

# The Spire

First Methodist Church of Lake City  
To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship  
passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



Celebrating 185 Years !

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in happy moments,  
**PRAISE GOD**  
in difficult moments,  
**SEEK GOD**  
in quiet moments,  
**TRUST GOD**  
in every moment,  
**THANK GOD**



## Summer Of Our Lives

*Stop and smell the Roses,  
Summers sweet perfume,  
A place to view the Daffodils,  
Gods nature all in bloom.*

*Sit beneath a willow tree,  
Sheltered from the Sun.  
A wish on every bough,  
Where all our dreams begun.*

*Listen for all the sounds,  
As summer plays its tune.  
An orchestra of Angels,  
Flowers all in bloom.*

*Birds singing in the tree tops,  
In perfect harmony.  
All creatures great and small,  
Gods greatest symphony.*

*Be amazed by all Gods beauty,  
Make each precious moment last.  
A moment to picture and treasure,  
A golden memory for your past.*

*Stop and smell the Roses,  
Life's summers sweet perfume.  
Take time to view the Daffodils,  
For is over all too soon.*

*By John Read 16 Mar 2013*



**WELCOME PASTOR TIM AND STACI**

Tim and Staci Dunavant come to us from Tennessee. They've been married for 17 years and have two adult children that will be making the move with them. Josh Milton is 21 and Mikayla Milton is 25. Staci works from home as a managed care specialist for TennCare (Tennessee's version of Medicaid). She has received special permission to continue this work from Lake City.



Tim was once a high school dropout that turned to a life of drugs and crime. He had an overwhelming encounter with Jesus when someone gave him a Bible while incarcerated in Nashville, Tennessee. He surrendered to God and the Holy Spirit re-ordered his life. He went back to school and got a degree in culinary arts, he was a chef at the time. After founding a jail ministry and growing in his faith, he was asked to begin pastoring in 2013. During that time, first he completed the five-year graduate level program at Emory University for Methodists called the Course of Study. Then he was awarded a bachelors in Christian Ministry from Trevecca Nazarene University. And lastly, a masters of divinity from Kairos University.

This unique background has afforded him a platform to be able to reach the Outcast, the forgotten, and the marginalized in the community. He and Staci feel that a part of their call is to build bridges; bridges between the hopeless and those that stand on the hope of Christ, bridges between area churches, bridges between the church and the local government. Tim is ordained as an Elder in the Global Methodist Church. And he and Staci look forward to getting to know the people of the church and of Lake City. And using their life experiences and education to bridge the gap between the church and the forgotten.

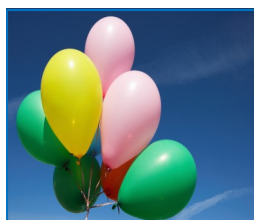
Please help me welcome them to our church.

Brad Wheeler, Chair Staff/Parrish Committee



**July Birthdays**

- 1 Kelley Willis
- 3 Hope Crawford
- 5 George Maxwell
- 7 Catherine Summers
- 11 Ira Lee
- Rick Fortney
- 17 Sam Summers



- 20 Andy Dukes
- 22 Jerry Leszkiewicz
- Brad Wheeler
- Brian Pitman
- 27 Gigi Register
- 29 Patience Banks
- 31 Muriel Caldwell
- Charles Banks



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**August Birthdays**

- 1 Frankie Powers
- 4 Chip Stevens
- Robert Woodard
- 7 Viki Case
- 9 Wittleigh Summerlin
- 12 Ava Bailey
- 14 Jane McClelland



- 15 Sybil Hunziker
- 18 Wendy Tonetti
- 19 Henry Haggerty
- 24 Kevin Bailey
- Eric Stevens
- 26 Bobby Case
- 30 Elisabeth Stafford





## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

If you're looking for a cause that helps children, this is the one for you!!!! Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national non-profit ministry that gives children a safe and comfortable place to lay their heads at night and is for children living in Columbia County.

The beds are delivered complete with a mattress and bedding. If you would like to donate new twin sheets (twin only not twin XL), comforters or thick quilts and shams (matching sets would be great) please drop by the church office during the week. The office is open Monday-Thursday 10a.m – 3p.m.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make your checks payable to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and add FL-Lake City in the check notes to make it specific for our Lake City Chapter. The mailing address is:

Sleep In Heavenly Peace  
PO Box 2905  
Phoenix, AZ 85062

The logo is handwritten in a cursive script. It reads "sleep in" on the first line and "heavenly peace" on the second line. There are decorative flourishes, including a long horizontal line under "sleep in" and a large loop under "heavenly".

Checks can be dropped off at our church office, or donated on-line at [shpbed.org](http://shpbed.org).

We had a bed build on May 17<sup>th</sup> where we built 26 beds. It was a great day and we had great support from our volunteers. We continue to see new faces. Thank-you!!! This may be our last build for the summer, however; we will continue to make bed deliveries. We continue to try to improve our bed builds and this time we introduced a new drill press with a new drill bit that makes cleaner holes and reduces splinters. These holes are a 1/2" to allow the Lag Bolts, at bed assembly, to be recessed into the headboard and footboard. We have some tweaking to do to make it better, but it is another improvement to make better beds.

We were contacted by the Bethel Methodist Church to present SHP to their Men's Fellowship group. On Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> we met at their meeting and received a great response. They want to assist in future deliveries and bed builds.

We continue to make bed deliveries and help families. One of our deliveries was for 6 beds. The request came from someone wanting to be a Foster Parent. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) had removed 5 children from a bad family situation. The applicant, with 2 kids of his own, was working to be a Foster Dad, and needed the beds for approval. We set up 3 delivery teams and assembled 3 bunk beds in his home. It was a great team effort and we got help from the kids too!!

We always have a need for more volunteers. We can use help with Media Support, helping to obtain Sponsorship and donations.

**Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an even greater year of helping our kids!!**

**Please volunteer and join the team, or join us for a future bed build!!!!**

(Bed Build  
May 17th)



(Chris &  
Christopher  
Costello)




(Pictured left to right: Hugh  
Giebig and Jerry Krumerich;  
Chris Wynn and Jerry Krumerich)



(Chris Wynn, Jerry Krumerich and Sandra Buck-Camp)

**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR MAY AND JUNE					
	May 4	53	June 1	68	
	May 11	62	June 8	51	
	May 18	61	June 15	85	
	May 25	74	June 22	48	
			June 29	60	



Potential  
Opportunity  
Willingness  
Enthusiasm  
Responsibility

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Attitude  
Relationship  
Investment  
Service  
Embrace



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR RESIDING HOPE REPRESENTATIVES

Our Church's outreach and passion to minister to children, youth and their families in our community is evident by our programs in action —e.g. Backpack ministry, Operation Christmas Child, Christian Service Center support and Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Here at FMC during Sunday service, the children have their own service. It is so heartening to see the enthusiasm of the adults guiding these services. They make a difference in the children's lives!

Likewise, the financial donations we make to Residing Hope (FL Children's Home formerly) fit right in to outreach to support young people who are needy in many ways. At the Enterprise and Madison Campuses, young people are being helped by having cottage parents that act as family for them. Children from broken or abusive home situations are given hope and learn to feel love and compassion to shape their lives positively.

Our Church participates in the special giving and emphasis on months with 5th Sundays (August and November for the remainder of this year). Special Residing Hope giving envelopes and inserts for bulletins are used during these times. Also, a R.H. youth is featured in a video, to show how their lives have been changed while living at the facility.

We have had a heart for this ministry for many years since it was originally called the “Methodist Orphanage “ and located in Enterprise. Elaine, as a young girl ,was a Pen Pal with a child resident of the orphanage and even had the Pen Pal come stay with her family for a week. That kind of situation would not fit in our current culture.

We say all this to encourage our members to consider giving financially to R.H. as you are led. You can give any Sunday by designating on the giving envelope “Residing Hope” or give during the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday months. Your giving will bolster the efforts to give hope to children that have come from abusive, unsafe and discouraging family situations. Matthew 25:40 : *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

God Bless you for caring and sharing.

**Next 5th Sunday Giving is August 31**

Steve and Elaine Stafford



# Residing Hope



# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 – 7 pm	4 	5 
6 Communion Pastor Tim's 1st Sunday Worship 11 am	7	8	9	10 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 – 7 pm	11	12
13 Worship 11 am	14	15 	16	17 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 – 7 pm	18 	19
20 Worship 11 am	21 	22	23	24 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 – 7 pm	25	26
27 Worship 11 am	28	29	30 	31 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 – 7 pm		



# AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3 Worship 11 am Communion	4	5	6	7 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 –7 pm	8	9
10 Worship 11 am	11 School begins for Columbia County	12	13	14 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 –7 pm	15	16 
17 Worship 11 am	18	19 	20	21 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 –7 pm	22	23
24 Worship 11 am 31 Worship 11 am 5th Sunday	25	26	27	28 Craft Club 5:30 pm  5:30 –7 pm	29 	30

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

# HELPING YOUNG FEET WALK THE PATH...

As the summer sun bathes our county in warmth and anticipation, we at the Christian Service Center of Columbia County are gearing up for a crucial mission: ensuring every child in our community starts the new school year on the right foot. We invite you to join us in our Soles for Success Back to School Shoe Program and make a lasting impact on the lives of local children.

For many families in our community, the back-to-school season is a time of financial strain. As parents struggle to cover the cost of school supplies, new shoes often become a luxury they simply cannot afford. Without adequate footwear, children face discomfort, embarrassment, and even barriers to learning. This is where our Soles for Success program steps in.

At the Christian Service Center, we believe that every child deserves the chance to thrive academically, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Through the Soles for Success program, we provide quality, properly fitting shoes to children in need, empowering them to walk confidently into the new school year and pursue their dreams without hindrance.

We invite you to be a part of this transformative initiative by becoming a donor to our Soles for Success campaign. Your generous contribution will directly impact the lives of children in our community, ensuring they have the essential footwear they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Your donation to the Soles for Success program is more than just a gift of shoes; it's an investment in the future of our community. With every pair of shoes provided, you empower a child to walk confidently, participate fully in school activities, and focus on their education without the distraction of ill-fitting or worn-out footwear.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in Columbia County. Step up for success and join our Soles for Success campaign today. Your generosity will leave a lasting imprint on the hearts and minds of the next generation, paving the way for a brighter future for all.

**If you would like to donate to this cause, please write "Soles for Success" on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope.**

**Donation deadline is July 30, 2025**



## KADA'S PROMISE

First Methodist Church is honored to partner with Kada's Promise. This charitable organization is dedicated to providing teddy bears and blankets to children in foster care, homeless shelters, abuse shelters and hospitals. It was founded by Kadance Fredericksen who knew what it was to need the comfort of a stuffed animal. She was the former winner of the Miss Okaloosa County Teen USA title and was a Miss Teen USA pageant competitor about to graduate high school when she was tragically killed in a car accident this past February. Please read part of her story below. To read more about her, go to [www.kadaspromise.com](http://www.kadaspromise.com)



Kadance Fredericksen was a survivor. From a young age, she endured the hardships of abuse, neglect, and homelessness. In those darkest moments, the only thing that brought her comfort was a single stuffed animal, a small source of security in a world that often felt unsafe. She carried that stuffy with her from house to house, couch to couch, clinging to it when everything else felt uncertain.

Her life changed when she was rescued by her biological father and now adoptive mom, who gave her the love, stability, and support every child deserves. With their encouragement, Kadance turned her pain into purpose. In 2017, she founded Kada's Promise, a program dedicated to providing teddy bears and blankets to children in foster care, homeless shelters, abuse shelters, and hospitals; children facing the same struggles she once did. She knew firsthand how something so small could offer hope in the darkest of times. Though Kadance is no longer with us, her mission lives on. Through partnerships with local organizations, Kada's Promise remains dedicated to ensuring that no child feels alone, forgotten, or unloved.

Kadance's story is one of resilience, love, and hope. We will continue her promise.



### **Ways you can help:**

- \*Purchase teddy bears (must be regular size and no smaller than 12") and bring to church on Sundays or to the office during the week (M-TH 10 am– 3 pm)
- \*Donate and write "Teddy Bear" on your check or offering envelope
- \*Join our Craft Club as we contribute to this valuable ministry.



## Summer Joys

I watched the brilliant sunrise  
Kiss the deep blue sea,  
As I walked in surf so pleasing,  
Just my Lord and me.

I watched the children laughing,  
Building castles in the sand,  
As young couples smiled sweetly  
Walking hand-in-hand.

Beach umbrellas lined up,  
As far as I could see.  
The sailboats and the freighters,  
Sail so majestically.

A million broken seashells  
Dot the sandy beach.  
Horseshoe crabs – abundant,  
Starfish within my reach.

This lovely Summer morning  
Makes me want to stay;  
As I drink in Your creation,  
God, I thank You for this day.

Mary Ann Jameson



SALESIAN MISSIONS



### GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving for any reason and need support to help you then please join us for this program. It is open to anyone and everyone in the community.

The program meets on **Thursdays from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.** Please call the office if you would like more information @ 386-752-4488.

### CRAFT GROUP

Our 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 Martha Rine.



### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Timothy Dunavant

**Administrative Assistant** Lee Gober

**Organist:** Open Position

**Pianist:** Amelia Tompkins

**Custodian:** Hope Crawford

**Grounds Keeper:** Austin Reiter

**Audio/Sound:** Rusty Bailey, David Smith

**Nursery:** Heather Giebeig

