

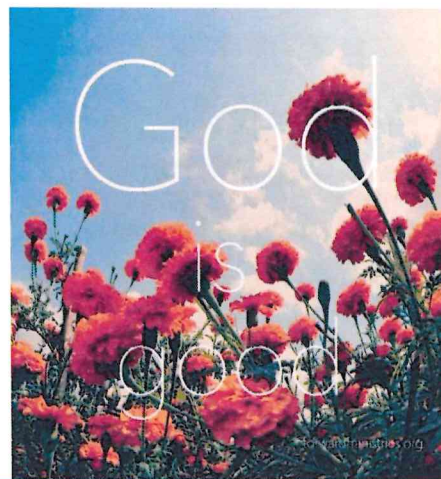


“The Messenger”

October 2026

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Prepare to Hear...

August 30 through September 6, I was in Johannesburg, South Africa for the 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. I was one of 400 delegates, representing Global Methodists around the world.

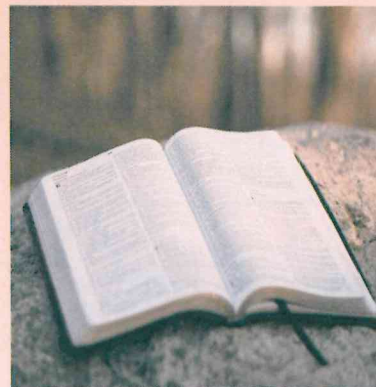
On Sunday morning, we had our first gathering and worship service. Later that afternoon, we broke into legislative committees. The chairman of my committee was from Texas, and the secretary was from Kenya. Each of them spoke English; but it did not sound exactly the same. When the Secretary spoke, I had to turn my ears and mind on a little more. As we had our meeting, a young lady from Russia spoke, in English; but I struggled understanding her. Then a man from Tanzania spoke, and I began to panic. I didn't understand anything; and I hadn't downloaded the Kudo Translator app to my phone. I had to run to the door, find the QR Code for Kudo. Every time we met, I had to stop at the door, open the camera app on my phone and click on translator app. The good thing is; it worked. I could hear and read in English, what had just been spoken in Russian, or one of the other 5 languages in that room. In that experience I was reminded: when I take the time to prepare myself, I can hear better, understand better, and join in the conversation better.

When it comes to my Christian life I need to do the same thing: Prepare myself – turn down the noise of the world; focus my attention on the speaker/teacher, and His Word; and tune in to the Holy Spirit. Jesus said “The Holy Spirit, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” And “when the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth”. Paul also wrote in First Corinthians; “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The Holy Spirit is not an app in the palm of your hand. The Holy Spirit is God inside you, wanting to commune with you; teach you; lead you; and sanctify you. So before each Sunday and each Bible study; before you read or listen to the Word each day; prepare yourself for the Holy Spirit to work in your mind, heart, and life.

With God's grace

Bart.



Prayer requests

What can we pray for together?

Pray for those who are shut-in and those in nursing homes:

Frances Bryson, Margie Taliaferro, Charlene Wages

Pray for those who are sick or in need of prayer for other things:

Christie Lambert, June Jochum, Ethan Hester, Bill Thomson, Amanda Murphy, Students & Teachers, Raven Brace, Dee Munger, Pam Hemphill, John & Cindy Adams, Beth Estes Denton, Howard Jagers, Carla Hamm, Kruz & Paizlee Davenport and family, Randy & Mendy Gray, Liz Wyers, Tom & Shirley Watson, Janice Nix, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Wesley Williams, Jim Murphy, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman), Debby Tuten, Jessica Norwood

General Fund September 2026

Offerings—\$25,263.93
Expenses—\$29,198.00

Weds Night Meals And Fellowship!

\$8 per person /\$22 per family

Join us for fellowship and hang around for small groups afterwards!

Oct 7-Soup Smorgasbord-Please bring your favorite soup to share.

Oct 14-Chili & Taco soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

Oct 21-Chicken Pasta Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Oct 28-Enchiladas, Chips & Salsa, Dessert

LET'S
EAT!

Small Groups for ALL ages!

Wednesday Nights @ 6pm
come join a group that suits your age group! Children's, Youth, Ladies and Men's Groups! Great time for fellowship and worship right after sharing a meal!



Isaiah's Call
Mission 30

We need muffin mixes, granola bars, and crackers. If you would like to contribute, please bring by the church or call/text Shelley Jones 256-710-6243

Thank you for your contributions!

Our church family offers sincere condolences to the families and friends of **Bill Bedsole** and **Thomas Sledge**. Please support them with your love and keep them in your prayers.



Man Church:

Be A Man.....Follow Jesus
The Standard— The Goal
Wednesdays at 6pm



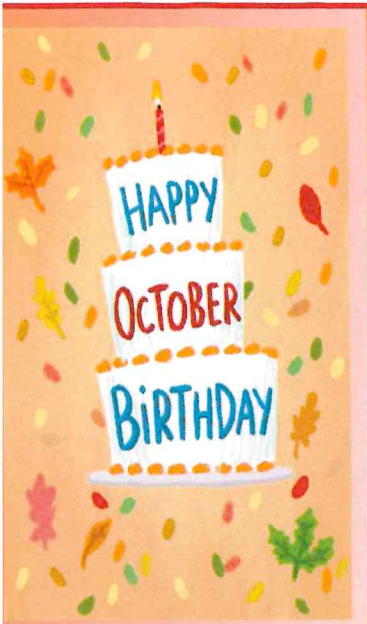
The Church Ladies Small Group

Weds. @ 6pm

Living a Life of Balance

Everyone is welcome!





- 10/4 Kandace Carter
- 10/9 Genevieve Askew
- 10/12 Ellery Dean
- 10/14 Kevin Gasque
- 10/18 Shannon Casiday
- 10/20 Alison Lindsey
- 10/21 Reggie Claunch
- 10/29 Barbara Alexander



October 2026

WE NEED CANDY

We have multiple functions coming up that we need candy for. Please drop donations in Missions Room across from church office or designated basket in foyer.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

FALL FESTIVAL

CHRISTMAS PARADE



Bring items for the BLESSING BOX!

- NEW & USED BOOKS
- NON-PERISHABLE PANTRY ITEMS
- SELF-CARE ITEMS

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Our Weekly Schedule



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for Online Worship. Please join us on
Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10am.
You may go to our Webpage & click on the link.

Sunday School — 9AM all ages!

Wednesday Evenings

Wed. Night Meals

Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups-6pm

Chancel Choir Practice -7pm



2026 SMC Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9am Sunday School (All ages!) 10am Worship Service	5	6 9:30am Prayer Group	7 10:30am Games, Dominoes 5:30pm Weds Night Meal 6pm Small Groups -All Ages! 7pm Chancel Choir	8 2:30pm Shoals Order of St. Luke	9 Church Office Closed	10
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Screen Time

The mandate to be a follower of Jesus is a calling to servanthood, not stardom. We must teach Generation Alpha (young people born between 2010-2024) that the goal is not to be obsessed with gaining more followers, but to focus on being a follower of the only One who offers salvation and hope, Jesus Christ. Learning how to love and serve others, for a generation that has been raised by screens will be difficult, but we can't just *tell* them what to do, we must *show* them what to do.

1. **Practice conversations at home:** let your child tell you about their day, welcome their questions, and allow them to share their opinions.
2. **Limit Screen Time:** reducing screen time allows for more face-to-face interactions. Even adults can learn this lesson. *What if we read a Bible verse for every social media post we read? How fast would we get through the Bible?*
3. **Praise Effort:** Words of affirmation are powerful motivators for young people to continue in the right direction.

Questions to Consider

- Do you spend too much time on screens as well?
- Why do you think parents are hesitant to limit their child's screen time?

SMC Fall Festival Sunday, October 18th @ 4-6pm! Live music, games, and more!

*This information comes from *Reaching Generation Alpha: A Ministry Guide for Discipling the Church Beyond the Screen* by Shane Pruitt and Shelly Melia.