

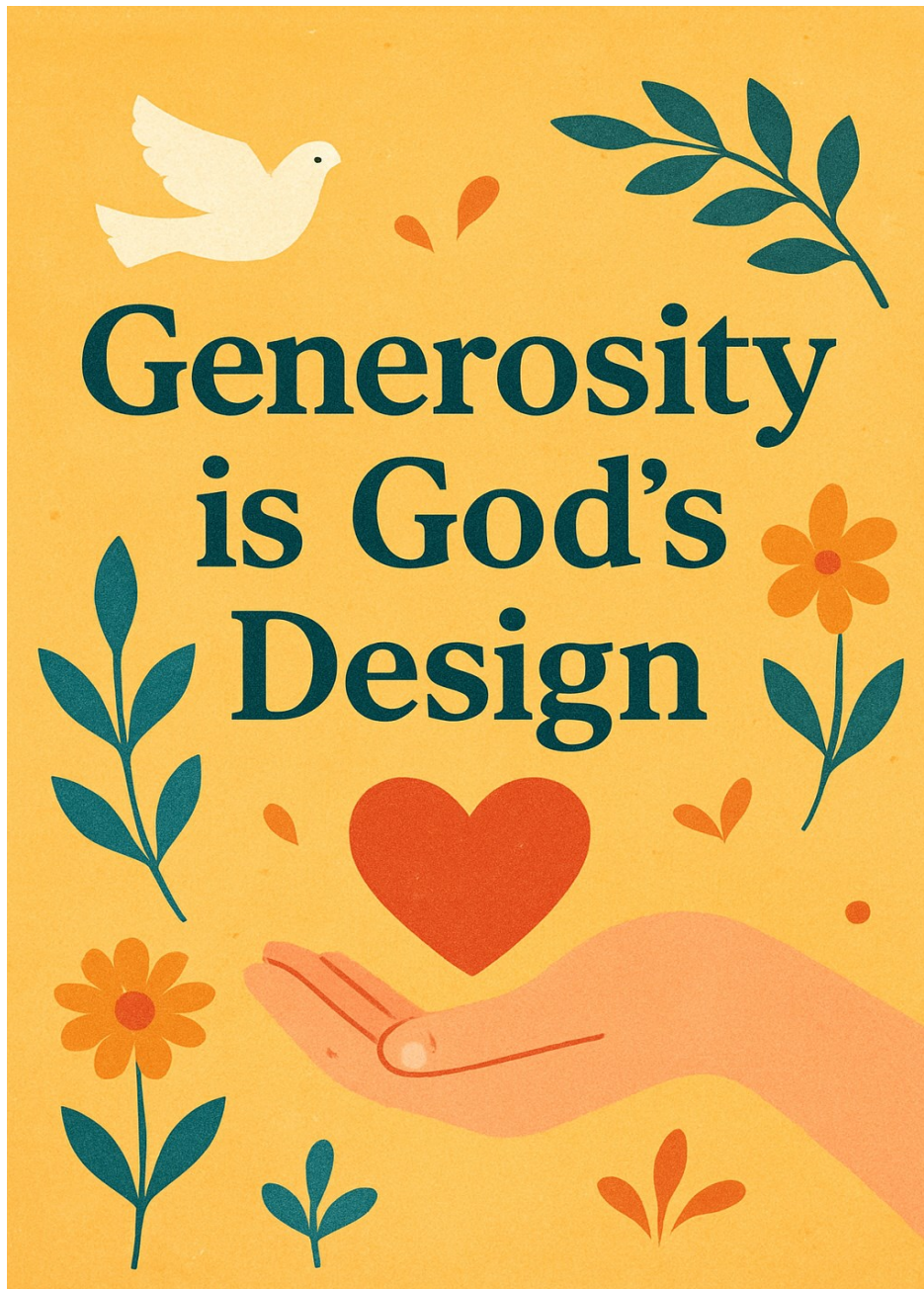


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Our Vision is to be a church that loves enough to connect people to Christ, support families, and serve those in need or distress.

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.

This October, you'll have the privilege of hearing from some wonderful guest speakers while Rhonda and I embark on a special journey to Kathmandu, Nepal, to visit our son, Jordan. We're thrilled to experience his new world firsthand—to see where he calls home, meet the people who've become part of his story, and witness how he's building his life halfway around the globe from us.

The adventure includes trekking through the majestic Himalayan Mountains and connecting with the incredible people of Nepal. We're grateful for this opportunity to see God's beautiful world and diverse family through new eyes.

Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



Reflecting God's Generous Heart

Your continued generosity makes these connections possible—not just our personal journey, but the countless ways our church reaches out to touch lives both locally and globally. There's something powerful about generous living that draws people's attention. When we care for those in need, the world takes notice. When we give freely, we shine a light that others can't ignore.

This isn't coincidental. God designed us for generosity because generosity flows from His very nature. Love and mercy aren't just attributes of God—they're His primary way of being in the world. When we live generously, we become mirrors reflecting the heart of Jesus to everyone around us.

True generosity encompasses giving your time, sharing your resources, and telling your story in ways that point others toward hope and healing. My prayer is we all make commitments in three key areas: giving, serving, and sharing our faith. This isn't about obligation—it's about discovery. Thank you for making this community a place where generosity flourishes and God's love is made visible to our world.

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Todd

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

**DO NOT STORE UP
FOR YOURSELVES
TREASURES
ON EARTH
BUT STORE UP
FOR YOURSELVES
TREASURES
IN HEAVEN**

MATTHEW 6:19-24



Financial Update

We are through 2025 with good financials, and will be able to continue the Call of

God and our vision to bring Christianity to more people in our community, nation, and world. Please continue your generous support, and know that we are already looking ahead to 2026 as a breakout year for spreading the gospel.

—Martin Overholser, Finance Committee

Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's take this special opportunity to recognize and express our heartfelt gratitude to **Pastor Todd (& Rhonda)** for their unwavering spiritual guidance, compassionate leadership, and tireless service to our church and community.

We encourage everyone to take a moment this month to show your appreciation—whether it's through a **home-cooked meal, a plate of goodies, a thoughtful gift, or a simple note or card.** Every gesture, big or small, makes a difference and lets them know how much they are loved and valued.

Thank you, Pastor Todd & Rhonda, for all that you do!

What's Happening Here...



Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, October 1st** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, Oct. 12th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.



Pickleball meets every **Tuesday evening at 5:30pm** in the Teen Center. Reach out to Mark Baker at 765/490-5703 or Rhonda Hostetter at 765/430-1942.



October Food Pantry: Cake Mixes! Please place donations in the Food Pantry cabinet at 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.



Grieving Through The Holidays

Finding Comfort, Support, and Hope

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 8th

9:00am — Noon Here at Delphi Methodist



The "firsts" after a loss, especially holidays and special occasions, can be incredibly difficult. Feelings of dread, sorrow, and heartache are completely normal during this season. You're not alone.

We invite you to a **one-day event** designed to offer encouragement, insight, and practical tools to help you navigate the holidays with care and support.

Everything shared is confidential.

There is **NO COST** and this is open to the community. If you or someone you know is facing this season with a heavy heart, please join us. Bring a friend, or invite someone who may benefit. Then come alongside them. Let's walk through this together.



Grief Care
FELLOWSHIP

So that we can plan accordingly, and have enough materials for everyone, **we ask that you please RSVP** by marking your Connect Card on Sunday or call the church office at 765/564-3791 by Monday, Nov. 3rd if you are interested in attending.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Parish Nurse Deb Mears at 765/490-6817 or by email at parishnurse@delphimethodist.church.

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



“Whoops” Moments Are Not As Funny As They Were In The Past!

Falls are the leading cause of injury among older adults. They can actually be serious with grave consequences. Physical changes and health conditions (medications used) make falls more likely as we age.

If you are falling more frequently, discuss with your healthcare provider medications you are taking if you feel dizzy, have joint pain, shortness of breath, or numbness in your feet and legs. Certain eye and ear disorders may increase your risk of falls. You will also want to discuss your ability to participate in physical activity. If exercise is difficult, they may suggest physical therapy to help improve your balance, flexibility, and muscle strength.

Make your home safer by:

- Removing boxes, newspapers, and electric cords from **walkways**.
- Move coffee tables, magazine racks, and plant stands from **walkways**.
- **Secure loose rugs** with carpet tape, slip-resistant backing. Discard if unable to stabilize. Repair loose wooden floorboards and carpeting.
- Store clothing, dishes, food, and other necessities **within easy reach**.
- **Immediately clean** spilled liquids, grease, or food.
- Use nonslip mats in your bathtub or shower. Use a bath seat if you need to sit. (I have one of these in my storage.) Have grab bars for shower or tub.
- **Keep your home brightly lit**. Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom, and hallway. Have staircases lit. Store flashlights in easy-to-find places.
- Stairways should have handrails, both sides if possible, and nonslip treads for bare wood stairs.

If you are in different surroundings, take time to assess areas you think might be difficult. Try not to make sudden unplanned movements, like dropping something and leaping to pick it up. Or, noticing a weed that needs to be picked! :-)

Psalm 37: 23-24: “The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.”



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Activate the Power of God

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. —2 Timothy 1:7-8

Do we really understand the power of God? We talk about His power in church and Sunday school class, but do we really believe in our hearts that He has the power to work in our lives? If we do, how come it seems like we just can't let go of some things or apply principles that He teaches us in His word? Take tithing for example. Malachi 3:10 says, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

If you're having financial problems, either you can't pay your bills or it seems you're always scraping by and you're not tithing, maybe the Lord is waiting on you to start tithing so He can show you His power. He doesn't ask you to figure out how He's going to bless you. He doesn't ask you to make sense of this tithing principle. All He is asking is that you trust Him. He even asks you to test Him in this matter. It's okay to tell the Lord, “I'm scared Lord, but you said in your word to 'test you in this' so that's what I'm doing. I'm not going to give you a timeline, I'm just going to trust you from now on. Open my eyes and give me wisdom in this area.”

The way to receive God's power and self-discipline is to read and study his word daily. When a sermon is preached, take notes and dig into that subject deeper. Read a little farther. In doing so, the Lord will give you wisdom, understanding, power, and courage to press forward.

Psalm 34:8, “Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”

Lost weight is motivation to stay on a diet—Answered prayer is motivation to stay in His word and pray every day.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:6-7

DMW NEWS

Delphi
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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.

ALL WOMEN are invited to our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7pm** here at the church in Room 211 (room off the kitchen). We will be kicking off our year at this meeting, so plan to attend and invite someone new!

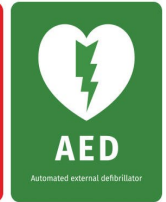
We will also be going over what we've done and participated in over the last year, report on our donations to numerous organizations and ministries, we'll have sign-ups for various volunteer positions, and we'll brainstorm new and exciting ideas!

Come join us to connect with other women! If you'd like more information, please reach out to President Vicky Sorrells at 765/586-2927.

CPR AED CLASS

Saturday,
October 11th

9AM – 12 Noon

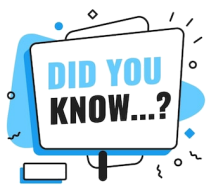


Here at DMC

Would you like to be trained and certified for CPR/AED? Are you expired and need recertified?

We are blessed to be able to offer this training here at Delphi Methodist through our very own instructor Keith Black!

If you are interested in taking this CPR class, mark your Connect Card, contact the church office (765/564-3791) or reach out to Parish Nurse Deb Mears (765/490-6817). **You MUST RSVP** in order for us to make sure we have enough materials.



Stay in the Loop with Our Church Calendar!

Ever wonder what, when, or where something is happening at church? We've made it as easy as possible to stay connected by linking our church calendar directly to our website!

Through **Breeze**, our church database management system, we maintain an online calendar that includes meetings, services, rehearsals, events, and more. While not *everything* happening at the church may be listed, we do our best to keep it updated, as long as we're notified.

So how do you access this calendar? It's simple!

Just visit our website:

www.delphimethodist.church

On the homepage, hover over the "Events" tab on the right. Then click on "Calendar." From there, you'll be able to view a month-by-month schedule of the happenings at the church.

Friendly Reminder: Before scheduling a meeting, planning an event, or reserving church space, please call the church office first (765/564-3791) to avoid any scheduling conflicts. We do our best to accommodate everyone.

Thank you for helping us stay organized and connected!



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USA®

Building Life-Changing Relationships

There is no "one size fits all" child. And there is no "one size fits all" mentor! Being a great mentor is less about skills and knowledge and more about your attitude and perspective.

- ➔ *Can you faithfully show up once a week to support a child?*
- ➔ *Are you genuinely curious about helping children grow and learn?*
- ➔ *Can you commit to following the Kids Hope USA program?*

If you answered **YES** to these questions, you could be a GREAT mentor! This could be the memorable hour of your week!

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me and I would love to tell you more!

Lisa Jones
Director of Kids Hope USA
765/421-1364
ljmisslisa@yhoo.com

Children's Ministry Here's what we're teaching this month!



scan me!
to find out more



Magic tricks and illusions have a way of sparking wonder and curiosity. But long before today's magicians, Daniel and his friends stood out during the Babylonian exile. They were wiser than the magicians and astrologers of their time because they looked to God for wisdom. Through their brave actions and wise choices, they showed God's power to everyone around them—no tricks needed! In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God helps us choose wisely, God is ready to rescue us, God's words show us what to do, and our courage can help others see God.**

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!



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!

Buddy Bags 2025—2026 Update

It's that time of the year when school starts and some of the programs we support through our church and community kick into high gear!



One such program that our church and community supports is called the **Buddy Bag program**. Most of you know about this program, but for those who don't, it is where we reach out to the students who attend school in the Delphi School Corporation in Kindergarten through the 5th grade. We work in conjunction with Food Finders in Lafayette and send home a little extra supplemental food to get them through the weekend when they are not in school.

This program has faced many challenges over the last few years in trying to reach as many students as possible. We therefore have tried to be more creative and have attended community outreach programs, have had many conversations with the school corporation staff, and have even relied on some of our church members to strike up ways to reach the students.

I would like to say thank you for the support that I have received trying to make this program grow. I am getting forms returned every week, and I am very optimistic that when the school implements some of the ideas given to them by our program that our numbers will increase and we will have surpassed our expectations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Christine Tyner
Buddy Bag Coordinator

*¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the
earth.*

*² Sing to the LORD, praise His
name;
proclaim His salvation day
after day.*

*³ Declare His glory among the
nations,
His marvelous deeds among
all peoples.*

*⁴ For great is the LORD and most
worthy of praise;
He is to be feared above all
gods*

—Psalm 46:1-4

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

2025 Christmas Cantata

What was it like in the first hours after Jesus was born?

Every year, we sing of a silent night. Yet during this time of year, our hearts and minds are anything but silent. Sometimes maybe we struggle to keep our focus on the real reason for the music and the season.

Yes, it is that time of year again! Please consider joining the choir for this annual event. **Our first practice will be Sunday, November 2nd, from 2:30pm-4:00pm, right here in our Worship Center.** So, mark your calendars and join us!

If singing isn't for you, there will possibly be eight (8) parts for a small drama that will take place between songs this year. If drama isn't for you either, maybe you could help with putting together stage sets. This is all in the planning stages as of now, but your help would be greatly appreciated in making this a wonderful reminder of that first Christmas night.

Terry Langston,
Choir director

Something to Consider

In the morning, while getting ready, I listen to various podcasts from topics such as parenting, finances, politics, food, music, health, inspirational speakers, and comedians.

One morning, I clicked on a podcast where this financial advisor was sharing his experience and knowledge on money, spending, and making one rich. Within the first few minutes, I knew this guy wasn't in line with my way of thinking (or life), but I gave him the benefit of the doubt and kept on listening.

One of the questions he posed to the listeners was, “What does a rich life look like to you?” While I do think he was well-meaning, and trying to convey a positive vibe, all I could hear was an err of arrogance with his earthly examples of his materialistic “rich life.” After several more minutes, I had to turn it off. But throughout the day, I couldn't get that question out of my head!

While I couldn't relate to much of what he was sharing, I began to think of all the ways I am truly “rich.” If you were to look at my bank account, “rich” is not a descriptive word that would be put beside my name. However, I DO HAVE A RICH LIFE! Thinking back to all my many blessings, and what God has given me (when I clearly didn't deserve them), how could I not say I am not rich?!

¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” *Romans 10:11–13 (NIV)*

If you are reading this, YOU TOO CAN HAVE A RICH LIFE! And if you don't think you do, read the above scripture for the simple instructions on how to attain that! I don't remember the name of the financial advisor on the podcast that morning, but I do hope one day he finds his true rich life...

—Sarah Cross