

Experience SUNDAY with Us!



9:00AM
Common Ground
Worship



10:00AM
Sunday School



11:00AM
Traditional
Worship

First Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall Street
Henderson, Texas 75652

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Monday—Thursday 8am-4pm

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A Note from Our Pastor—Mike Mayhugh

As September begins, we will bring our **“Summer Psalms: Prayers for Real Life”** sermon series to a close. Throughout this series, we have rediscovered that the Psalms speak to nearly every season of life. They give us words for joy and fear, for repentance and hope, for trouble and trust. They remind us that we do not have to approach God pretending that everything is fine. We can come before Him just as we are.

We begin September with **Week 6 — “How Long, O Lord?”** — based on **Psalms 13**. There are seasons when life moves more slowly than we would like. We pray, but the answer does not seem to come. We wait for healing, direction, reconciliation, or relief, and sometimes we wonder how much longer we can keep waiting. David knew that feeling. He cried out, “How long, O Lord?” Psalm 13 reminds us that honest questions are not the opposite of faith. Sometimes they are an expression of faith. We can bring our sorrow, confusion, frustration, and waiting directly to God because we trust Him enough to tell Him the truth.

Then in **Week 7 — “The God Who Knows Me”** — we will turn to **Psalms 139** and to one of the most comforting truths in all of Scripture: **we are fully known and fully loved by God**. God knows when we sit down and when we rise. He knows our thoughts, our struggles, our fears, our failures, and even the things we have difficulty admitting to ourselves. Yet the wonderful news of the Gospel is that the God who knows everything about us still loves us. We do not have to hide from Him, impress Him, or pretend before Him. We can rest in the grace of the One who created us, knows us completely, and refuses to let us go.

Finally, we will conclude the series with **Week 8 — “Let Everything Praise the Lord,”** from **Psalms 150**. It is fitting that the book of Psalms ends in praise. The Psalms have taken us through tears, fear, confession, uncertainty, waiting, and struggle—and yet the final word is **praise**. Psalm 150 declares, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Praise is more than singing a hymn or worship song on Sunday morning. Praise is the posture of a redeemed life. We praise God with our words, generosity, service, relationships, choices, and the way we live every day.

September will also include **two special Sundays** in the life of our church. On **Sunday, September 6**, we will hold a **single combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our church family to worship together as one congregation. Please note the change to our normal Sunday schedule and join us as we gather in worship.

On **Sunday, September 20**, we will celebrate our **3rd-Grade Bible Presentation during the Common Ground service**. One of our important responsibilities as a church is to place the Word of God in the hands and hearts of the next generation. Presenting Bibles to our third graders is much more than giving them a book. It is our way of saying to these children, “This story is your story too. Read it, learn it, treasure it, and allow God to speak to you through His Word.” I hope our church family will be present to encourage these children and their families on this special day.

That may be one of the greatest lessons of the Psalms: **faith does not mean every day is easy. Faith means that through every kind of day, God is still with us**. There will be days when our prayer is, “Help me, Lord.” There will be days when it is, “How long, O Lord?” There will be days when all we can say is, “Search me and know me.” And, thankfully, there will also be days when our hearts cannot help but declare, “Praise the Lord!”

I hope you will join us throughout September as we conclude this journey through the Psalms and celebrate these special moments in our church's life. My prayer is that these ancient prayers will continue to become **our own for real life**—words we carry with us long after this sermon series has ended.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Mike

Sharing the Joy of Jesus Christ with Others

September Newsletter 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 6 One Worship Service 10:00am Sanctuary
Baptism—Maxwell Geoffrey Mann
- 7 Church Offices Closed—Labor Day
- 8 Women’s Luncheon 11:30am Parlor
- 9 Kid’s Club Wednesday Nights Kick Off
- 20 3rd Grade Bible Presentations in
Common Ground
- 22 Book Chat 11:30am
- 23 See/Saw You at the Pole

Coming Up:

- October 4th—Pink Sunday
- October 6th—National Night Out
- 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!!

FMC Henderson

ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY

★★★★★
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary



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!

3rd Grade

Bible Presentations

Sunday, September 20th

Common Ground
Worship Service

Excited to present Bibles to
Isabella Grace, Nathan Lee
Denison and Jamey Lee Denison.



Something is brewing this October...
and we're excited about it!!

Details are coming soon, as we are working
them all out. However, we think you are going
to enjoy this time learning about what does it
really mean to Be The Church?

It will be a time of learning more about the
church and how together we are the church.
Serving, learning, and caring for one another.

Come experience Be The Church in October
and discover more of what it's all about.

LOST & FOUND



Missing Something???

Come Check Our Lost and Found Box
Outside the Church Offices

All Items Not Claimed by September 30th,
will be donated.

Memorials

Vivian Jimerson
(Mother of Mike Jimerson
& Michelle Cooper)

Joel & Barbara Hale	Budget
Zulyenne Leverett	Budget
Johnny & Linda Foster	Budget
Mike & Mary Lou Smith	Budget
Denny & Stephanie Eby	Budget
Hollis & Margie Yates	Budget
Don & Virginia Gage	Youth

Joe Watts
(Father of Joey Watts
& Stephanie Houston)

Zulyenne Leverett	Budget
Johnny & Linda Foster	Budget
Mike & Mary Lou Smith	Children
Denny & Stephanie Eby	Budget
Hollis & Margie Yates	Budget
Don & Virginia Gage	Youth

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.



Caring Ministry

Enjoy the Christmas season?
Want to help make it a little
brighter for someone else?

We're looking for one or more
volunteers to help organize
Christmas gifts for our shut-in
members who are unable to attend
church. We have approximately 10-12 special members on our
shut-in list, and we'd love to remind them that their church family
is thinking of them during the holiday season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share a little holiday cheer,
spread Christ's love, and let these valued members know they are
not forgotten.

If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, please
contact Karrie Clark in the church office. We would love to have
your help!



- September Birthdays!!!**
- 1st Clovis Glenn
 - 2nd Brady Watts,
Derek Eggert
 - 3rd Pam Brown,
Tanja Romeo
 - 4th Addi Graham
 - 5th Fred Meissner
 - 6th Roston Reid
 - 10th Jake Jordn,
Kathy Martine
 - 11th Ryan Leech,
Emma Davis
 - 13th Braxton Bennett
 - 14th Gary Pointer
 - 15th Mikala Teer
 - 17th Kaysie Sabella
 - 19th Trey Hacker,
Ayden leech
 - 21st Jimmie Taylor
 - 22nd Miranda Walker
 - 23rd John Duran
 - 24th Megan Green,
Lisa Bennett
 - 26th Kenneth Hahn,
Charles Davis
 - 27th Martha Harper,
Betty Allen
 - 29th Demi Walker,
Helen Capps,
Nathan Denison
 - 30th Morgan Doerge



Join us! We will meet in the church library at **11:30am on September 22nd** for a discussion and brown bag lunch.

Upcoming Community Book Chats:

- 09/22 *Circle of Days* by Ken Follett (Historical Fiction)
- 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)



The College Care Ministry 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!

Meet our Preschool staff for the upcoming school year!



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.

~ Our Presence ~

	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23
9:00 Common Ground	78	Back to School 122	78	75
11:00 Traditional	65		61	45
Total:	143	122	139	120

Financial News

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July

\$

Offerings (Actual)	\$44,161.75
With (Preschool \$3,000)	\$47,161.75
Expenses (Actual)	\$50,757.53

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**.)

Pink October

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'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

Please drop off your contributions at the church office by **September 23rd**.

Wear Pink Sunday

As part of our support for this important cause, we encourage everyone to wear pink to church on **Sunday, October 4th**. Wearing pink is a simple yet meaningful way to show our love, support, and encouragement for those in our community who are fighting cancer and for their families.

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 HALLOWEEN

Halloween is coming, and we're ready for some fun, But we need a little help from everyone!

If you'd like to share some treats with our crew, Please bring a bag (or two!)—we'd be grateful to you!

Please feed the Monster!!

Coming Up!

September 9th
Wednesday Nights
Begin

September 20th
3rd Grade Bible
Presentations
Common Ground

Sundays
10:00 am

Wednesdays
5:30-7:00pm

Ages 4 yrs –
5th Grade

Music
Games
Arts & Crafts
Bible Study
Snacks

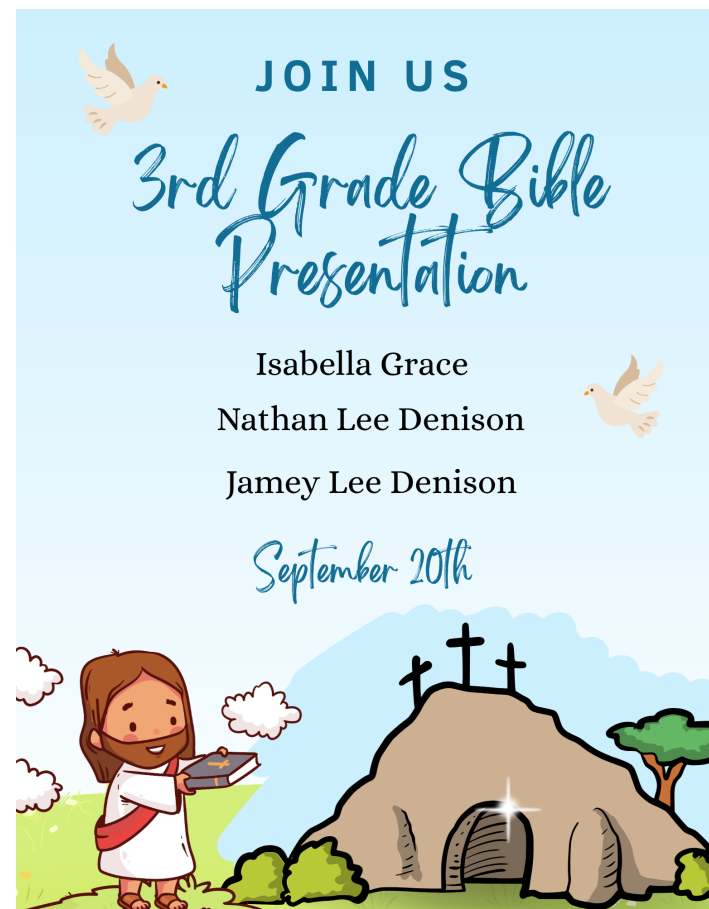
Join our Kidz Club
Remind Group!

[KIDZ CLUB](#)
Text @fmckid
to 81010 to join!

Questions?

Contact our Children's
Director Kaysie Sabella
903-657-6588
ksabella@fmchenderson.org

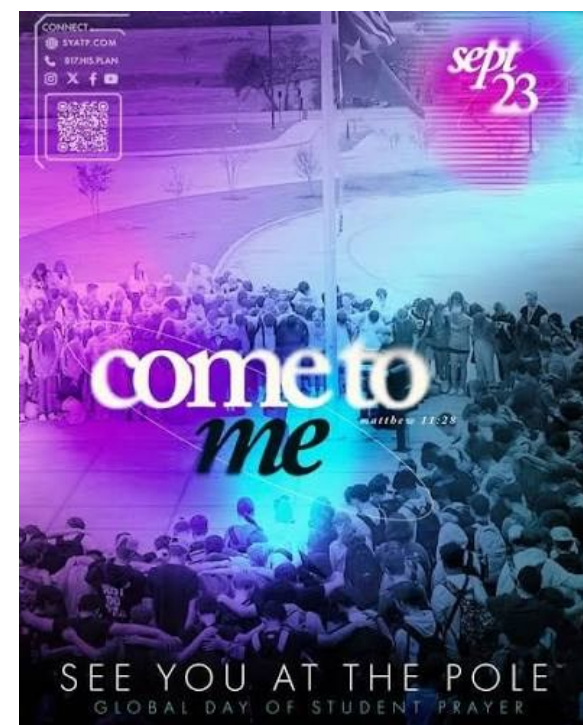
KIDZ
CLUB



FIRST
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YOUTH



Our Youth Group began in August as school started back up. Being **Rooted in Christ** has been the theme of our conversations in the Youth Center. Specifically referring to Matthew 13, where Jesus tells a parable about a farmer scattering seeds in several different places. It was the seeds who were rooted that were able to grow. The youth are being challenged to think about if they have deep roots in Gods Word, and if they are surrounded by "weeds" that may prevent their roots from growing. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they navigate school in a complicated world!



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

The Youth are encouraged to participate in joining other young Christians in surround the school flag poles before school on **September 23** to spend time in prayer and worship, as students across the nation are doing the same.

That Wednesday Evening, the other youth groups in town are all gather at Bethel Bible to participate in corporate worship and continue on the day with prayer and worship together!

Coming Up!

Saw You At The Pole
September 23rd

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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