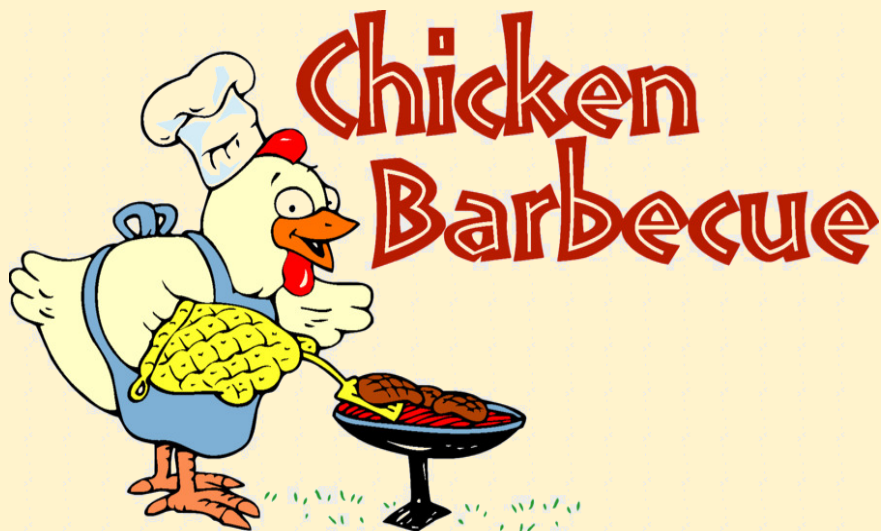




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— C H U R C H —

August 2025



Friday, August 8th

4:30PM - 7:30PM

Presale Ticket: \$15.00

At The Door Ticket: \$16.00

Tickets are still available from any Wesley Weds or Mission Team member, in the Rotunda Sunday morning, or in the church office Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM — 4:00PM.

If you signed up to donate desserts, please drop them off in the church kitchen on Thursday, August 7th from 9:00AM — 4:00PM or on Friday, August 8th from 9:00AM — Noon.

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Our Vision is to be a church that loves enough to connect people to Christ, support families, and serve those in need or distress.

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

In-person

Worship times:

First Service: 9:00AM

Coffee Fellowship:
10—10:30AM

Second Service: 10:30AM

Online Connections:

Join us for worship online as we livestream our services each week.

You may access the service on our Website, our Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

Rooted in Faith, Reaching in Love

Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



As we step into the heart of summer and look ahead to a vibrant fall, we are reminded of both the strength of our fellowship and the urgency of our mission. This month brings a delicious tradition with a divine purpose—our **Annual Chicken BBQ**. Yes, the food is mouthwatering, but the impact is far more satisfying. This event supports our mission work and youth programming, planting seeds in lives both near and far.

But the BBQ is also a wide-open door.

What better time to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to experience the warmth of our church community than over a shared meal? Maybe you've had someone on your heart—a person God keeps bringing to mind. This is your moment. Consider buying a couple of extra tickets as a gift. It's a small gesture that could lead to a life-changing connection. Let them see, through good food and even better fellowship, the love of Christ alive and at work.

We are also excited to offer **another session of our New Members Class**—an invitation for those considering deeper roots in our church family. Whether you choose the **Saturday morning session on September 6** or the **Sunday evening series beginning August 24**, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore what it means to belong, to grow, and to serve alongside one another. Details can be found below in this newsletter, and we encourage you to pass them along to anyone curious about calling this church “home.”

Looking ahead to fall, we're entering a season of reflection and action with a renewed focus on our **shared faith and fellowship**. Our vision remains clear: **to reach people with the love of Jesus**—and that work belongs to all of us. Together, we will explore:

- The **foundations of our faith**—what we believe and why it matters.
- Practical ways to **share our faith** with clarity and compassion.
- A deeper **commitment to generosity**, both in spirit and in action.

These efforts will lead straight into Thanksgiving and Christmas so we can tell the story of Jesus boldly, meet needs willingly, and walk in love consistently. The world is hungry for hope. Let's be the people who serve it—on a plate, in a prayer, and through our presence.

New Members Class

**Beginning August and September*



Plan now to step into one of our membership classes. One option is to join in on Saturday morning, September 6th from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. A second option is to participate in three sessions on Sunday evenings: August 24th, September 7th, and September 14th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Both groups will join the church on Sunday, September 21st.

We will cover our vision, the history of Delphi Methodist, our mutual commitment to Jesus, and our discipleship process. And, most importantly, how we care for one another and the community that Jesus calls us to love.

If interested, mark your Connect Card, talk with Pastor Todd, or call the Church office (765/564-3791) to RSVP.

What's Happening Here...



Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, August 6th** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to everyone in the community in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, Aug. 10th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.



Pickleball meets every **Tuesday night at 5:30pm** in the Teen Center. Contact Mark Baker at 765/490-5703 or Rhonda Hostetter at 765/430-1942 for info.



August Food Pantry: Canned Soup! Donations may be placed in the Food Pantry cabinet at the entrance to the front doors of the church.



The Mission Team is continuously raising funds for children who don't have a bed. A donation bank is by the front entrance doors.

Make a Joyful Noise



Hearing plays an important role in child development. It impacts language, social interaction and overall learning. Early identification and intervention for hearing loss ensures that children reach their full potential.

Sound stimulates brain development. It is important for children to be exposed to different sounds. The more sound a child is exposed to, the stronger their neural connections for language, memory, and attention become. We have different music in our two services. Expose them to both!

Hearing tests are performed at birth for early detection of hearing loss. If your baby is identified as having a concern, be sure to follow up as directed. As a child grows, hearing loss is identified by what we refer to as “developmental milestones.” Some parents are reluctant to take their child for well checkups because they are not sick and they feel it is a waste. These visits, however, are important for many reasons including making sure your child does not have delays that indicate hearing loss.

Hearing loss present at birth is called **Congenital Hearing Loss**. But **Acquired Hearing Loss** develops after birth. It can be caused by ear infections, head trauma, noise exposure, or certain medications. It can even be due to ear wax!



Call your family provider for suspected hearing loss in your child. They can diagnose some causes in the office or send your child to a specialist if needed.

Can you hear the music in this praising of God? *“..praise Him with lyre and harp! Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing; praise Him with strings and flutes! Praise Him with clash of cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!”* —Psalm 150.



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

***Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are
God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
—Psalm 25:5***

Have you ever been on a guided tour? A tour puts a picture of a place and journey that someone in history had taken. To get the full appreciation of the tour, the best thing to do is to read about the place and person that you are taking the tour of. This will give you a better understanding when taking the tour.

A Tour Guide is one who knows everything there is to know about the person and/or place that you are on the tour to learn about. If you ask them a question, most of the time they will have an answer. The Tour Guide will often ask the tourists to put themselves in the story of the character’s shoes and then ask if you would do anything different. They try to paint a picture of what they did wrong or right.

As Christians, we have the Bible as a guide for our lives: Instructions on how to live. Choosing Jesus as our Tour guide is a wise decision. This tour lasts a lifetime. Trusting Jesus even when things gets challenging builds character. Be sure to stay with the Tour Guide and not veer off on your own. That’s where many people get lost or hurt.

GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH, AND TEACH ME, FOR
YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION, I WAIT FOR
YOU ALL DAY LONG.
-PSALMS 25:5 WEB

DMW NEWS

Delphi
Methodist
Women

The Delphi Methodist Women's ministry exists to glorify God through prayerfully planned activities and events, which serve our church and community, promote spiritual growth, and lead others to Christ.

Women of Delphi Methodist ~ We are canceling our August meeting. We will meet again **Wednesday, October 1st at 7pm** here at the church.

We are still looking for volunteers to help plan, cook, or donate sides for the Rotary meals on Tuesdays. If you're available to lend a hand organizing a lunch, helping to serve, or wish to prepare a dish, there is a **sign up list on the wall in the kitchen**. Questions? Contact Denise Packard at 765/490-1248.

Many hands make light work!



Our Administrative Council will meet on Monday, August 4th at 7:00pm here at the church. This group provides oversight to our church and directs our teams, which include staff and committees, all of whom are tasked with carrying out the church's work.



Join us for
the 2025
School Year!

It's the beginning of a new school year and we are excited to serve the students of Delphi Elementary.

We have **Mentors** returning for another year, and I would like to personally extend a heart-felt **THANK YOU** for your continued commitment to the Kids Hope USA program. The kids so enjoy their time spent with you.

I would also like to invite **new people** to join this amazing program. It is One Church, One School, One Child, One Hour. During this hour, you touch a child's life and make lasting memories. Can't get away during the day to volunteer? That's ok—we need **PRAYER PARTNERS**, too! We can always use more of these! Please consider this ministry if you have a love for children.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me and I will be happy to tell you more!

Lisa Jones
Director of Kids Hope USA
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CALLING ALL WOMEN:

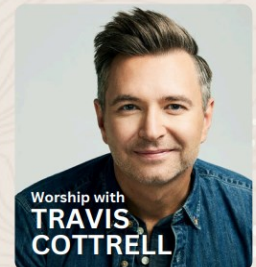
You are invited to our one-day event here at Delphi Methodist Church!

Invite your friends and neighbors to a video simulcast from Living Proof Ministries with best-selling Author and Bible teacher Beth Moore.

Beth is the founder of Living Proof Ministries and has written numerous best-selling books and Bible studies. Some of Beth's titles include: *Praying God's Word: Breaking Free from Spiritual Strongholds*; *So Long, Insecurity, You've Been a Bad Friend to Us*; *Breaking Free: Discover the Victory of Total Surrender*.

The day will include fellowship with other women in the community, a light breakfast, lunch, three (3) learning sessions with Beth Moore, and worship with Travis Cottrell.

Living Proof LIVE
2025 SIMULCAST



Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00am to 3:00pm

**Registration begins Sunday, August 17th
in the Rotunda**

Tickets are \$25 each and includes lunch

Children's Ministry



Here's what we're teaching this month!

Hello church family!

I want to take a moment to say thank you for supporting me as your Children's Ministry Director for the last 11 years. I have enjoyed this role so much! Getting to know so many families and their children has been a blessing, and this role has not only grown my faith but prepared me for the next phase of my journey. As I move into a full-time preschool director position, I know the experiences I've had in children's ministry have made me ready to do so. Isn't it amazing how God works!

Thank you for all of your support and love,
Ashley Duff



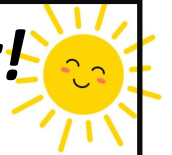
This position has also been a blessing because it allowed me to be at home more with my boys when they were little, so thank you for supporting our growing family. They've changed quite a bit in 11 years!



scan me!
to find out more



It's Summer!



Just a reminder that we'll follow our summer schedule through August. Growth Point (9am) and Grapple will start back up in September.

Meet Our New Director of Children's Ministry!



Hello church! My husband, Kaleb, and I have been attending church here together

for the last four years. We've been married for three years and have two daughters, Ellie (2) and Avery (4 months). I am so thankful for the opportunity to lead our Children's Ministry. This church has been my home since high school, and it's such a blessing to now serve in a way that allows me to help plant seeds of faith in the next generation.

Yes, it is that time of year! The Adult Choir will be resuming rehearsals starting Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:00PM in the worship center. Our first Sunday to help lead worship will be September 7th.

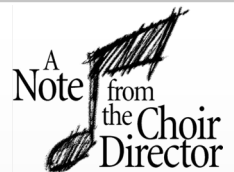
Maybe as you read this you are wondering, why is it important to have choir? Here are a couple of verses from the Word of God that will answer that.

Psalm 96:1-2 ~Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Psalm 146:2 ~I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

The choir is a ministry for the Lord our God, to show our love for Him and to worship Him with songs and praise. Jesus chose and commissioned others to continue the work He left unfinished. In the same manner, is He calling you to be a part of the music ministry? He has commissioned men and women, not angels. What a privilege He has granted us. God called His people to love and worship Him. His great plan is to worship Him first, then all other ministry activity becomes natural outgrowths of that relationship.

Text me at 765-202-1770 with any questions you might have. What a mighty God we serve!
Terry Langston, Choir Director



I was blessed with three short trips away from home this summer. When I travel, I make a list of things I need, including my chargers and books. I match outfits and pack essentials. I check off the items when they are put in the suitcase, then do the same thing in reverse when I'm ready to come home. I even check the list twice. We all do this, right?



When I was a little girl, my parents thought one of the best gifts we could give ourselves was seeing the world and they started that journey with me. Our summer travels took us everywhere in the continental US, covering more than 35 states by the time I was in High School. My last state to see will be Alaska. My Dad believed we learn something from each region of the country, whether it be cultural and/or historical.

I remember being shocked at how many people had never traveled more than 50 miles from home their entire lives. Everything they needed and expected was in their own little corner of the world. They had no desire to experience more. For me, it was all about the journey. I was never afraid to go anywhere new, my parents were with me, keeping me safe. This made me think...

For the early apostles, their destinations were uncertain, the reception from the residents unsure. They carried a new message of love, hope and eternity in Paradise. Quite controversial in a world of Roman occupation. They may have been unsure of their safety. They never knew where they would eat or sleep. There was no timetable for how long they stayed in one place. They had no possessions or money. Theirs was a continuous journey, from one place to the next, delivering the good news of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. What a wonderful journey that must have been, embracing each new day, glorifying God and preaching Jesus' words.

What if we take that as our stance – to go and meet new people, fearlessly preaching the Good News? Would you be willing? Make your life's journey an experience that will spread the Gospel to all corners of the earth, one person at a time. Even if that journey never leaves home.

—Ruth Miller

Something
to Consider

Riding the Rollercoasters of Life!

We recently returned from a trip to King's Island. And while the location and activity would not have been my first choice, I know that my time with my "almost adult" boys is coming to an end while they are still at home. So at this point, I would have agreed to anything just to spend time with them.

I have to say, for an old mom I did pretty good holding my own on all the rollercoasters! However, I would be lying if I said that some of them didn't scare me a bit with all the twists and turns and not knowing what was up ahead. Over and over, I was appreciative of the various safety harnesses, but also apprehensive knowing I had to put my full faith in them that they would keep me safe!

It reminded me that rollercoasters are like life: One moment you're climbing, full of anticipation and excitement. The next, you're plummeting and trying to grab onto anything that feels stable. There are loops that catch us off guard, sharp turns we didn't expect, and moments when everything feels upside down.

When we ride a rollercoaster, we trust the track was designed with purpose. That someone built it to carry people safely through every twist and turn. Likewise, God has designed our lives with a plan. Even when we don't understand the path, we're not abandoned. His love surrounds us like a harness, unshakable and secure. He's always with us in the high climbs, in the freefalls, and when we feel like we're spinning in circles. Thankfully, for us Christians, no matter how wild the ride, God's love is the safety bar that never lets go.

Psalm 46:1 ~ "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Isaiah 41:10 ~ "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

If you're feeling disoriented, anxious, or like life is moving too fast, just pause. Remember who holds you. You're not riding this rollercoaster alone. Even when everything else is uncertain, God's love is constant, His presence is sure, and His grace is enough for every turn.

—Sarah Cross