



VISIONS



The newsletter of
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

- Minister to people where they are;
- Equip disciples on the journey;
- Glorify God in all things

God, grant us the wisdom to know your plan for us and the strength to carry it out. Amen.

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Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been an amazing Summer at Forrest Burdette, and the Fall promises to be an exciting season of growth in discipleship, community engagement, mission, fellowship, and ministry. Since school let out in June, we have welcomed David Westfall as our Minister of Youth and Young Adults, had a successful Vacation Bible School, had numerous youth events including a Mission Trip to Tennessee, two gatherings at the parsonage for young adults and youth, two family nights – one at the Sprayground and the other was a movie night in our gym, a luncheon on coping with grief led by a professor from Marshall, Sunday School every week, a worship series on Moses, collections for back to school supplies, mission trip to Haiti, and Operation Christmas Child. On August 28th we hosted a Church Cookout for the Community. We had children from elementary schools throughout the valley participate as well as parents, grandparents, and neighbors. It was a great experience and gave us the opportunity to welcome the community to Forrest Burdette! I want to thank all the groups and individuals from FBMUMC who made it possible. I can not begin to name all who helped plan and make it happen, but I do want to thank Jayné Kirk and David Westfall for dreaming of the idea and seeing it through.

This Fall we will keep the momentum going. We will start a new worship series on the Beatitudes this Sunday. We start our Wednesday Night dinners and classes for children, youth, and adults on September 7th. Please sign up; you will have an awesome experience! Our children's ministry will include working on a musical for Christmas. We will have a family craft experience on September 25th. The youth will be active with Wednesday evening, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening experiences. In addition, there will be fellowship and mission opportunities throughout the fall. The music ministry picks up the pace in September with working on a Christmas Cantata, as well as orchestra, handbells, and praise band rehearsals. We have a volleyball net and pickleball net for the gym – watch for opportunities to play! In a few Sundays, October 2nd, we will have our church picnic at Ed and Brenda Grant's farm! Please read the newsletter for all the details for our Fall season.

I am excited about what God is doing in and through our church. We have been blessed by God, and we are enthusiastically sharing that blessing with each other and the community! Come join in the blessing!

Grace and peace,
Joe



David Westfall Minister of Youth & Young Adults



College Road Trips: This fall, we will be hosting College Road Trips to tour West Virginia University, Marshall University, West Virginia Wesleyan University, the University of Kentucky, and the Ohio State University, among others. If you are interested in finding out more about these trips, please contact David at youth@forrestburdette.com or by texting/calling his cell phone number, 304-541-3913.

Sunday Night Uth:

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Every Sunday (9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25)
Meet in the Gym for Social Time and Games
Followed by Praise and Worship in the upstairs Youth Room
Drinks and Snacks Available; BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
September Theme: BRAVE & BOLD (1 & 2 Samuel - King David)

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Every Wednesday (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28)
Meet in the upstairs Youth Room for Weekly Check-In and Games
Followed by Bible Study & Small Group
Bring your Bible and a friend!
September Theme: BRAVE & BOLD (1 & 2 Samuel - King David)

Sunday School:

9:15 - 10:15 a.m., Every Sunday; Meet in the upstairs Youth Room
We chat about our week, and then we dive into scripture before the Sunday Worship Service.
Current Scripture: John 2

Young Adult Events:

Sunday, September 18th - Meet Up at Mi Pueblito in Hurricane
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship opportunity to hang out, get to know each other, and pray together).

Young Adult Small Groups (every other week):

Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m. (9/6 & 9/20) - Game Night Bible Study (We will play a board or card game and bible study).
Tuesdays 8 - 9 p.m. (9/13 & 9/27) - Virtual Bible Study (Zoom meet up and Bible Study. Text David to join and he will share a zoom link each week, 304-541-3913)

Cathy Daley, Director Children's Outreach Ministries



Hi Everyone! Please pardon our dumpsters and materials lying around. We are finally getting some progress on the playground. It should be complete this week (by Sept. 2). I can't tell you how happy that makes us! We have plans to rework the younger playground next, and hopefully it won't take nearly as long as this one has. Plans are set to move the infant playground in the coming weeks and to have the playground fencing replaced.

None of this could be possible for the children both here at the center and within the community that utilize our spaces, without the church. We are grateful to be an outreach ministry, as well as for all of the prayers and support we receive. Thank you so very much for all you do for us.

♥Have fun, and make a difference.♥

Jayné Kirk Minister of Children & Families



Kids are back to school and busy, busy, busy... but the busiest time of year is fast approaching...

That's right. Christmas is right around the corner, which is why we'll begin our Christmas Musical Practice as we begin our Wednesday Evening Classes on September 7. Join us at 6:30, and we'll have our Bible lesson and start working on our musical for December 4. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to join the musical. The older kids, 5th, 4th, & 3rd graders, are able to try out for one of the 13 characters or scripture readers. Everyone will be part of the chorus, and there will be a few solos available. Preschool kids will join in with the lesson and work on their own fun music.

This year's musical puts a twist on a Christmas classic. We find ourselves in an ugly Christmas sweater factory during their busiest season. With characters named Sam Ebenezer, Tiny Tom, and Bob Cratchit ("that's pronounced *Crochet*"), we'll be having all the Christmas Carol feelings with way more laughs and fewer ghosts.



Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 for fun while growing your faith!

Wednesday Night Live!

Our Wednesday night programming for all ages is set to begin the fall semester on September 7. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more information on the classes being offered.

In addition to classes, each Wednesday begins with a **fellowship dinner**, 5:30-6:15 p.m., catered by Shonet's. There is no charge for this meal; donations are accepted if you are able to give. So that we order enough food from Shonet's, we do ask for you to sign up by Monday p.m. each week, either by calling/emailing the church office or by signing up on the sheet at the Connection Center.

Volunteers are always needed to set up for the meal and to clean up before classes begin at 6:30. Please contact the church office if you are able to volunteer (office@forrestburdette.com, 304-562-5903).



**Save the Date
for our Annual
Pumpkin Carving &
Hot Dog Roast
at the Grants' Farm:
Sunday,
October 2, 2022
2:00 p.m.**





Wednesday Night Groups

Starting September 7, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Chris Clark – “After These Things”

(Bring your Bible; no additional study book to purchase)

A continuation of this summer's group, this study is a verse by verse study on the book of Revelation taking us through most of the Old and New Testaments to gain a better understanding of what this book means for us today. New students are welcome.

Debby Cunningham – The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton (\$12 book)

“The meaning and power of the prayer Jesus taught. Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The challenge is to really know the prayer, to understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words and what we ask of God each time we pray it. Through it Jesus teaches us how to pray, and how to live as his followers.”

Ron Delph – Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Douglas Connelly (\$9 book by Life Guide Bible Studies)

A permissive society, a power-hungry people, a nation without God. Daniel's situation in Babylon sounds quite a bit like our own. In the midst of such forces, how can we remain loyal to biblical values? How can we have a positive impact on those around us? In this twelve-session Bible Study, Daniel gives us practical and personal help with these questions.

Jane Gillispie – “Discover the Bible for Yourself: Observing the Gospel of Mark” *(The workbook costs \$20.25, and this class is limited to 12 participants)*

Jane will use the Precept teaching model which shows you how to study the Bible in a way that impacts how you encounter, observe, and integrate the scripture into your life. It is an inductive Bible study that allows the richness of the scripture to become personal.

Joe Kenaston – “Companion in Christ: A Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation” (\$11 participant book)

This is a powerful experience of a variety of spiritual formation practices and disciplines. It will help you further your walk with Christ in new and unexpected ways. The subjects covered in the class will include the following themes:

- Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ
- Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ
- Deepening our Prayer: The Heart of Christ
- Responding to Our Call: The Work of Christ
- Exploring Spiritual Guidance: The Spirit of Christ

Each theme is either 5 or 6 weeks long.

Robbie Parsons – “Hey. Jude!” based on Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture by Jackie Hill Perry *(participants will not need a book)*

While often overlooked, the book of Jude remains as relevant today as the time it was written. God has commanded His beloved church to do the necessary work of contending for the faith in a world of unbelief, and as we do, He will keep us from falling into the same deception. Dive into themes of being called, loved, and kept, and learn how to point others to Jesus in grace and truth. We serve others well when we share the whole gospel with them, not just the parts deemed attractive by our culture. You are invited to come see how a book so small can have so much to teach us.

Wednesday Evenings for Youth & Children



Middle School & High School Youth Group – *Fun, fellowship, snacks, and Jesus!* We invite you to join FBUth throughout the year during our Wednesday Night Uth Group program. Serve, Pray, & Play: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Children – FBKids JAM (Jesus And Me) is a time for kids to get together and learn God's word and the importance of prayer. Kids age 4 and up will learn, sing, and play together. We will also be working on our Christmas Musical, so please join us for the fun as we prepare to share the Good News. Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., meeting in Byrd Hall.



Midweek Daytime Group

Joe Kenaston – Midweek Daytime Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.—noon, beginning September 7, 2022

“The Gospel of John”

(Bring your Bible; no additional study book to purchase)

This fall we will begin with the Fourth Gospel: John. We will dive deep into the Gospel to see the image of Christ and the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. We will also see how the John's message about Christ still shapes our faith today.



Additional Information

Dates and Time: Small groups will begin meeting on September 7 and will conclude on December 7. Small groups will not meet on November 23, the evening before Thanksgiving. Programs start at 6:30 p.m. and run one hour in most cases.

Registration: Register for classes at the Connection Center in the Narthex, through the church office, or just show up! If your class requires a book, you will find it at the Connection Center upon its arrival. You may pay for books in the office or with your teacher when classes begin. If the price of your book is prohibitive, please let us know.

Dinner: Fellowship dinners are catered by Shonet's Country Café of Milton and begin at 5:30 p.m. There is not a charge for our dinners, but donations are accepted. We ask that you sign up at the Connection Center or call the church office by Monday afternoons to RSVP.

Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday.

Cancellation Policy: All Wednesday evening programs will be canceled when Putnam Co. Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather or issue an early release due to inclement weather. Evening events will continue as scheduled if there is a two-hour weather delay. Wednesday morning Bible Study will be cancelled if there is a two-hour weather delay or school is cancelled for weather.

Living As Blessed People

A worship series on the Beatitudes

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus ascends the mountain and begins to teach his disciples, the crowds, and us. His Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes or blessings. Jesus calls life blessed when God is present. The blessings can be experienced when life is going well or when we are facing challenges that threaten to overwhelm us. This worship series combines the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 with other passages of scripture that illuminate the blessing. Plan on attending in person or online and receive the blessings that God has to offer. Pastor Joe is the preacher except for the two Sundays indicated.



Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Beatitude
Sept. 4	Mt. 5:3 1 Kings 17:8-16 Acts 9:10-19a	You Want Me to Do What?	Blessed are the poor in spirit
Sept. 11	Mt. 5:4 John 11:32-37	Having a Good Cry	Blessed are those who mourn
Sept. 18	Mt. 5:5 Mark 5:24b-34	Touching the Master	Blessed are the meek
Sept. 25	Mt. 5:6 Psalm 42	Satisfying the Hungry Heart	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
Oct. 2	Mt. 5:7 Mt. 18:23-35 Lk. 19:1-10	Responses to Mercy	Blessed are the merciful
Oct. 9 Dr. Ellis Conley	Mt. 5:8	TBD	Blessed are the pure in heart
Oct. 16 David Westfall	Mt. 5:9	TBD	Blessed are the peacemakers
Oct. 23	Mt. 5:10 2 Cor. 11:21b-28 Mark 13:9-13	Enough Already	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake
Oct. 30	Mt. 5:11-12 Mt. 16:24-26	A Cross-Filled Life	Blessed are you when people revile you

Shoobox Ministry

Shoobox gifts have been coming in weekly. Thank you for generously giving both gifts of toys and practical items for daily use at home and school. All of these impact lives in ways we cannot imagine. In God's hands they will be directed to a child who will be blessed. Please pray for the child to know they are loved and precious and to come to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our boxes are almost filled, and now it is crucial to direct our attention to supplying the need to ship the boxes:

Shipping 400 boxes @ \$10 = \$4000

This includes all shipping from local to international and provides a booklet, *The Greatest Gift* written in their language, as well as training resources for their community leader to present the Good News at an Outreach Event.

Additional funding is optional for *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course, 400 TGJ courses @ \$6 = \$2400. TGJ includes a workbook, teacher training, graduation event for the community, and their own bible in their language to all graduates completing all 12 lessons.

Even though this is optional, communities have seen the greatest multiplication of new believers, new churches, and pastors raised as a result of *The Greatest Journey*. In past years, our church has been overwhelmingly supportive of *The Greatest Journey* because of its tremendous impact.

Family Ministry Event

Sunday, September 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

A Fall Family Craft for all ages and skill levels. Families of all age ranges and sizes are welcome to join Julie Conley and create a unique, every season "WELCOME" sign together that you can reuse and cherish for years to come. We will have spots for 15 households, so contact Jayné if you want your family to join in the fun. The sign will be similar to this picture. The "O" shapes may be different but will be interchangeable for different seasons or holidays.



Grief Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, please join us for comfort, rest, and prayer as we learn about the grief process and how we can better cope with it. Registration is not required; simply come to the meeting. We meet on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 in Room 111. **Next meeting dates: September 3rd and 17th.** Questions? Call/text Stacey Holley at (304) 532-8659 or Robbie Parsons at (304) 542-0981.

Vision Team Survey for All

Please follow this link or scan the QR code to take a short survey from our Vision Team: <https://forms.gle/pYCZBZ6sv3tLERX56> We ask for surveys to be completed by September 4.



Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for July 2022:

June offerings received\$66,906.55

Offering needed each month.....\$66,998.33

We are still raising funds for the new Sound and Broadcast System. The original estimate of \$67,000 has now been revised to include hearing assistance capabilities, which will greatly benefit our congregation. We have received new estimates. We appreciate your willingness to contribute toward the new system. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. New estimate: \$72,000.00 Donations to date: \$71,146.53.



September Birthdays:

- 1 Sheri Brown, Reese Kauffman
- 2 Pam Blevins, April Crouse, Judy Grass, Valerie McMillion, Ed Mullins, Ben Newhouse, Thomas Rogowski
- 3 Jo Bess, Larry Clegg
- 4 Debbie Duespohl, Bobby Greene, Harold Stewart
- 5 Jennifer Hart, Steve Huggins, Jessica Ray, Jeremy Simms
- 6 Wes Hager, Victoria Marsh, Paul Rose, Darlene Smith
- 7 David McCane, Bailey Young
- 8 Styles Slappe
- 9 Chris Bogan, Carol Midkiff, Mason Spurlock
- 10 Angela Bradley, Karen Delph, Scott Moore, Emily Stewart, Sara Thomas, Maggie Tinch, Sam Warner, Kate Weiss
- 11 Ed Brogan, Drew Harless
- 12 Vickie Harbour, Jimmy Kessler, Barbara Martin, Josh Patterson
- 13 John Browne, Betsy Byus, Faye Meeks, Joe Wyatt
- 14 Jax Anderson, Robbie Parsons
- 15 Lezlee Haynie, Christopher Lipinski, Aaron Persinger, Jose Soto, Betty Wilson
- 16 Betty Bailey, Carol Proffitt, Cindy Rouse
- 17 Brittany Davis, Kevin Lawhon, Rosalie Spiker
- 18 Sheila Andrews, Gary Beckett, Sarah Logan
- 19 Tom Hill
- 20 Harold Bennett, Linda Hankins, Jeff Rowsey, Mary Russell
- 21 Tom Cleveland, Brayden Hill, Teressa Johnson, Ben Wilson
- 22 Margie Billups, Lauren Duespohl, Danny Harshbarger
- 23 Carter Cox, Ryder Harrison, Myra Woodworth Hobbs, Jon Russell

- 24 Isaac Herndon, Joe Kenaston
- 25 Tammy Fenerty, Amy Garinger, Brenda Hanson, Michael Hinshaw, Trevor Johnson, Robert O'Dell
- 26 Diana Allen, Sephra Faulkner, Aly Fearing, Debbie McCoy
- 27 Andy Johnson, Angela Lipinski
- 28 Sandy Hanning, Mandy Spurlock
- 29 Bob Alexander, Carly Cunningham, Holley Johnson
- 30 Timothy Bowie, Evan Davis, Larry Embrey, William Held, Pam Howell, Sheri Johnson, Paula Limanen, Sandra Mayhew, Devin Schamp



September Anniversaries:

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| 2 Joe & Lori Bailey | 20 Chris & Amy Howat |
| 7 Keith & Ellen Bowie | 21 Barry & Judy Armstrong |
| 14 Don & Jane Held Collins | 21 Rusty & Joyce Surface |
| 14 David & Malinda Shanklin | 29 Bryan & Mikki Larch |
| 17 Scott & Beth Krall | |

** Birthdays and anniversaries are generated from our church database. Please call the office if you are not listed (304-562-5903).

*Have you remembered the church
in your will?*



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Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Chapel Worship:
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BackPack Buddies

Please remember to shop for individually packaged food items that can be used in our BackPack Buddies feeding ministry. During the school year, we send food items home with 118 students from three local schools every weekend and over school breaks. Please consider supporting BPB with groceries and/or monetary gifts.

