FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF AZLE

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2026

Praying for Our Church & Our New Pastor

You are invited to spend the month of November in prayer for our church as we prepare to begin a new season of ministry together with our new pastor Forrest Deviney.

Day 1 *"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding." (Proverbs 9:10)* I pray that I have a fear of the Lord and that I will be wise and have understanding as I work for the good of the church.

Day 2 *"If you need wisdom, if you want to know what God wants you to do, ask, and God will gladly tell you…" (James 1:5)* I pray that I will have a close relationship with God and will ask God what I should do to support the pastor.

Day 3 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all that you do and God will direct your path." (Proverbs 3:5-6)* I pray that I will trust in God with my whole heart, and that I will seek God in everything and be led as God directs my path.

Day 4 *"The sacrifice You want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, You will not despise." (Psalm 51:19)* I pray that I will have a broken spirit; that I will have a broken and repentant heart which will bring God's favor on not only me but our church.

Day 5 *"I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You." (Psalm 119:11)* I pray that our church will be a people who hides God's Word in our heart so that we will not sin against God.

Day 6 *"Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)* I pray that our church will be a people of prayer who is persistent before God until we have answers, guidance, and results from God.

Day 7 *"...We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct and devotion to God." (Titus 2:12b)* I pray that God will be with our church and help us to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present age.

Day 8 *"Always be full of joy in the Lord, I say it again, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)* I ask that our church be full of the joy of the Lord, always thankful and rejoicing in God.



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Know Jesus, Grow in His love, Serve one another, and Share the gospel.

Day 9 *"Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do."* (Ephesians 5:17) I ask that I redeem my time and have good priorities in understanding and carrying out what God wants our church to do.
Day 10 *"Good people are guided by their honesty." (Proverbs 11:3a)* I pray that our church will desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty from all.
Day 11 *"Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the Lord means safety." (Proverbs 29:25)* I pray that God will enable our church family to resist manipulation, pressure, and fear.
Day 12 *"And since I, the Lord, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done unto you." (John 13:14-15)* I ask that I have the heart of a servant, willing to serve others and set an example for others to follow. I pray for humility.
Day 13 *"For I have passed on to them the words that You gave to me; and they accepted them and know that I came from You, and they believe You sent me." (John 17:8)* I ask that our pastor receive from God the words that he delivers unto us, and that I will receive and accept them and know that our pastor has been sent from God and believe the message is from God.
Day 14 *"My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father; that just as You are in me and I in You, so they will be in Us, and the world will believe that You sent me." (John 17:21)* I pray that our church will become one in spirit with our pastor just as Jesus and God the Father are one. I pray that our unity will cause the world to know that God sent Jesus to save them.
Day 15 *"We ask God to give you complete understanding of what God wants you to do in your lives, and we ask God to make you wise with spiritual understanding." (Colossians 1:9)* I pray that we will understand God's will for our church, and that we will be wise.
Day 16 *"Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while you will come to know God better."(Colossians 1:10)* I ask that I will always honor and please the Lord and that our church will continuously do good, kind things for others.
Day 17 *"We also pray that you will be strengthened with God's glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy." (Colossians 1:11)* I pray that our church will be strengthened with God's glorious power so that we will have patience and endurance and will be filled with joy.
Day 18 *"So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ." (Colossians 1:28a)* I pray that I will be passionate about sharing Christ with everyone in every place.
Day 19 *"My message and my preaching were very plain. I did not use wise and persuasive speeches, but the Holy Spirit was powerful among you." (1 Corinthians 2:4)* I pray that our pastor will preach God's message simply, and that his messages will demonstrate the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
Day 20 *"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you as His children is holy." (1 Peter 1:15)* I pray that I will be holy in all my ways, attitudes, and actions.
Day 21 *"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)* I pray that I will humble myself before God and that I will resist Satan.
Day 22 *"When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on God, God will lift you up." (James 4:10)* I pray that I will have a humble heart and will bow before the Lord, depending on God so that He will lift me up.
Day 23 *"It is not I but the Father within who does the work." (John 14:10)* I pray that I will know that God always supplies everything necessary to do His work.
Day 24 *"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)* I pray that our church will know the reality of this promise and have a sense of God's plan that will lead to a bright future and a strong hope.
Day 25 *"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you have been taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done for you." (Colossians 2:6-7)* I pray that I will be obedient to the Lord and be putting down roots in the Lord so that I will be strong in faith and vigorous in the truth I have been taught. I ask that the church be filled with thanksgiving for all that God has done.
Day 26 *"So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." (1 Corinthians 15:58)* I ask that our church be strong, steady, and enthusiastic in the Lord's work, and I pray that we will know that what is done in the Lord's strength will never be useless.
Day 27 *"Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker. One who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the Word of Truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)* I pray that I will be a hard worker who will be God's servant, and that I will rightly impart the Word of Truth.
Day 28 *"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with My victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)* I pray that our church will stand strong and courageous in the Lord. May the pastor and members be assured of God's strength and help in our many tasks. May we know God's victorious right hand will uphold us.
Day 29 *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and carry heaven burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)* I pray that I will find rest in the Lord.
Day 30 *"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." (Proverbs 17:17)* I ask that God will make me a loyal friend to our pastor and that I will be willing always to help in times of need.

Music & Worship

Dear Church Family,

What a joyful season we find ourselves in! It is with immense gratitude and excitement that I share the remarkable progress and growth happening within our music ministry.

First and foremost, a big THANK YOU to all our musicians, choir, and tech team! Their dedication and harmonious worship leadership have been truly inspirational, resonating deeply within our hearts each Sunday. Their commitment to bringing God's word to life through song is a blessing we can all cherish.

A BIG UPGRADE on our Sanctuary HEARING AID technology:

You may remember the Loop system that has been in place in our Sanctuary for many years. This required a Receiver pack and ear buds to function…This has been UPGRADED with AURACAST. This system was recommended by one of our very own congregation members, who has also “pilot tested” and confirmed functionality during worship in service.

Auracast will connect directly to your PHONE via BLUETOOTH.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Your hearing aids must be bluetooth connected to your phone.
2. Your supported Hearing Aids APP must be AURACAST or have an option to use Auracast (look in your app menu options and search for “Auracast” or “Auracast ready”.
3. In the case that you DO NOT have this app or option, but do have Hearing Aids connected to your phone via bluetooth, we will have an option for an adapter or your phone to use during service. Contact Grant for details (gnewman@fmcazle.org)

We of course still have receiver packs that require earphones and are also connected to the new AURACAST transmitter.

Getting involved is easy! We have opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or want to help with the technical aspects of our music ministry, there’s a place for you. If you’re interested in joining or want more information, please contact me at gnewman@fmcazle.org. We can’t wait to welcome you into our music family!

With Humility and Gratitude, - Grant



I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 9:1

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for bringing me into the beautiful month of November. I am grateful for the gift of life, health, and peace. Lord, I commit this new month into Your mighty hands — guide my steps and order my path in righteousness.

Let this month bring new beginnings, open doors, divine connections, and uncommon favor. Every plan of the enemy against my life, family, and destiny shall not stand. I declare that this November shall be filled with joy, testimonies, and progress. Lord, crown my efforts with success, bless the work of my hands, and let Your presence go before me every day of this month.

In Jesus' mighty name,
Amen.



Family Ministries

We fished for friends at the Fall Festival and found a boat-load. We has so much fun with train rides, inflatable surfing, giant tricycle races, bingo, a cookie walk, scavenger hunt and more.











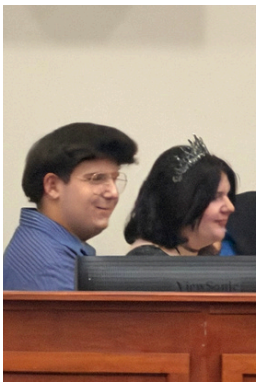











November 11
Shoebox Packing Party

November 22
Shoebox Sunday
NO Youth

November 25
No Activities

November 26
Thanksgiving Meal

Next up is the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 11. Come out and help pack shoeboxes to be sent around the world. Our shoebox collection Sunday is November 22.



FAMILY MINISTRIES







Senior Active Christians (SAC)

Senior Active Christians is a time for fun and fellowship for those 50 and over. Everyone is invited to attend any of the outings.

On Sunday, October 18, we were blessed with fall weather for our trip to Clark Gardens. First off was lunch at Red's Burgers followed by the Quilts in the Garden exhibit. It was a wonderful day!

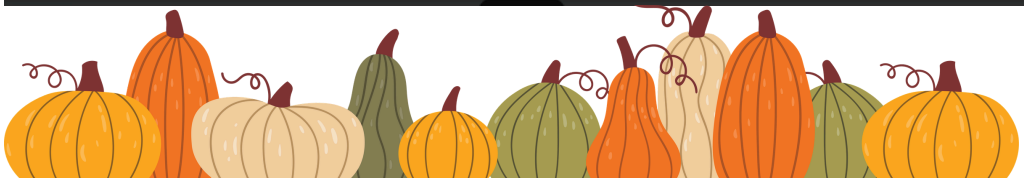




Next up is the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. On exhibit is The Statue of Liberty from Bartholdi to Warhol which highlights the Statue of Liberty's continued relevance in American visual culture and the evolution of its image through art from the 1870s to the present. Admission is FREE. We will leave the church at 9:30am. Contact Sallie Hamilton or Pat Noe for more information.









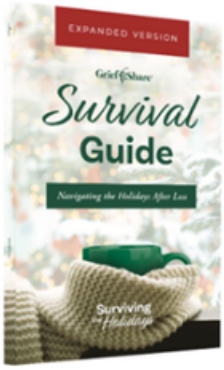
September Giving: $46,421

YTD Giving: $452,475

Pledge cards for 2027 are available in the Sanctuary, HUB and Atrium. Completed cards can be returned to the boxes in the Sanctuary or Atrium.
Pledges may also be made through Realm.

Ways to Give

- Place in offering plate
- Mail to church (200 Church St)
- Drop in the locked mailbox
- Text AZLEFMC to 73256
- Log into Realm
- Scan the QR Code



Grief Share Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30pm

or

Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm

Room 113

Contact the church office for more information.



November 16 - 23

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

Volunteers Needed

Sign up at table in lower atrium.



November 29

Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 10:45am
Lunch 12:00pm

Meatloaf will be provided. Please bring a side and dessert.

We will have a basket out at the lucheon for you to leave a note of thanks to Brad Dery and his family for leading us in worship over the last few months.



Please contact the church office to volunteer for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Donations of desserts are needed!



Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

November 4	Chicken & Dumplings Seasoned Green Beans Tossed Salad Rolls Dessert
November 11	Beef and Chicken Enchiladas Taco Salad Chips, Queso and Salsa Dessert
November 18	Oven Baked Chicken Seasoned Green Beans Tossed Salad Rolls Dessert
November 25	Happy Thanksgiving No Dinner Tonight



If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office, Stacy (817.300.4036) or Pat (817.932.5247).

Grief Share

1:30pm Tuesdays





Guest Preacher

November
Brad Dery



The SPR Council is asking for gift card donations to include in a welcome basket to be presented to Forrest Deviney and his family on their first Sunday, December 6. You can give the cards to Karen Propp, Debbie Leatherwood or drop off at the church office.
Thank you!



Jake Burton 11/1, Bryson Ingle 11/1, Jessica Spencer 11/2,
Meg Arnold 11/3, Sandra Forte 11/9, Jeremy Littlejohn 11/12,
Betty Leonard 11/14, Karen Searfoss 11/14,
Mike Marsh 11/15, Glenda Ortego 11/15, Corey Woods 11/15,
Sierra Davis 11/18, Roger Reed 11/18, Kathy NeSmith 11/21,
Nic Crites 11/22, Blake Van Hooser 11/23,
Sallie Hamilton 11/26, LeeAnn Parker 11/26



Bobby & Darcy Goode 11/3 (14 years)
Kent & Linda Emmele 11/4 (43 years)
Glen & Debbie Leatherwood 11/8 (51 years)
Bill & Carol Rickert 11/18 (54 years)

Birthdays and anniversaries are based on information in Realm. If we have missed someone or have incorrect information, please contact the church office.

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Sunday Schedule

8:15am – 12:00pm – Nursery (ages infant to 4 years)
8:30am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45am – Sunday School for ALL ages:
Children (meet in Atrium); Youth (Youth Room)
Adventurers (Room 111); Breakfast Club (FLC)
Renegades (Room 110); Upper Room (Room 113)
10:45am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30pm – The NOW Youth (HUB)

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Weekday Schedule

Mondays
11:00am – Chairercise (FLC)

Tuesdays
7:30am – Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (FLC)
11:00am – Chair Yoga (FLC)
1:30pm – Grief Share (113)

Wednesdays
4:30pm – Worship Band Practice (Sanctuary)
5:30pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (HUB)
6:15pm – Children's Activities (meet in HUB)
6:15pm – The NOW Youth (Youth Room)
6:15pm – Adult Bible Study Group (FLC)
6:15pm – Women's Bible Study Group (113)
6:30pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
7:00pm – Christmas Cantata Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Thursdays
9:30am – Women's Bible Study (113)
11:00am – Chairercise (FLC)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 12:00pm
Fridays – Office Closed

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
MidTexas Conference

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Storm the Gates - The official podcast of the MidTexas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Join us as we provide timely updates on events within the conference and shine a spotlight on the impactful work of God throughout the Global Methodist Church.

Methodist Roots - A special teaching series with our Assembly of Bishops, you'll discover the history of Methodism and understand how key features of the faith influence the church today.

The Revive Movement - Christ-centered ministry in the historic Wesleyan theological tradition on a mission to encounter Jesus and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God. Offers children and youth camps and retreats.



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 All Saints Day	2	3	4 Prayer Shawl	5 Silver Sneakers	6	7
8	9	10 Grief Share Surviving the Holidays	11 OCC Packing Party	12	13 SAC Trip	14
15 Legacy Oaks	16 SPR Council	17	18	19 Silver Sneakers	20	21
22 OCC Shoebox Sunday Grief Share Surviving the Holidays	23	24	25	26 Community Thanksgiving Meal	27 Advent Decorating	28
29 5th Sunday - One Service and Lunch	30					

Shoebox Collection Window

Please check the weekly news for more information about each event.