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PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION

One Service – August 23rd at 10:30 AM



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.



Annual Chicken BBQ!
Delphi Methodist Church
Friday, August 7th
4:30—7:30 PM

Presale tickets: \$15.00

At the Door Ticket: \$18.00

Tickets will be available for purchase from the Missions Team in the Rotunda Sunday mornings, starting July 19th or in the Church Office Monday through Thursday 9:00AM—4:00 PM.

Bakers needed. If you are willing to donate a cake, cookies, pie, brownies, rice Krispie treats for the BBQ, there will be a sign up list in the Rotunda starting July 19th. We will have disposable cake pans available for you to use, along with instructions.

If you would like to help volunteer with the Chicken BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated. This includes set up, cutting and packaging desserts, and tear down. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tara Saul at 765/414-0186.



Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



August is upon us. I hope you'll find ways to engage, connect, and share the love of Christ. Every gathering this month is more than just another event on the calendar—it's an invitation to grow in faith and practice your faith.

Our **Chicken BBQ on August 7** is a wonderful way to serve, support our ministry, and invite someone to join you for a meal. Consider purchasing a ticket for a friend, neighbor, or coworker and simply say, "Come and join me." A shared meal is often the beginning of meaningful conversations. Jesus always gathered around a table with his disciples.

On **August 23, we'll gather for one combined worship service at 10:30 a.m.** as we dedicate our new Prayer Garden. This special service will center on the spiritual practice of prayer, reminding us that God invites us to meet Him in every season of life. I hope this garden becomes a place where our church family, small groups, and neighbors find a deeper awareness of God's presence.

Throughout the month, our community will also participate in **21 Days of Prayer, gathering at the Carroll County Courthouse each evening at 7:14 p.m.** It is encouraging to see churches across our community united in praying for revival, wisdom, and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

August will also bring baptisms, a new members class, our youth kickoff, and prayers for students, teachers, and school staff as a new school year begins. God is at work among us, and I hope you'll join us—not simply to attend events, but to grow together as disciples who engage our community, connect with one another, and share the hope we have in Christ.

What's Happening Here...



Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, August 5th** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, August 9th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.



August Food Pantry: Canned Soup Please place donations in the Food Pantry cabinet by the front doors of the church.



New members class — **Sunday, August 30th 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

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.

All women are invited to our next meeting on **Wednesday, August 5th at 7pm** here at the church in Room 211 (large meeting room off the kitchen). **Come join us to connect and fellowship with other Delphi Methodist Church women!**

Contact Vicky Sorrells (765-586-2927) or Lois Shoup (765-409-6431) with any questions.

ASPIRE Womens Events

November 14th—6:00 PM

Come join women from Delphi Methodist Church and the surrounding communities for Aspire — a live event filled with worship, teaching, laughter, and fellowship.

Featuring Bible teacher Melissa Spoelstra, comedian Tammy Whitehurst, and worship artist Jaime Jamgochian, Aspire will encourage women of all ages through inspiring messages, music, and stories of faith. Bring a friend and join us for a special evening of encouragement, connection, and spiritual renewal!

Discounted Ticket
Information:



www.tinyurl.com/AspireFall26

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

Interested in getting involved in Children's Church?

CONTACT KELSIE SIEBERT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN!! KSIEBERT@DELPHIMETHODIST.CHURCH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY.

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to find out more



Children's Church 2026—2027 Offering Goal!

This year DMC Children's Ministry is excited to collect offerings for World Visions Fruit Tree Fund. Every gift helps provide fruit trees to families, giving them a long-term source of nutritious food and an opportunity to earn income for years to come. We are excited to help our children learn that even small acts of generosity can make a lasting impact around the world!

\$27 = 3 Trees \$63 = 7 Trees \$180 = 20 trees





Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Mark 10:18, “Why do you call me good? Jesus answered. “No one is good — except God alone.”

After reading that verse in Mark, one might say, “Why should I try to be good, if no one is good but God alone?” The fact is, no one can match God’s goodness. We can try all we want, but no one will ever come close. That sounds pretty defeating doesn’t it? We, as mortal men and women, have flaws in our attitude, thoughts, and actions. We were born in a sinful world and we all have a sin problem to overcome.

The good news is, we have a Father in Heaven who loves us and is patient with us, and His desire is for us to be like His son, who is also good. **Psalm 145:9** says, “The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.” And because the Lord is good, He has patience (another fruit of the spirit) and compassion on us and he wants to bless us with all the riches that he has. But we must seek Him and serve Him daily to get that blessing. **Psalm 34:8**, “Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.”

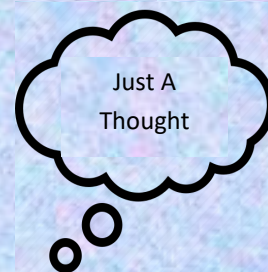
So how can we be good? Once we take refuge in the Lord and start serving Him, we are to be a new creation in Christ Jesus. That means there has to be a change in us. **Romans 12:2** “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

So when your friends say, “Come on, Let’s go party!” or try to engage in something that you know doesn’t please the Lord, you can say, “No thanks. I do not do those things anymore.” Will you lose friends? Probably. Will you be made fun of? Probably. **John 15:18-20** “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belong to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, that is why the world hates you.”

I would rather be loved and guided by the prince of peace (Jesus) than the prince of this world (Satan). Following the Lord and having goodness of the Lord is the only way to have true peace and Joy in our life. **Psalm 23:6** “Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

As a reminder, we are still meeting Tuesday mornings at 6:30am here at the church to pray. Come once, come every week—whenever your schedule allows!

On a daily basis, I get phone calls wanting to talk to the owner of the business. I politely reply that we are a church, but deep down I want to tell them they can talk to the owner anytime they want. There isn't a magic 800 number like, 1 (800) DEAR-GOD, but we do have a direct line that is amazing.



But still, wouldn't it be nice if we could just pick up the phone and call God, hearing His voice as we talk? I've wondered all my life what it was like to be Adam and Eve, walking in the Garden of Eden, talking with God face-to-face. Walking and talking, sharing laughter, learning from God, seeing God smile. That level of intimacy is what we crave as Christians. That one-on-one relationship with our creator, our Heavenly Father.

Instead of a 1/800 number and a voice literally speaking with us, we have prayer. A 24/7 access line to God. We may not hear His voice as He spoke to Abraham, Moses, Adam, and Eve, but we hear Him in our hearts. How wonderful it will be to spend eternity listening to God's beautiful voice, regaining that intimate relationship with Him – all because of Christ's sacrifice.

The Golden Girls TV series had a character named Sophia that always started her stories "picture it..." So picture it...eternity, heaven, perfection, light so pure, colors brighter than we can imagine, everyone praising God and Jesus all day, every day, walking in intimacy with our Father and our Savior. Sounds nice, doesn't it? Let prayer be your 1/800 number and draw closer to God and Jesus every day.

— Ruth Miller

Mortgage Update

In 2020, our church had the opportunity to refinance our mortgage with a thirty year commercial loan with an adjustable interest rate coming due every five years. Fiscal responsibility is very important to us and this refinance reduced our monthly mortgage payment from \$11,045 to \$7,696 per month. This was an annual savings of \$40,188. The interest rate on the loan was 4.25%.

Fast forward to last summer when our five year loan interest rate adjusted to 7.75%. Our monthly payment ballooned to \$9,676 per month. That amounts to an increase of \$1,980 per month or \$23,760 a year. Our latest payment of \$9,676 breaks down to \$6,093 interest and \$3,583 towards the principle.

We were able to pay an additional \$44,874 towards the principle on the loan earlier this year. Our current balance on our loan is \$1,021,327. At our current pace we will break below 1 million dollars early next year.

Please give some thought and pray for ideas on how to reduce this debt. We pay \$116,112 each year towards our building debt. By reducing or eliminating debt, it releases dollars for ministry to fulfill the mission.

— Neal Anderson, Finance Committee



A New Year for our Students

August always brings a mix of excitement, nerves, full calendars, and fresh starts. As students pack backpacks, meet new teachers, and step into new routines, we are reminded that this season is more than simply going back to school. It is an opportunity to begin again with purpose, hope, and faith.

Some students are eager for the year ahead, while others may be anxious about new classes, friendships, activities, or expectations. When the Israelites returned from exile and began rebuilding life together, Nehemiah encouraged them, “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength” (**Nehemiah 8:10**). That promise is good news for our students, too: their strength does not have to come from having everything figured out, but from the steady joy and presence of the Lord. As a church family, we have the privilege of praying for them and reminding them that they do not walk into this year alone. **On August 2, during the service, we will take time to pray for our students as well as pledge ongoing prayer support for the schools they attend.**

This back-to-school season also marks the beginning of a new year for our youth group. I am excited for all that is ahead as we gather to grow in faith, build friendships, serve others, ask honest questions, and learn what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life. **Our official youth group kickoff event will be Sunday, Aug. 9.** It will be a chance to welcome new faces, hear what is planned, and start the year together with a ton of fun. Whether a student has been part of youth group for years or is thinking about coming for the first time, **this is the perfect night to jump in.**

I would like to ask parents and church members to help spread the word, invite students, and pray for this ministry as the year begins. **We are also looking for caring adults who would be willing to volunteer with the youth group.** You do not have to have all the answers; our students need faithful adults who will show up, listen well, encourage them, and help create a welcoming place where they can grow in Christ.

Thank you for loving and supporting the young people of our church. I am grateful to begin another year together, and I cannot wait to see what God will do in and through our youth group.

Grace and Peace,
Ryan

Communication with Your Health Care Provider

“...for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight”

Proverbs 1:2

Have you ever left your doctor's office, and wondered what he or she is talking about, or wished you had asked more questions? **Good communication** between doctors and patients **is essential to good health.**

Below are some helpful tips for your appointments:

1. If you don't understand – **ASK**. Medical jargon is confusing, so ask for an explanation in plain language.
2. The anxiety and confusion of doctor's office can make us forget some of the things we wanted to discuss with our provider, so bring a list. That will help you focus and help you get what you want out of the appointment.
3. **Give your medical provider all the information** he needs to help you – this includes symptoms, medications, allergies, and major stressors in your life. Write this information down before you leave for your appointment. Make sure to include over the counter medications in your list of medicines. Losses in your life can affect your health, be sure to let your provider know if you have lost a job, or if a significant person in your life has died.
4. **Tell your provider if you are feeling rushed.** Think about making your next appointment for a time that isn't busy. My favorites are the first appointment of the day, or the first one after lunch.
5. When your doctor is explaining something, **try repeating it back to him** to make sure you understand, or take notes while you are there. You can even ask the provider or nurse to write something down for you.
6. Take someone with you to your appointment. Four ears are better than two.



Do not be afraid to be assertive and take charge of your own health. If you do not feel comfortable with the provider you are going to, search for another. Feeling comfortable with the provider you are seeing is important. You can ask friends and relatives for health care providers whom they are happy with. **Most important PRAY for guidance and wisdom before each appointment.**



Have items in your home that you need to donate somewhere? Methodist Mountain Mission will be here the week of September 14th to pick up any donation for their Kentucky missions stores. Items needed are household items (pots and pans), gently loved linens, furniture (NOT broken), clothing, gently loved boots and shoes and toys.

The processing center can also make use of things like paper products and trash bags. You may also make a financial contribution. If doing so, please make your check out to Methodist Mountain Mission and have it in to the church office by Sunday, September 13th.

The barn will be open Sunday, August 31st through Sunday, September 13th. Please place items all the way to the back. For questions, contact Ruth Miller in the office. Thank you for supporting this valuable mission.



Join the Hospitality Team!

Do you appreciate a warm and welcoming greeting when you arrive at church or when you enter the worship center? Do you enjoy fellowshiping with a cup of coffee/snack between services?

These gestures of hospitality are brought to you by our RADICAL HOSPITALITY TEAM!

Team members serve approximately once every 4-6 weeks and the responsibilities are easy to learn. If you are looking for a way to serve, but don't feel comfortable leading a small group, taking care of small children, or going on a mission trip, then the hospitality team is for you!

Connect with Denise Strasser
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Morehouse (mormir79@yahoo.com) to indicate your interest and learn more.