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The Vision

Our vision is our intended destination or goal. The vision of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Mission

Our mission is the roadmap for achieving our vision. The mission of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to connect, coach, and commission people to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Messenger

June 4, 2026

The weather is warmer, the days are longer, and the grass needs to be mowed more often. That can only mean one thing... it's summer so it's VBS time! If you have been to church in the last several weeks, you have heard us talk about Vacation Bible School. It's this fantastic week in the summer that brings people of all ages together at our church. Preschoolers through elementary kids learn Bible stories, sing praise songs, play games, do crafts, and have so much fun together. Teenagers and adults get to have the fun right along with them!

Our theme this year for VBS is Mission Shine: Project Light 589. Our main verse for the week is right there in the title, Ephesians 5:8-9. "For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true."

It takes everyone in our church coming together to make something like Vacation Bible School happen. If you have not filled out a volunteer form yet, it's not too late! We could still use some help, even if you can only come for a couple of nights. See me if you have questions on what it looks like to volunteer for VBS. I would love to have that conversation with you! We would also ask that you pray for our VBS week. We know God is going to do big things. This might be the week a family decides to check us out or a kid hears something that lights a fire inside of them. Pray for our church, our volunteers, and the community that we get to interact with through the ministry of VBS. I am so thankful that our church is committed to growing disciples of all ages, and I'm grateful that we get to do something like Vacation Bible School!

Lori

Upcoming Sermons

June 7, 2026

To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 8:26-40

June 14, 2026

People of Light

Ephesians 5:1-14



Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Sharon Haulk, Lynn Jordan Beck, Joyce St. John, Pete Seyfarth, Jay Reagan, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Serrato, Ensleye Draime, David Berry, Mildred Dilley, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, Jim Collins, Glenda Hull, Natalie Schmidt, Dawn Rhoades, John Fales, Becky Collins, Lauren Sullivan, Corbin Altese, Penny Tripp, Jim Westmoreland, Billy Stafford, Gary Cook, Carol Cook, Dan Tisdale, and Farra Wicks.



Donations were given in memory of Fay Castiglia by Richard & Marilyn VanCourt, Jim & Mary Westmoreland, and Maureen Sheets.

A donation was given in memory of Susan Foy by Fred & Kaye Rendfrey.

A donation was given in memory of Nancy Ruff by Jim & Mary Westmoreland.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Shorty & Sharon Haulk and family at the death of their daughter, Linda Robinson.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Richard & Grace Gingles and family at the death of their sister in law, Shirley Wallace.

Calendar

Sunday, June 7th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses
11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online
5:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Dinner in the CLC

Monday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
5:00 p.m. Decorate for VBS

Tuesday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side room
1:00 p.m. Decorate for VBS

Wednesday, June 10th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
5:00 p.m. Decorate for VBS
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

Thursday, June 11th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
1:00 p.m. Decorate for VBS
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's parlor

Friday, June 12th

9:00 a.m. Decorate for VBS

Saturday, June 13th

9:00 a.m. Decorate for VBS

Sunday, June 14th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses
11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 15th

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 16th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 17th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 18th

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's parlor
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School



Youth Group

7th-12th Graders

June 7 - No Youth - **VBS Volunteer Dinner**

June 14 - No Youth - **VBS Night 1**

June 21 - No Youth - Happy Father's Day!

June 28 - Youth Group

July 6-10 - Summer Trip to M28

July 12 - Youth Group

July 19 - Youth Group

July 26 - Youth Group

August 2 - Youth Sunday & Youth Kickoff

Youth Group is from 5 - 7 PM in Heritage Hall. Enter in the door with the mosaic cross painted on it! Pick up is in the Christian Life Center.



Vacation Bible School: **JUNE 14-18, 2026**

Free Event at First Methodist Church,
208 Pine Street, Long Beach
Nightly from 5:30 - 8 PM, dinner included
Register now for Kids in PreK- 5th Grade
and for Volunteers!

Summer is fast approaching which means it's time to volunteer for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be the week of June 14th-18th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Our volunteer dinner will be Sunday, June 7th. We are so excited about this year's theme. Get ready for Mission Shine: Project Light 589! Our kids will be learning all about how Jesus is the Light of the World and how we can shine His light for others to see! It's going to be such a fantastic week! Registration forms are in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



4th-6th Graders

In-Betweens: Enjoy your summer break! We look forward to seeing you and our upcoming fourth graders on August 2nd !!!

VBS: June 14-18!

Students in 4th & 5th grades can register to participate. Current students in 6th grade can register to volunteer!

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Decorate for Vacation Bible School!

Help us turn our church into an out of this world experience! You don't have to be crafty, just willing to help!

- Monday, June 8 from 5-7 PM
- Tuesday, June 9 from 1-5 PM
- Wednesday, June 10 from 5-7 PM
- Thursday, June 11 from 1-5 PM
- Friday, June 12 from 9 AM - 12 PM
- Saturday, June 13 from 9 AM until we're done!

Meet us in the Christian Life Center to decorate. We'll have materials and instructions ready for you!

Attention Youth Group Students Attending M28 this summer, July 6-10, 2026:

Please make your M28 payment if you've not already done so! If the payment is a hinderance to you, reach out to Emily! Some scholarships are available.

Cost: \$225 total

- **First payment: \$125 by May 1**
- **Second payment: \$100 by June 1**

Students will need additional spending money for 4 fast food meals during travel and the camp store.



O.A.K.S.
Older Adult Kindred Spirit

First Methodist Church
Long Beach, MS

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 24th @ 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. All are invited. Come and share fellowship and your favorite dish.



Congratulations to Allen & Bobbye Lynn Lantz on their 71st wedding anniversary on June 3rd.



Acolyte Schedule

June 7th Jacen

June 14th Jack

June 21st Malaina

June 28th Collins

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Watermelon Salad with Feta & Mint

Dressing

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

½ garlic clove, minced

¼ teaspoon sea salt

For the salad

5 cups cubed watermelon

Heaping 1 cup diced English cucumber

¼ cup thinly sliced red onion

⅓ cup crumbled feta cheese

1 avocado, cubed

⅓ cup torn fresh mint or basil leaves

½ jalapeño or serrano pepper, thinly sliced, optional

Sea salt

Instructions

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, garlic and salt. Arrange the watermelon, cucumber, and red onions on a large plate or platter. Drizzle with half the dressing. Top with the feta, avocado, mint, and serrano pepper, if using, and drizzle with remaining dressing. Season to taste and serve.