FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF AZLE

THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2026

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of AZLE

Lord's Acre!

since 1969

Raffle · Tent sale · Lunch · Auction · Frozen food · Sweets and much more!



First Methodist Church
Azle Texas

Saturday, October 3, 2026
200 Church St., Azle

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Schedule of Events

Tent Sale
Thursday, 10/1 – Friday, 10/2
8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, 10/3
8:00am – 2:00pm

Sweet Shop & Frozen Foods
Saturday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Silent Auction
Saturday 8:00am – 12:00pm

BBQ Lunch
Saturday 11:00am – 1:00pm

Quilt Raffle Drawing
Saturday, 12:25pm

Live Auction
Saturday, Saturday 12:30pm



2026 Proceeds:

The Lord's Acre Proceeds distribution for 2026 was approved at the Sept. 22 Administarive Board Meeting

40% Local Missions*
30% Trustee Major Repair Fund
30% Hwy 199 Sign

***Local Missions will be split evenly between:**

- **Community Caring Center**
- **Good NEWS**
- **Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center**
- **The Vine Project**

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2026 Lord's Acre LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Confirmed:

1. **6 Homemade Pies for the Upcoming Year** (Karen Searfoss)
2. **Estate Planning** (Loudermilk Law)
3. **Brooks & Dunn 4 Tickets & parking** (Jay & Michelle Ewing)
4. **Tresanti Aurora 47" Adjustable Height Desk w/ LED Lighting** (Sallie Hamilton)
5. **50-inch Flat Screen TV** (Mike & Cheryl Smith)
6. **Signed Dennis Schmidt Print** (Marigale & Joe Horton)
7. **Coconut Layer Cake** (Peggy Davis)
8. **Handmade Nativity & Lord's Prayer** (Dede & Jim Loudermilk)
9. **Handmade Quilt** (Mary Fonville)
10. **Night at the Rodeo** (Adventurer's Class & Jay Ewing)
11. **A Year of Free-Range Eggs** – 2 dozen per month (Jennifer Naron-Crites & Family)
12. **Yamaha Piano YP 625** (Dede & Jim Loudermilk)
13. **Hand-made Christmas Wreath** (Pat Conn)
14. **Minion Quilt** (Deanne Williams)
15. **200 pounds of Home-Grown Angus Beef** (Kent & Debi Meyerhoeffer)
16. **2 SEC College Football tickets to UT vs A&M** (Lisa & Jeff Mahlmann)
17. **Cordless Blower** (Outdoor World)
18. **Church Parking Spots** (4spaces)
19. **Naming Rights for 2026 Salt of the Earth**

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



In the past few months I have been juggling my role at the church and my role as a prn chaplain. It has become more difficult to sustain both roles. I do not want the church and our community to receive anything less than my best. So I am stepping back from my role at the church. I will still be around as often as possible to volunteer. I only want the best for our church family. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I continue moving into new seasons.

Alyssum

LEADERSHIP Update

The Administrative Council approved Melody Sims as Chair of Connecting (Internal Connecting to each other) Council at their September meeting. Melody is a member of the Adventurers Sunday School Class, attends the 8:30 service and volunteers at multiple other events within our church. In addition, Melody has volunteered for Academy 4 in Azle ISD for 3 years Melody will be recruiting members for her Council so they may begin planning activities. Please consider being a part of this vital ministry.

Have you filled out the survey about serving in leadership at the Church?
If not, please do so ASAP.
If yes, thank you so very much.

Need a copy of the survey ? There are copies in the Sanctuary, Atrium, HUB and office. Completed surveys can be placed in the box in the Upper Atrium.





October 4
Dr. David Shaffer
Dr. Dean Posey

October 11
Dr. David Shaffer

October 18
Brad Dery

October 25
Brad Dery







Family of Ricky Goodrich
Family of Rebecca Sue Gallian

Music & Worship

Dear Church Family,

School is in session! We are in full steam ahead as Summer programming has officially transitioned into the Fall Semester.

A quick look-back to our Summer programming gives us a mountain of gratitude for the ability to host so many amazing events that brought our church family together, and made new friendships!

Many of our Youth and Children have discovered a unique gift of servitude and leadership to their peers. Our FOCUS is to fulfill the call to lift up our young to leadership in ALL ways. We are emphasizing worship leadership with active youth volunteers to lead their peers at NOW Sunday Night Worship every week. Our Children have taken deep interest in Wednesday night music with learning to play Hand Chimes and singing Worship songs, old and new. We will all get to experience the fruits of their hard work in the coming months!

A New Thing

[Isaiah 43:19] "Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert"

As Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, God is always doing something new. Our music program is a testament to that. We are constantly evolving, finding new ways to worship and connect with God. By joining us, you become part of this exciting journey. We invite you to come and see the new thing God is doing in our music program. Whether you're looking to grow spiritually, find community, serve others, or simply find personal fulfillment, there's a place for you here. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord together! You don't HAVE to SING!

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



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

Lord, I lift my October into Your hands.

Go before us in every plan, every decision, and every opportunity that comes our way. May Your wisdom guide our steps, Your grace sustain us, and Your presence remind us that we never have to face the unknown alone.

Lord, we pray for a month filled with answered prayers, unexpected blessings, meaningful encounters, and quiet moments of peace. Give us the courage to embrace new beginnings, the patience to trust Your timing, and the faith to keep going even when things do not unfold as we hoped. Whatever October brings, help us see Your goodness in every season.

Above all, let it bring us closer to You. May we worry less about what we cannot control and trust more in the One who holds everything together. Lord, may October be in Your hands. May Your will be done in every part of it. Let Your plans prevail, and Your love be evident in every day of this new month. Amen.

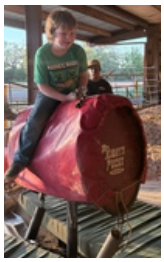
Family Ministries

What a month of fun it has been as we kicked off the start of the fall season. We are enjoying Wednesday evening dinners and programming. What a joy it is to sing together, eat together, play together and learn together. We look forward to our youth and children's musical in December. We are hard at work every week.

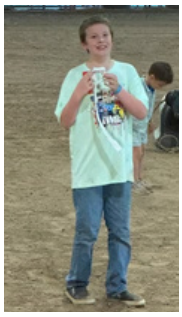


We had a great time at our Bible Retreat at Sky Ranch. We ziplined, built boats, went swimming, rode a mechanical bull and played dodge ball. What a blessing it was to share in worship and grow in our faith with each other. We are so grateful for the leaders that volunteered their time and made going to Sky Ranch possible.











Make plans now to attend the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25. This is a free event open to the community so be sure to invite your friends. Dinner will be served.







October 4
Family Ministries Council

October 8 - 13
Azle ISD Student Holiday

October 11
No Youth

October 19
Azle ISD Homecoming Parade

October 25
Fall Festival

FAMILY MINISTRIES





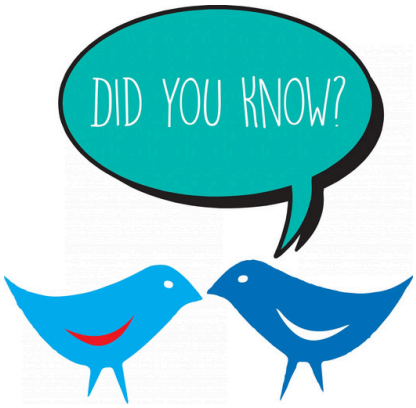
Senior Active Christians (SAC)

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

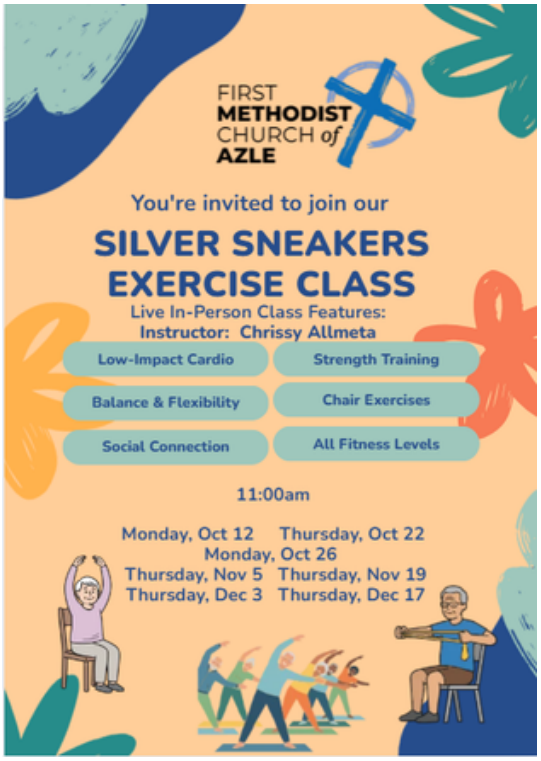
On Friday, September 18, we had lunch at Spring Creek BBQ and then went to see *Serengeti* at the Omni Theater located inside the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Everyone enjoyed the movie and the fellowship.

Next up is the Clark Gardens: Quilts in the Garden on Sunday, October 18, 2026. We will leave the church at 10:45am. Contact Sallie Hamilton or Pat Noe for more information.

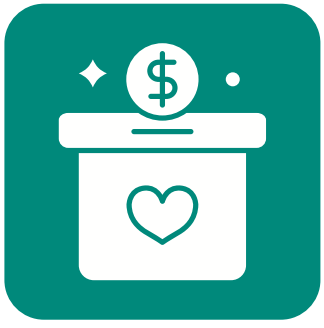




Stacy Johnson in the church office is now a Notary Public and is happy to help you with any notary needs you may have.







August Giving: $53,502

YTD Giving: $406,054

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

Save the Date!

Now through 22 November

Pack a Shoebox!

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OCC Amazon Store: https://a.co/d/0cybYzqO

Build a Box Online: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

(Boxes will be available at church beginning 1 October)

Wednesday, 11 November

Join us for a Packing Party!

Dinner 5:30-6:15

6:15-7:15

Packing of Boxes

16-23 November

Volunteer During Collection Week!

More Information and volunteer to sign up to Come!

samaritanspurse.org/occ





Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

October 7	BBQ Sandwiches Potato Salad Coleslaw Tossed Salad Dessert
October 14	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Dessert
October 21	Oven Baked Chicken Seasoned Green Beans Tossed Salad Rolls Dessert
October 28	Homemade Chili Taco Salad Chips, Queso and Salsa Rolls Dessert

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







Debra Jenkins 10/2, Linda Emmele 10/4, Dean Leonard 10/6, Farrah Schluter 10/7, Jana Shelton 10/9, Jan Ford 10/10, Brenna Ingle 10/15, Kathy Gandy 10/16, Luanna Fisher 10/17, George Owen, 10/17, Ray Villegas 10/17, Douglas Phillips 10/19, Bill Shank 10/20, Steve Parker 10/22, Mary Fonville 10/23, Chase Boenker 10/26, Dawn Zuilhoff 10/26, Carol Elkins 10/29, John Forte 10/30



Bill & Irene Shank 10/4 (40 years)
Larry (Duck) & Susan Taylor 10/4 (18 years)
Kurt & Charmagne Tucker 10/6 (25 years)
Ben & Kristi Davis 10/10 (17 years)
John & Kaitlyn Forte 10/10 (11 years)
John & Victoria Kost 10/10 (2 years)
Denny & Holly Stephens 10/14 (54 years)
David & Soozin Elliot 10/18 (35 years)
Joe & Anna Boyd 10/19 (30 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

Click on the title for more information about MidTexas conference events.

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.

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.

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.

MidTexas Leadership Nominations - The conference is seeking leaders whose gifts, experience, and passion for ministry can help strengthen the church's mission. Both self-nominations and recommendations of others are welcome.

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Tent Sale	2 Tent Sale	
4 • World Communion Sunday • Family Ministries Council	5 • Blood Drive • Trustee Council	6	7 Prayer Shawl	8	9	10 Rebecca Sue Gallian Memorial Service
11 No Youth	12 Silver Sneakers 	13 Music & Worship Council	14	15	16	17 
18 • SAC Trip • Legacy Oaks Service	19 SPR Council	20	21	22 • Silver Sneakers • Finance Council	23	24
25 Fall Festival	26 Silver Sneakers	27	28 	29 Ladies Who Lunch	30	31 

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