rd Grade Bible
Presentations

**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
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A MESSIEST OF THANK YOU'S FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO BRAVED THE SLIME, THE SWEAT, AND THE MESS OF THIS YEAR'S VBS!! To the brave leaders who corralled the kids: Teal Leech, Lyla Russell, Peyton Lewis, Emili Foster, Kaitlan Brady, Stephanie Houston, Sadie Mann, Jessica Davis, Corley Clark, Chesney Clark, Amy Hacker, Lauren Eggert and Alora Slack you were sweaty and awesome! To the craftiest of volunteers: Heather Lewis, Courtney Nolen, Mia Romeo, Devyn Leech, Paisley Lewis, Anna Kate Bennett, and Addi Graham, you may have been covered in homemade slime but you shined brightly. To the wisest of story tellers: Julie Leuschner, Corey Denison and Joey Watts, you got the message across slime-filled ears. To the sweetest of volunteers: Laurie Perricone, Becky Massengale, Polly Vardeman, Tanya Romeo, and Cyndi Walker, thank you for feeding the kids and keeping the hangry monsters away. To the registration table gurus: Cathy Hooper, Carie Watts, Megan Green and Cindy Acres; thanks for saving us from being a complete mess. To our strongest volunteers: Don Gage, Patrick Lewis, Charles Perricone, David Jimerson, Kolton Meader, and Braxton Bennett; thank you for protecting our hot mess VBS staff and kids. To the showiest volunteers: Caleb Nolen, Ayden Leech, and Dallas Dennard, thank you for bringing the slime to life. To the true players of the VBS: Brodie Sabella, Colt Leuschner, Kate Sabella, and Ryan Sabella, it's truly a miracle y'all survived slime wars, mud pits, and slime...so much slim. To the snack donator: Polly Vardeman, Megan Green, Carie Watts, Heather Lewis, Heidi Bradshaw, Virginia Gage, and Cathy Sanders, thank y'all for keeping us all fed. To the most organized of volunteers: Karrie Clark and Margaret Leitner, thank you for advertising, photographing, ordering, and a gazillion other things I'm forgetting. Thank you all with the biggest, messiest, slimiest (I take it back, no more slime) most imaginary hug! 96 children registered for this year's VBS. They walked into our church and spent time in fellowship, thanks to all of y'all's help! P.S. If I left your name off, please forgive me, I'm not sure I've recovered from this busy summer!!



FIRST METHODIST
YOUTH



Throughout the month of August, the Youth have been going through a teaching series called *Fully Devoted Follower*. This series challenges students to move beyond simply knowing about Jesus to truly following Him with their whole lives. Each week focuses on practical steps of discipleship—like growing in faith, serving others, living boldly for Christ, and staying rooted in God's Word—so they can discover what it really means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus in today's world. It has been fun to interact with the youth on these topics, and see them apply it to their every day lives. Please continue to pray for these students as the world is very much against them, and ask that God allow them to be bold as fully devoted followers of Jesus.

September 24th – See You at the Pole Saw You at the Pole

Coming up soon is *See You at the Pole*, the annual student-led day of prayer where students all over the country gather around their school's flagpole before classes begin to pray for their schools, communities, and nation. That evening, we'll keep the momentum going with our own event called *Saw You at the Pole*! It will be a night of worship, fellowship, and encouragement as we come together to celebrate what God is doing through students in our schools and remind one another of the power of prayer.



Thank you Johnny & Cyndi Walker for hosting again our annual Youth Lake Day!! We are so grateful for your willingness to host, serve, and pour into the next generation. It was a day of fun, fellowship, and yummy food!

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.

Coming Up!

September 24th
See You at the Pole
Saw You at the Pole

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!

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