

A Niche For Every Itch
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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Mission Statement-Make disciples
of Jesus Christ, Who Worship
passionately, Love extravagantly,
and Witness boldly.

Church Staff

- Ministers at Large: Congregation
- Pastor: John G. Fisher
- Finance Secretary: Debbie Roberts
- Children's Director: Kelly Baloun
- Tiny Tots Director: Diedra Harris
- Nursery: Viola Khan
- Music Director: Mark Looney
- Organist: Joan Forbes
- Event set up/breakdown: Eric Baloun

The Global Methodist Church's mission is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly,"

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July 12, 2026
Worship Services 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 am

First Methodist Church
201 S. Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703
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Prelude: Joan Forbes, Organ
Heavenly Father, guard my heart from empty words and hollow songs. I desire to offer You praise that is authentic, flowing from a genuine heart of gratitude and awe. Where my praise has become routine, revive it. Let my praise be rooted in the truth of Your Word and the reality of Your works in my life.

Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!

Words of Welcome Pastor John Fisher
Call to Worship
Leader: Wind blows away seed sown on a path. Seed has no chance to penetrate rock ground with roots.
People: Weeds overtake seed sown among thorns.
Leader: However, humus offers seed the necessary components for germination, sustenance, and the bearing of fruit.
People: Let us be like fertile compost so we might be prepared to hear, receive, and bring to fruition God’s will for us on earth.

Opening Hymn	Only Trust Him	No. 506
Affirmation	Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20	
Response:	“Glory Be to The Father”	No. 33
Special Music	“Medley of Grace”	Choral
Reception of New Members		
Children’s Moment		Kelly Baloun
Congregational Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer		Pastor John Fisher
Offering		
Doxology:	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	No. 682
Hymn:	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	No. 502
Scripture Lesson:	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	

Sermon A Niche For Every Itch

Closing Hymn Hymn of Promise
Benediction Pastor John Fisher

Pray for our youth that they know Christ.
Stay and Pray for our Church, children, youth and those who are ill, each Sunday after the 8:30 and 11:00 services, bring your concerns and lets pray about them. Meet you in front of the altar.

Prayer Concerns may be placed on the back of the Registration Cards. There is the Prayer List for the Prayer Group, For Pastor Only and For Bulletin Prayer List.

Prayer Concerns will also be given to the Prayer Ministry Team which meets each Thursday morning in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. to pray. The Thursday Morning Prayer group is open to anyone who would like to come for prayer time.

Bulletin Prayer Requests:

Jeni Adair, Marisa Alnakib, Gaby Alonso, Rishi Bhasin, Ben Bishop, Pam Bragg, Sharon Brill, Dru Brown, Ruth Clasen, Yvonne Coleman, Sonny Colvin, Mary Cox, Bryan Curtis, Shaquille Dexter, Nathan Douglas, Tom Duffy, Denise Ferelli, Tyrone Flowers, Phyllis Folk, Judy Foreman, Jean Gibson, Gudrun Fortner, Amy Frazier, Cecil Frett, Patty Griffin, Eleanor Grobaski, Anna Henry and Ryan Henry, Jonathan Hoots, Wayne Hoover, Maria Hose, Bill Howard, Alan Hussain, Justin Idle, Judy Kaufman, Barbara Kay, Elizabeth Knowles, Terry Kresge, Patricia Letcher, Cheryl Looney, Mason Majerus, Melody Massano, Judy Mears, Dolores McCall, James Morse, Seldon Neri, Robert Odom, Justyn Persaud, Bonnie Pope, Dick Potter, Roxanne Powers, Edith Prewitt, Pat Raub, Joan Rice, Florence Richer, Roberta Rose, Ajari Saint Cyr, Bob & Michelle Sapone, Jen Saulf, Caroline Smith, Melanie Smith, Rebecca Smith, Ed Taubensee, Allison Thomas, Betty Wagner, Doug Wahl, Hal Walker, Mike West, Brenda Williams, Kenlyn Williams, Brently Woods

Please contact the church office if a name needs to be added or removed from the Bulletin Prayer List. Thank-You!

Announcements:

We are excited to announce that we will be taking in new members on Sunday, July 12th at all three services. If you are interested, please email Pastor John at pastor@fmcapopka.com, or by phone at (407) 886-3421.

This fall, we are planning to introduce a new prayer ministry for our community. While this may seem a little intimidating at first, I foresee it as being a transforming time for any and all who choose to participate. If you are interested in assisting in this new prayer ministry, please contact Pastor John.

I need some help. If you are fluent in Spanish, and are interested in helping to launch a new ministry, please contact Pastor John

Immediate help is needed running sound and/or media for 8:30 and 11am services.

No experience is necessary. Please contact:

Len Sapone- 407-222-8625 | Alan Wyland - 321-229-003

Rita Wyland- 407-473-7711 | Allen Thompson- 321-440-0627

Attention all Subsplash Givers

As of July 1, the fees on all credit card donations made to the church through Subsplash will be increasing significantly, thereby reducing the funds we actually receive. With this in mind, we highly encourage you to arrange through your bank to contribute to the church through ACH. This allows us to receive the full amount of your contribution with no additional cost to you.

Thoughts -

Taste your words BEFORE, you spit them out!

Week of July 12 - July 18 Activities

Sunday 7/12:

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Open Door & Asbury Sunday School, Room 118
- 9:30 a.m. Exchange Service, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Monday 7/13:

- 8:00 a.m. Cake Baking
- 9:30 a.m. Bazaar Workshop
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Room 115
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Tuesday 7/14:

- 8:00 a.m. Cake Baking
- 10:00 a.m. AWC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 7/15:

- 8:00 a.m. Cake Baking
- 5:30 p.m. Feed My Sheep Service, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Beth Moore Women's Bible Study

Thursday 7/16:

- 8:00 a.m. Cake Baking
- 12:00 p.m. Rotary Meeting/Lunch
- 10:00 a.m. AWC Audit

Friday 7/17:

- 8:00 a.m. Cake Baking
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting. Room 115

Saturday 7/18:

- 8:00 a.m. Methodis Men Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service, Room 118



We are so GLAD that you are here today.

Helpful information for guests

- Please complete the registration card and place it in the offering plate.
- Sound system enhancement aids are available near the entrance of the Sanctuary. Ask one of the ushers for assistance.
- A nursery for children ages 4 and younger is provided during the worship services and during Sunday School.
- Please pick up a guest welcome information packet in the Lobby/Narthex area.



7/12 - Laurie Munoz
7/12 - Shawn Wheeler
7/13 - Jean Pirkle

7/13 - Ruth Clason
7/15 - Jacob Scully
7/15 - Laura Shriver
7/16 - Mary Jo Davis
7/17 - Lynette Dukes
7/17 - Tracy Sanders
7/18 - Jane Jones
7/18 - Michelle Perry
7/18 - Camoron Phipps



7/14 - Doug and Kristen Plander
7/17 - Phil and Lori Wimer

Flowers in Honor or Memory of a Loved One

We have openings in the coming months for flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one. This is a great way to recognize birthdays, or anniversaries as well. For just \$50.00, you can brighten your loved one's day. Please take the opportunity to look over the Registry Book in the Narthex and sign up for a Sunday.



In Loving Memory of
Lothar Thomas, "Happy
Birthday Pops," Love,
Your Family

Mission of the Month:

Thanks to everyone who turned in their God Wink boxes! To date, we have collected \$350.00 which will be used for local missions throughout our community.

Continuing Mission:

Needs for the Dream Lake Dragon's Den:
The Dragon's Den will be focusing on hygiene this summer and the following items are needed: Toothpaste and toothbrush, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Dish Detergent

Other items like laundry detergent, body wash, and shampoo are always appreciated! There is a Dragon's Den bin in the narthex for these items!

We continue to need 300, large piece, puzzles for the rehab centers in our area! Puzzles can be new or slightly used with ALL the pieces!



Youth Group Meet-Up
Who: Middle & High School Students
When: **TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER**



Join Us for PICKLEBALL
Date: **TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER**



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF AOPKA
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
DRIVE THRU

Prayer!

**JOIN US ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, ANYTIME BETWEEN
6:30 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M. FOR A SPECIAL BACK-TO-
SCHOOL PRAYER. STOP BY ON YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL
AND BEGIN THE YEAR WITH GOD'S BLESSING.**

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PRAYER STUDY

United in faith, stronger in spirit



AUGUST 13 – OCTOBER 1

Join us Thursdays in Room 115 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Pick the time that works best for your schedule

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

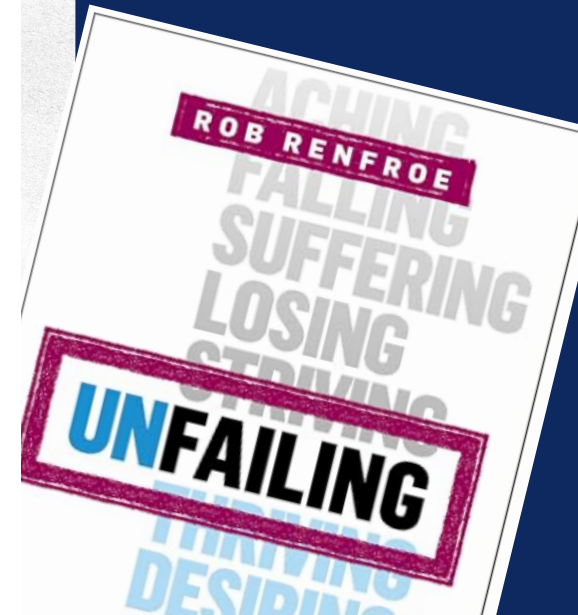
WEDNESDAYS
AT 6:30 P.M.
LEAD BY ANDY HAAS

AUGUST 5TH -
SEPTEMBER 23RD

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RESERVE YOUR
BOOK BY JULY 31ST

TEXT OR EMAIL PASTOR JOHN
TEXT: 321-543-8377
EMAIL:
PASTOR@FMCAPOPKA.COM



First Methodist Church of Apopka

ALPHA

YOUTH

August 30th - November 1st

5pm

Fellowship Hall



FIRST METHODIST APOPKA

BACK PACK BLESSING

and **TEACHER
DEDICATION**

Celebrate the new
school year with us!



Teachers & Students are
encouraged to bring their
backpacks/bags for a
special blessing and
deciation during one
of our worship services.



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 9
8:30 A.M.
9:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.**





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Support the
Event

July 1 - July 29th
**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
DRIVE**

Benefiting local
schools & teachers

- #2 Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Copy paper
- Binders
- Spiral notebooks
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Headphones
- Notebook paper
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Crayons
- Expo markers
- White glue
- Clorox wipes
- Sticky notes

HELP US PACK BOOKBAGS WITH SUPPLIES

Drop off locations at First Methodist Church of Apopka,
Creative Hub of Apopka, Canon Coffee, Eggs Up Grill, Halls on 5th,
Seacoast Bank, Pityfitness or shop our Amazon Wish List

YOU'RE INVITED
**MAKE IT,
PACK IT,
TAKE IT!**
3rd Annual Free
Book Bag & Art Event

**AUGUST 1, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
201 S PARK AVENUE**

- Create personalized book bags, bookmarks, and notebooks.
- Dedicated Teachers Lounge
- Hot dog, chips, and drinks included.



Scan to
Volunteer for
the Event

