

It is Good to Tithe to God

CALL TO GIVING

Proverbs 10:16; 11:28

¹⁶ *The wage of the righteous leads to life, the gain of the wicked to sin. Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.*

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Each Life That Touches Ours For Good”

A. Laurence Lyon. Proverbs 17:17, 4:18

*DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

It is Good to Hear God Speak

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Ankeny

GOD IS LOVE PRAYER

Video

It is Good to Depart and Serve

*HYMN

“The Love of God”

Video

*BENEDICTION

Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)

³¹ *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

³² *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

³³ *It is God who justifies.*

³⁴ *Who is the one that condemns?*

³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

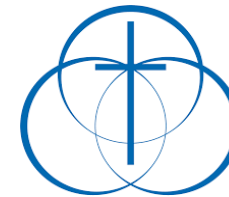
*POSTLUDE “Sine Nomine. “For All the Saints” R. V. Williams, 1906

In loving memory of Russell and Dorothy Bailey

***(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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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
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.

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Blaine Wheeler, Liturgist

It is Good to be with God in Worship

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

PRELUDE “Improvisation on “Lobe Den Herren” in Major and Minor Keys
Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY OF GOD’S LOVE Screen

***HYMN** “God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us (vs 1,4,5) 100

It is Good to Give Praise to God

WHAT IS AGAPE LOVE Video

Without agape love in our lives, **nothing we become or accomplish matters.**
Agape love is patient and kind.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Agape love is never jealous, arrogant, rude, selfish or irritable.

It will not brag and does not get resentful.

Agape love does not do wrong things, but rather, rejoices in goodness and truth.

Agape love never ends, it will remain forever.

The greatest of all things is God’s agape love.

***HYMN** “The Wonder of It All” Insert

It is Good to Affirm What We Believe

AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S LOVE THROUGH CHRIST

1 John 3:1 (NRSV)

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

John 3:16-17 (NRSV)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-11 (NRSV)

⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 5:8 (NRSV)

⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

John 17:23 (NRSV)

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NRSV)

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 5:1-3 (NRSV)

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (NRSV)

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

Romans 5:5 (NRSV)

⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

CHORUS “God So Loved the World” Video

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are in the final month of collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Some additional items that are needed are small notepads, small spiral notepads, coloring books, math practice cards, soaps, hair brushes and combs. Please visit the table in the narthex and pick up a more complete list.

We will collect items through Sunday, October 6th.

Monetary donations are also appreciated to help with shipping. Just make sure to write 'Christmas Shoebox' on your check on offering envelope.

Join us for a shoe box packing event hosted by the Methodist Women on Saturday, October 12 @ 9:30 am.

WEEKLY GIVING 9/22

Offering \$ 3,588

Gifts/Pledges \$ 3,048
Memorials \$ 100
Backpacks \$ 100
Residing Hope Children's Home \$ 5
Men's Fellowship \$ 210
Samaritan's Purse \$ 25
Miscellaneous \$ 100

Vanco \$ 433

Attendance 51

Quarter 2 Revenue \$ 119,966 Expenses \$121,122



Prayer Concerns



Homebound:

† Dot Pitman † George Richardson † Sallie Rae Williams † Helena Powers

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Bill Poplin † Lorene Douberley † Bailey Family-Dorothy Bailey passed into glory on 8/25/24 † Family of Darlene Manthey who passed into glory on 8/14/24 † Family of Arlene Lessard who passed into glory † Audrey Short

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Willowbrook

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Sandra Buck-Camp's friends, Alice G. St. John † Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Sandra Buck-Camp's sister in-law, Dottie Henne † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Sandra Buck-Camp's friend, Ottolie S. Glickman † Susan Lagoni † Lorene Douberley's granddaughter, Sarah Geer † Dave Field † Katrina Counts † John Gunther

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin † Nicole Ste. Marie † Sharon Bentley † Danny Thomas † David Spears

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 along the perforation 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:

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Lorrie Wheeler
 Haley Wheeler
 13 Rema Summerlin
 15 Casey Stevens
 17 Patricia Bailey
 20 Joshua Tonetti
 21 Jeff Willis
 22 Blaine Wheeler
 23 Margie Ogden
 26 Ann McCall
 27 Stephanie Foreman
 30 Steve Stafford, Jr.



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
Director of Music: David Malone
Pianist: Amelia Tompkins
Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith
Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober
Custodian: Heather Crawford
Grounds Keeper: Austin Reiter



UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Today, Sunday, September 29 @ 3:30 pm-Hallelujah Sing @ Tustenuggee Methodist Church

Sundays after worship-join us for "Lunch Bunch" to discuss the latest Engagement Project video &/or sermon.

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am-Bible Study with Pastor Aaron-1st Timothy; 5:30 pm-Kid's Bible Club

8 pm-Small group meeting in Youth Room-Speak with leader, Chris Costello, for more information.

*****Wednesday, October 2 @ 5:30 pm-** First Wednesday Family Meal-Please RSVP on the insert.

*****Congregational Leadership meeting @ 6:00 pm-**All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, October 8 @ 6 pm-Men's Fellowship-Please RSVP on the insert.

Saturday, October 12 @ 9:30 am-Shoebox packing event for Operation Christmas Child. We would love to have you join in on the fun. Hosted by Methodist Women.

Sunday, October 20 after worship-Memorial Service for Arlene Lessard. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

	2023	2024	Total
Beds built :	102	115	196
New Beds requested:		13	13
Beds Delivered:	55	125	180

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