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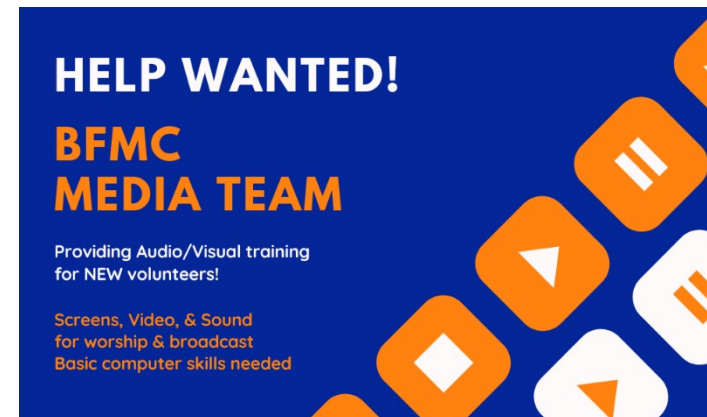
*July 2, 2025*

There are countless books being written about the power of changing small habits. Small adjustments in our normal habits can have transformative changes for our everyday life. One of the greatest ways to rocket your spiritual growth is engaging the Bible. Reading it just four times a week can begin to transform the way you live. Sunday morning I began the sermon with a question, “Why are you here?” It is a gut check for our motivation. We easily find ourselves in empty religious routine just checking boxes. We have all been there. We are doing all the right things, but our heart is just not in it. We come to church, and we don’t get much out of it, or we read the Bible and can’t remember a thing we read. We go to our prayer time, and we find our minds roaming over everything else in life and finally get up more stressed than when we started.

One minor change to motivation can change everything. Instead of seeing Sunday as the end of the weekend and morning worship as the pinnacle of our religious life, what if we remembered that Sunday is the first day of the week, and we see Sunday morning as the preparation for living out our faith the rest of the week. Sunday worship can move from part of closing out a hard week and instead be how we launch into a new week with our eyes fixed on Jesus. It is the same day of the week,

the same worship service. The only thing that has changed is your motivation. Jesus says come to me all who are tired and weary. He also says to go and make disciples! Come to church weary from your labor and be restored to again go and make disciples all week.

Grace and peace,  
Newlie



**MONDAY, JULY 14**

**12:00 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

**Please bring canned fruit for the food pantry**

**Mission Focus: basic school supplies to be collected at the July meeting: #2 wooden pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, zipper pencil pouch, scissors, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, and construction paper.**

Methodist Women is also sponsoring diaper/baby wipes donations for Save-a-Life. If you would like to participate, you may bring diapers/baby wipes to the church office Monday-Thursday from 8:00-4:30 or drop them off in the activities building. We will be taking donations through the end of July.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**MEMBERS:** Kim Pointer, Denise Heafner Benson, Paul Savage, Sr., Glenda Bailey, Rita Willingham, Mary Lou Autrey, Tyler Hudson, Ky Fisak, Ryna Smith, Sara Trotter, Fred & Sue Womble, Christopher Baker, Sara Austin Rogers, Jim Kelly Miles, Martha Watt, Dale Jernigan, Eric Moake, Janet Flint, Jamie Roberson, Nell Foshee, Bonnie Johnson, Loree Tucker, Mary Katherine Baglan, Asa Tucker  
**FRIENDS:** Curtis Lauderdale (Ryna Smith's brother), Lisa Hoyt (Loree Tucker's sister), Lee Camp, Runt McMin, Joyce Weaver, Chasidy Jones, Michelle Prince, Rusty Woods, Gaye Williamson, Nathan Palmer, Debbie Guthrie (friend of Jill Addington), Keith Hayward (Trina Caffey's son-in-law), Weston Vance, James Burgess, Jerri Griffin, Georgia Hollinger, Stacy Bowden, John Dollar, Liz Rotenberry Downs, Anna Grace Smith (Martha Watt's great-granddaughter), Dalton Handley Hemphill, Davin Rowland, David Still, Elizabeth, Susan & Tom Tuggle (friends of Shellie Harrison), Chris Sullivan, Elaine Warwick (Janet Flint's aunt), TV Miller (Monroe Pointer's step-father), Micah Smith

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have many books written by Lucado in our church library - Traveling Light for Mothers, The Great House of God, and Facing Your Giants to name a few. (All Lucado books are located in section A LUC.) The Crippled Lamb is a children's book by Lucado and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Smythe. (Children's section C LUC)



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THURSDAY, JULY 3  
FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.**



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## *Happy Birthday*

July 3-Archer Vick, Andy White  
July 5-Nolan Owen  
July 6-Edye Herron, Lauren Lange Risner  
July 7-Sam Nabors, Emily Wells  
July 8-William Dean, Bonnie Johnson, Lindsey Rice Petit, Sonni Smith, Heather Young

## *Happy Anniversary*

July 7-M/M Jackie Chapman

**July 6**  
**Nursery Volunteer**  
Brandi Powers

**Acolytes**  
Harris Aldridge/Anne Elise Wright

**Ushers**  
C.D. Overton/Jimmy Wilson  
Joel Rice/Josh Vick

**Security Team**  
Mike Smith/Dennis Land  
Clay Seale/Chris Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 2

NO YOUTH

6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Sunday, July 6

9:00 A.M.-Sunday School

9:45 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee & donuts, Activities

Building

10:00 A.M.-Morning Worship

NO Evening Worship

Tuesday, July 8

Youth leave for M28 Summer Camp @ Lake Junaluska

Wednesday, July 9

6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir

MORNING WORSHIP

“Confessing the Heart”

Matthew 6:7-15

Newlie Long

EVENING WORSHIP



Bring finger foods for light refreshments on Sunday  
Nights during the month of July and join us in the  
fellowship hall at 5:30!

Financial Report for June 29, 2025

2025 Budget	\$809,569.52
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	15,568.64
<b>Budget Amt. Needed to Date</b>	<b>404,784.64</b>
Budget Amt. Offering	8,375.00
<b>Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date</b>	<b>414,783.77</b>

Attendance for June 29, 2025

Sunday School	115
Morning Worship	184

YOUTH MEAL CALENDAR

July 9-M28 Camp

August 6-Open

July 16-Open

August 13-Open

July 23-Jamie Pitcock

August 20-Open

July 30-Open

If you would like to volunteer to feed the youth on  
Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m., please contact the church  
office at 563-4534 or email [batesvillefmc@panola.com](mailto:batesvillefmc@panola.com).

ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR

July 6-Communion

August 3-Communion

July 13-M/M Harold Newcomb

August 10-Shellie Harrison

July 20-Open

August 17-Open

July 27-Open

August 24-M/M Harold Newcomb

August 31-Open

If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor  
of someone, please contact the church office (662-563-4534 or  
[batesvillefmc@panola.com](mailto:batesvillefmc@panola.com)).

