

# Delphi Methodist Church October 2024

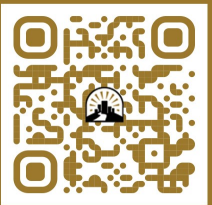


## CITY ON A HILL CARROLL

**OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**BE THE CHURCH.  
BE THE LIGHT.**

**REGISTER  
ONLINE**



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MINISTRIES.COM**

1:00pm—Pre Event Prayer  
2:00pm—Event begins  
5:00pm—Event ends  
This is an outdoor event at the Abby & Libby Memorial Park, so bring a chair or blanket.

### *Gratitude and Grace*

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

—Colossians 3:15-17

*Read inside for more details on this!*



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Connecting people to Christ, supporting families, and serving those in need or distress.

## Letters to home

The sweetness of new life in Christ is like the morning dew on flowers. I love the imagery of the sun peeping over the horizon and watching the grass shimmer with the dew of the evening chill. It reminds me of God's provision in a new day. In the last month, we have celebrated 12 baptisms.



That is 12 hearts connected with Jesus Christ. I pray for this evangelism to continue and advance throughout the year. We have much to celebrate.

One is that Pastor Chad Sherman is continuing his coursework at United Theological Seminary for the Master of Divinity so he can be ordained in the Global Methodist Church next June. This work involves another round of Contextual ministry at Delphi Methodist Church. You will see Chad preaching, leading communion, making hospital rounds, and learning about ministry in various ways. While Chad's calling is to Army National Guard Chaplaincy, that work is still grounded in the local church, and so we will help in his training.

The time of prayer at the courthouse the last few weeks has been beautiful. I believe God is doing a good work. Acts 6 talks about the vital work of corporate prayer and the church being one. I am reminded of the second great awakening that spread across America in 1857-1858, which began with a prayer meeting of ten people in New York City. The Lord honors prayer meetings when people humbly cry out to the Lord in need. That is the nature of those events. You still have time to join in prayer and to attend the City on a Hill event on October 5 from 2-5 p.m. at the Abby-Libby Memorial Park.

October is an important month in our community as the trial begins. Please pray for protection for the families, for the court system, and for the Holy Spirit to move with truth shining out in the darkness.

Peace,

Pastor Todd

## Obituaries: AKA Earthly Lists



I LOVE lists. I make lists for everything: to do lists, meal planning lists, packing lists, work lists, cleaning lists, grocery lists, repair lists, travel lists. You name it, and I have probably made a list for it! One of the best parts, for me, is the moment I get to cross it off the list. It's complete satisfaction of an accomplishment, no matter how small.

But obituaries...they're another type of list. They are basically a list of one's earthly accomplishments, interests, and highlights of the good deeds the deceased had done. And I, like many, find myself skimming over them in the newspaper or online.

This got me thinking about the idea of "good deeds" getting one into heaven. You know, the good things people do while on earth that they can "cross off" their list. We've all heard it, *"They were such a good person, surely they're in heaven."* *"They did so many good things, God will see that and understand."* The sad thing is, many people believe this. You do realize no person is good enough to earn their way into heaven, right? Yep, I said it. Ouch!

You can even go as far as knowing about Christ (cross it off the list), believing in Christ (cross it off the list), going to church every week (cross it off the list), and volunteering in ministries (cross it off the list). But THAT ISN'T ENOUGH! Crossing off the good deeds won't EARN your way into heaven. All those things collectively CANNOT save you!

So how can you be certain?

***Acts 2:21 ~ "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."***

Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that He died on the cross for your sins and then rose again. Repent, ask Jesus into your heart, and surrender your life to Him. Then TRUST Christ for your salvation. **It's that easy!** There is only ONE way into heaven, through faith in Christ. There is no salvation in any other way or name other than through Jesus Christ. Good deeds do not GIVE us salvation, but they are the RESULT of salvation.

Obituaries are nice to read, but don't spend your life just crossing things off your earthly good deeds list. It isn't, and won't ever be, enough.

—Sarah Cross

## Kids Hope USA

GREAT NEWS—We now have Mentors in place at Delphi Elementary School! Our Mentors started meeting with their students the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. New friendships are starting to be formed.



To the existing mentors, THANK YOU for your time during your busy schedules. This time is greatly valuable to your student, as they look forward to seeing you each week.

Thank you for the Prayer Partners. Your role is a valued part of the Kids Hope program. You are our unspoken Heroes.

We continue to accept applications for Mentors as well as Prayer Partners. You can start any time within the school year. Are you ready to help fill a void in a child's life?

Interested? Application forms are available by contacting me @ 765/421-1364 or by email at [ljmisslisa@yahoo.com](mailto:ljmisslisa@yahoo.com). Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far. Church, please continue to pray for all involved with this valuable ministry.

Lisa Jones



## Grieving Through The Holidays

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00am — Noon



"Firsts" are very difficult after a loss, especially holidays and special occasions. Feelings of dread, heartache, and sorrow are normal. Let us help encourage and navigate this holiday season with you.

This one-day event will give you insight and offer tools on how to get through this difficult season.

**Everything shared is confidential.**

There is no cost and is open to the community.

So that we can plan accordingly, please call the church office at 765/564-3791 by Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending.



If you would like more information, please reach out to Deb Mears or Ruth Miller.

## Buddy Bags 2024—2025



As some of you may know, our church works in conjunction with Food Finders in Lafayette in supporting a food program for the elementary children in the Camden and Delphi school system. This program is called Buddy Bags!

The Buddy Bag program sends food home each Friday to students through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who have signed up to receive the Buddy Bag. This is an ongoing program throughout the school year and is meant to be a *supplementation of food* for them to get through the weekend when not in school. We receive the food from Food Finders once a month and store it in a room at Delphi elementary. When it is time to pack, we have a wonderful list of volunteers who are called upon to assist.

This year we have come across a few challenges, including a significant drop in students wanting to take advantage of the program. We will be meeting with Principal Hawk (of Delphi Elementary) and some of the teachers to try to convey how this program works and possibly come up with a few ideas to reach out to the families who might be in need. We hope to have our numbers back to where they usually are by January 2025.

At this time, we need less volunteers than normal; however, I am still taking names of people who would like to be put on our list for future packing. If you are interested, please reach out to me at 765/490-6520 or contact the church office.

Christine Tyner  
Buddy Bag Coordinator



**Through our Community Garden, we raised \$326 for missions, and donated 175 pounds of fresh produce to the Delphi Food Pantry!**

**A big shout out goes to Darol and Denise Packard for the many hours of love and devotion they put toward the garden. And thank YOU, church, for your monetary donations!**

**Congregational Care Ministry:  
Caring for mind, body and spirit of all  
Deb Mears, Parish Nurse**

### Fall Allergies

Many people associate spring and summer with allergies, and yet fall can bring its own allergens. Most common allergens in the fall are *ragweed* and *mold*. Other fall culprits *in our area*, are goldenrod, cocklebur, pigweed, burning bush and lamb's-quarters. In the fall, one *ragweed* plant can produce up to *1 billion pollen grains*. Also, as leaves begin to disintegrate, they can become a breeding ground for *mold*.

#### Allergy symptoms:

- Watery itchy or generally irritated eyes
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Sneezing
- Headaches
- Rashes or hives on the skin
- Itchy throat



Allergens can aggravate asthma and cause coughing or wheezing. Fall allergies are often overlooked due to the expectation that colds, flu and COVID are on the rise during the same time. One distinguishing factor is that allergies **do not cause a fever**. Allergies cause “itchy symptoms.” Colds, flu, and COVID often cause body aches, stomach issues, and temperatures greater than 100 degrees.

#### How to manage allergies:

- Spend time outside in the afternoon or evening, pollen counts are higher in the morning.
- Keep yourself and your home clean. Pollen can stick to clothing and hair for example. Brush animals that go indoors and outdoors.
- Ask your doctor for medications that may relieve symptoms. Take consistently.

*“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22*

**Praising God for the beautiful seasons He created.**



### CPR & First Aid Classes Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9AM – 12 Noon



*Do you need to be certified for CPR/AED?  
Do you need recertification? Would you like to take a First Aid Class?*

This is open to everyone and we still have space for a few more to join. We are blessed to be able to offer this training here at Delphi Methodist through our own instructor, Keith Black!

If you are interested in taking this CPR class, as well as the First Aid class, please contact the church office or Deb Mears @765/490-6817. **You MUST rsvp what classes you are interested in** in order for us to make sure we have enough materials.



### Mobile Food Pantry Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM Church Parking Lot

Food Finders, along with the Delphi Food Pantry, will be hosting a Mobile Food pantry here in our church parking lot.

As always, this drive-through event is open to anyone who may be in need of food. You are free to access as many Mobile Food Pantries as you need without penalizing your going to the local Food Pantry.



### October Food Pantry Item: Cake Mixes

Hunger knows no season. Your continuing and generous donations ensure that there will be enough food and household items for the families in our community.

Donations may be placed in the Food Pantry cabinet at the entrance to the front doors.

All donations stay right here in Delphi.



# What's Happening in Children's Ministry?

**ALONG the WAY**

**WEEK 1** **GOD IS WITH ME** no matter what I go through.

**WEEK 2** We can show God's love in **SMALL WAYS.**

**WEEK 3** **GOD IS BIGGER** than we could ever understand.

**WEEK 4** We can trust God will make **EVERYTHING RIGHT.**

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.  
**PSALM 121:8 (NIV)**

People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that **God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.**



## Check-in/Check-Out Reminders

**Check-In:** When arriving at either service, please stop at the Children's Check-In Desk and check in your child. Each child has a nametag hanging on the rack behind the desk. We ask that children wear their nametags as we have multiple teachers and shepherds. We like to know each child's name and if he/she has any food allergies.

**Check-Out:** When you come to the Children's Treehouse to pick up your child, please come through the large rolling gate and either locate your child in the play area or find the classroom your child is in. Rooms are labeled for your convenience. As you leave the church, please assist your child in hanging their nametag back on the rack.

*Thank you for letting us spend time with your children!*

Prayer Ministry  
Debbie Hyman,  
Director of Prayer Ministry



## WHAT IS A PRAYER WALK?

Prayer walking is a type of intercessory prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying. As you walk, your prayers focus on the needs of others. In doing that, we open ourselves to see others with God's eyes and heart.

*The Prayer Team would like to challenge you to go on a prayer walk.*

*You can walk alone, with a friend, or with a group.*

Each member of the Prayer Team went on a prayer walk before school started. We each chose a school to walk and pray around. It is never too late for anyone to still do that. Our schools are all working and learning in some capacity there, and need daily ongoing prayers.

We need you to walk and pray for the Abby/Libby trial coming up. Walk around the courthouse and side streets and pray for every aspect of the trial, the family, the judge, the jury, the police force, businesses, and ALL people connected with the trial.

The Lord listens and responds to our prayers and He'll act when our prayers are in accordance with His will. We see just the immediate future, but God sees everything at once. *His timing is perfect.*

As you finish your prayer walk, continue to lift this trail to our Heavenly Father. Devote yourself to prayer, and when we don't know what else to pray for the Holy Spirit will prompt us and intercede for us.

*Please schedule your prayer walk soon!*



# DMW NEWS

**(Delphi Methodist Women)**

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm  
Room 211 (large meeting room off of the kitchen)**

We had a GREAT turnout for our first meeting and we are excited to get more women involved. The strength of our Methodist Women is dependent on our members. Be a part of our missions and church activities both globally and within our community. The more members, the stronger we are! Let us share our love for Jesus as a strong united group.

We will be going over our new mission statement ideas, as well as discuss various ways we can be involved in our church and our communities. Join us!

All women are invited to attend.

## ***Gratitude and Grace***

With God's help, we ask for your continued support to Delphi Methodist Church to accomplish the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Be on the lookout soon for our 2025 pledge cards. We will be collecting these Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

You may turn these in on any Sunday morning or you can mail them in with the included prepaid postage and envelope.

***Join us for ONE combined service on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am as we come together as one body of Christ. Stay after for a catered meal.***

We hope to see you there!



## **Blood Pressure Checks**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM—10:30AM**



Our Parish Nurses are back to checking blood pressures the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month in the Church Office!

They will record them for you to share with your physician.

Be a good steward of God's gift of health and life!

Stop in the office between services (10:00am — 10:30am).



## **Trunk-Or-Treat Update!**



As you may know, we have hosted a Fall Carnival or Trunk-or-Treat for many years at Delphi Methodist Church. This year, we will not be hosting either event...

**BUT DON'T WORRY!**

We are in the process of re-thinking and re-shaping what we would like to do in the fall of 2025. So stay tuned...it's going to be an event full of community fellowship and "fall-tastic" fun!



## **Closing The Gap: DMC Financial Update**

As we approach the colder months, we watch the trees bring the beautiful colors of fall, the pumpkins, the decorative corn stalks, and yes, pumpkin spice. As the trees go dormant for the winter, they are preparing for their spring refresh to blossom again with abundance.

The Finance Committee would like to again thank our congregation for their generosity throughout the year, but we do ask that our tithes not go dormant like the trees. Each of us help make Delphi Methodist Church what it is to our community. We ask that all of us refresh our giving to be able to help others wherever we can.

*"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25)*