



# Ellisville First Methodist Church

## September 2025

From Bro. Mark

### ***“Your Young People Shall See Visions”***

We often say, *“The young people are the future of our church.”* It’s partially true in that they’ll be here a bit longer than the rest of us, but that’s about the extent of it. The saying can actually mislead us into thinking their importance lies somewhere out in the future, rather than in the here and now.

Joel, one of the minor prophets of the Old Testament, takes a more intergenerational approach to church life. God speaks these prophetic words through him: *“I will pour out my Spirit on everyone: your sons and daughters will prophesy (proclaim my message), your old men will have dreams, and your young people will see visions.”*

Notice how most of the signs of this outpouring are communicated through *“your sons and daughters... your young people.”* Joel, who predated Christ by some 800 years, was looking forward to the advent of the New Testament Church and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

According to Joel, vision and prophecy are the primary indicators of a church’s spiritual vitality. Proverbs 29:18 goes so far as to say, *“Without vision my people perish.”* Clearly, our young people play a vital role in our church’s present and future life.

In the next few months, we will be planning our church’s ministry for 2026. My prayer is that we will continue to be the kind of church envisioned by Joel. One that is intergenerational, where everyone’s voice, especially that of our young people, is heard. We need their spirit and vision; they need our love and care.

Grace and Peace,

*Bro. Mark*

## Volunteers for September

### Children's Church

September 7 — Cheryl Jordan  
September 14 — Tracy Haynes  
September 21 — Jason Cooley  
September 28 — David McGowin

### Audio/Visual Technicians

September 7 — Marley Mixon & Marley Mixon  
September 14 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring  
September 21 — Garrett Mixon & Gina Mixon  
September 28 — To be determined

### Acolytes

September 7 — Suzanne Haynes & Kinsley Uldrick  
September 14 — Will & Andy Crumpton  
September 21 — Harvey Kerr & Sam Longwitz  
September 28 — Isaac Alexander & John Wesley Longwitz

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 AM Morning Worship

### Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
5:50 PM Awana  
6:15 PM Prayer Service  
6:30 PM Youth & Young Adults  
meet at their designated rooms  
7:00 PM Choir Practice

## September Meetings

**Methodist Men** - Sunday, September 7, 8:00 a.m.

## New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Paula McGowin will be leading a Bible study for ladies who are interested and will begin on Sunday, September 7. This is an option for those not already participating in a Sunday school class. The title of the study is Nothing to Prove, written by Jeannie Allen. In this 8-session video Bible study, the author walks through key passages in the Gospel of John that demonstrate how Jesus is enough. We do not have to prove anything, because Jesus has proven everything. This group will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 111 (Children's Church room on the Children's Wing). If you have questions, you may contact Paula at 601-934-0823. The study guide may be ordered from Amazon. This is the link to this study guide: <https://share.google/Ema4tVzxPFpNTQizM>

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Resumes on Wed., Sept. 3

5:30 p.m. Meal

5:50 p.m. Lessons



We need more volunteers to assist in the sound booth each Sunday. Training would be provided so no prior experience is needed. If you would possibly be interested in volunteering, please contact Gina or speak with Garrett Mixon about this. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

## September Birthdays

4 — Walt Therrell  
5 — Debbie Knotts  
7 — Dave Robertson  
9 — Amelia Manning  
12 — Sam Longwitz  
Chris Robinson  
14 — Ron Farmer  
21 — Haynes Walley  
24 — Lila Bartran  
26 — Peck Lowe  
Chandler Thrash

## Prayer List

Vivian Alsworth – Home with hospice  
Kitty Bounds – Homebound  
Shari Bryan – Cancer treatments  
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound  
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound  
Cathy Dean – Homebound  
Mac Haynes –JCRH Rm 109  
Joann McKenzie – Homebound  
Sam and Trish Morris – Homebound  
Frances Munn – Homebound  
Frances Reynolds – Recovery at home from surgery to repair broken tibia  
Dave Robertson – Care Center of Laurel  
Dwight Sanders – Homebound  
Mary Frances “Tootsie” Stringer – Jones County Rest Home Rm 408  
Larry & Diann Walters – Homebound due to Larry’s medical treatments  
Jan & Jerry Wansley – Homebound  
Rubin Wooten – Resides in Slidell, LA

### Awana Meal Help Needed

We could use your help with kids' meals on Wednesday nights! This involves shopping for and preparing or picking up food and drinks for the kids' meals (usually for 25 to 30 children) as well as getting the food to the church and setting up for the kids on a given Wednesday night. It is doable for one person, but groups of 2 to 4 people would be ideal. There is also a budget for this, so purchases are reimbursable.

Children's meals will be needed on the following dates: September 24, October 1, and October 22. Please contact Mary Caroline Griffith at 601-580-0602 if you and a small group of friends would like to volunteer to provide meals on a certain date and/or for more details on logistics. (You may also let the church office know if you would like to volunteer.)