

God as our Father means:

We who are His children are called to reflect His character in our own lives, striving to emulate His love, compassion, and righteousness.

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” 141

It is Good to Tithe to God

CALL TO GIVING *2 Corinthians 8:12 (NCV)*

¹² If you WANT to give, your gift will be accepted. It will be judged by what you have, not by what you do not have.

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

SPECIAL MUSIC “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” Choir

***DOXOLOGY** Our Father God we now acclaim.
We do our best to spread His Name.
With grateful hearts these gifts we bring.
May every heart His Glory sing. Amen.

It is Good to Hear God Speak

***APOSTLE’S CREED** 881

SERMON Pastor Aaron Ankeny

It is Good to Depart and Serve

***HYMN** “Abba Father” Video

***BENEDICTION**

May the Promises of God our Father fill us with hope....**Amen.**

May the Love of God the Son guide all our relationships...**Amen.**

May the Truth of God the Spirit inform all our choices...**Amen.**

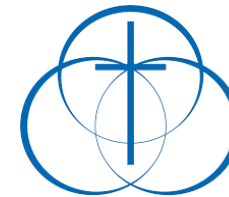
May we lived and share the Good News each day...**Amen.**

***POSTLUDE** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

(Please stand where indicated)



First Methodist Church
of Lake City



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL

“that no child sleeps on the floor in our town.”

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MARCH 9, 2025
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

It is Good to Gather for Worship

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

PRESERVICE MUSIC Medley: “Master of the Wind”, “My Tribute”

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Smith, Liturgist

It is Good to be with God in Worship

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God's Presence

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

INTROIT

“Think About His Love”

Video

It is Good to Give Praise to God

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Great is the power of our Father God..

He is sovereign, and by His words He has created all that exists.

Great is the love of our Father God.

And greater still is the fact He calls us His children.

Great is the faithfulness of our Father God.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow God's heart remains the same.

Great is the mercy of our Father God.

That He sent His only Son to redeem us from our sins.

There is none like our Father God

The Lord God is the only living God, the One true God who names all Truth and is the source of all Life. God was before the beginning of time and will be after the end of time.

Let us worship and glorify our Father God with the love He gave us.

We are here to do that very thing.

***HYMN**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

(vs 1&3) 152

“This Is My Father's World”

(vs 1&3) 144

It is Good to Affirm Our Father's Goodness

Psalm 103:6-14 (NCV)

⁶ *The Lord does what is right and fair for all who are wronged by others.*

⁸ *The Lord shows mercy and is kind. He does not become angry quickly, and he has great love.*

⁹ *He will not always accuse us, and he will not be angry forever.*

¹⁰ *He has not punished us as our sins should be punished; he has not repaid us for the evil we have done.*

¹¹ *As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who respect him.*

¹² *He has taken our sins away from us as far as the east is from west.*

¹³ *The Lord has mercy on those who respect him, as a father has mercy on his children.*

¹⁴ *He knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.*

The concept of God as Father is a central theme in Christian theology, deeply rooted in both the Old and New Testaments.

The Old Testament introduces the idea of God as Father, primarily in a metaphorical sense, highlighting His relationship with Israel.

[MEN] Deuteronomy 32:6 "Is this how you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father and Creator? Has He not made you and established you

[WOMEN] Isaiah 63:16 " You, O LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name."

The New Testament expands and personalizes God as Father, particularly through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus instructs His disciples to pray, **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,"**

Romans 8:15 : "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear; but you received the Spirit of offspring, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"

The Bible describes our Father God with these attributes:

Authority and Sovereignty: [Ephesians 4:6]

Love and Compassion: [Psalm 103:13]

Discipline and Guidance: [Hebrews 12:7]

Provision and Protection: [Matthew 6:31-32]



Prayer Concerns



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

	22/24	2025	Total
Beds built :	259	17	276
New Beds requested:		5	5
Beds Delivered:	225	4	229

GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex and the church office.

WEEKLY GIVING 3/02/2025

Offering \$ 6,005

Gifts/Pledges \$ 4,290

Outreach (Grief Share) \$ 20

Flowers \$ 140

Youth \$ 50

Special Collections \$ 20

Memorials \$ 875

Communion \$ 60

Congregational Care \$ 50

Backpack Ministry \$ 50

Miscellaneous \$ 450

Vanco Giving \$ 420

Attendance 54

Homebound:

† George Richardson † Sallie Rae Williams † Helena Powers

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Bill Poplin † Rosalie Marks † Don Hembree † Family of Emily Roberts who went to glory on February 15, 2025 † Jim & Amelia Tompkins † Audrey Short and her family- Lorene Douberley went to glory on March 5, 2025

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Solaris

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Lorene Douberley's grand-daughter, Sarah Geer † John Gunther † Laura Carter † Renee Minnich-Higdon † Leston Douberley † Quinn Ban & Family † Sandi Buck-Camp's brother, Samuel Buck, Jr. † Patricia Bumgarner † Audrey Short's husband, Leston

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin † Sharon Bentley † Tammie Hillon † Ronnie Jones † Brian Seeliger

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off and put this card in the offering plate. We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

Please Print your name (s) in this space:
Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Notes/Prayer Requests

[] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Darin Summerlin
- 2 Sandra Buck-Camp
- 3 Barbara Leslie
- 7 Roger Hunziker
- 9 Jarod Case
- 12 Michael Foreman
Cason Johnson
- 13 Willard Kelley
- 19 Kathy Beggs
- 21 Bruce Armstead
- 25 Jeffrey Dukes
Debbie LeBreck
- 26 Dylan Cannon
- 29 Roger Davis



If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office @ 386-752-4488.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Ankeny
Pianist: Amelia Tompkins
Organist: Position Open
Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith
Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober
Custodian: Hope Crawford
Grounds Keeper: Austin Reiter
Nursery: Heather Giebeig



The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of David & Kathy Smith's anniversary. The bud vase is in memory of Lorene Douberley.

UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 11 @ 6 pm-Men's Fellowship. Please RSVP on the insert.

Saturday, March 15 @ 9 am-Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build at the Christian Service Center

Thursday, March 20 @ 5:30 pm-Worship meeting

Saturday, March 29 beginning @ 8 am-Church Workday
Many hands make light work! Come join us!

Sunday, March 30 after worship-Fish Fry

Saturday, April 5 from 9 am-12:30 pm-Live Conference with Dr. Del Tackett.

Register @ www.DelTackett.com/LIVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers! One way to help is to prepare a meal for our church members in need from time to time. Other super easy tasks that we need help with are volunteers to greet people on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary as well as attendance so that we can connect with new people and check in on those who are absent for long periods. Please call the office for more information if interested @ 386-752-4488.

CRAFT CLUB

Our new crafting group meets on **Thursdays @ 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in on the fun!

If you have any questions, please speak with Ann Fortney or Martha Rine.

