

# Ellisville First Methodist Church October 2025

### From Bro. Mark

#### IS OUR CHURCH THE "RIGHT" SIZE?

Something you hear a lot in the ministry is the lament, "We are just a small membership church. We can't...(fill in the blank)." In a world where greatness is always equated with size, being "small" is often seen as a problem or an excuse for not trying. It's a mistake the world has been making since the fall of humanity. Of course, the biblical cautionary tale is the cherished story of how wee little David defeated the giant Goliath.

David was just the right size in God's eyes because he was great in spirit and faith. These are God's standards of measurement, and they always trump the world's standards. This lesson is repeated over and over again in scripture. Churches that embrace it do amazing things for God and their communities. The challenges/opportunities will be different for every church, but the guiding principle remains the same.

So, what is the "right" size church? The short answer is that the "right" size has very little to do with the number of people or the amount of funds available. Here's a list of admirable qualities drawn up by the Rev. David Price that make a church the "right" size in God's eyes:

- \*There are three others who know your name and will miss you if you aren't present.
- \*Your vision is always larger than your resources, and you are trying to do just a little more.
- \*Newcomers are always greeted before you speak to friends...and then get introduced.
- \*The world around the church is your parish; and not "your parish is your world."
- \*When the person on your pew is absent, YOU check up on him, and never ask the preacher, "what ever became of what's-his-name?"
- \*There is always food left over at the potluck suppers to be shared with the community.
- \*The power goes off, and you decide to have church anyway.
- \*You have a sign when people step <u>out</u>doors after church saying, "Servant's Entrance."

Grace and Peace,

### **Volunteers for October**

#### **Children's Church**

October 5 — Haley Walley

October 12 — Tracy Haynes

October 19 — Ashley Longwitz

October 26 — Lindy Farmer (music)

#### **Audio/Visual Technicians**

October 5 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon

October 12 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring

October 19 — Garrett Mixon & Gina Mixon

October 26 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon

#### **Acolytes**

October 5 — Mae Walley & Liza Endom

October 12 — Amelia Manning & McClellan

Cooley

October 19 — Riley Abercrombie & Harvey

Kerr

October 26 — Kinsley Uldrick & Suzanne

Haynes

# **Weekly Schedule**

#### Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Morning Worship

#### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

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

### **October Meetings**

Methodist Men - Sunday, October 5, 8:00 a.m.

Trustees - Sunday, October 12, 8:30 a.m.

Finance - Sunday, October 19, 8:30 a.m.

Nominations - Sunday, October 19, 5:00 p.m.

Church Council - Sunday, October 26, 8:30 a.m.

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P.O. Box 59 Ellisville, MS 39437

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Finance: 10-19-25 at 8:30 a.m.

Nominations: 10-19-25 at 5:00 p.m.

Church Council: 10-26-25 at 8:30 a.m.



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!

# **October Birthdays**

- 2 Colin McKenzie
- 3 Travis Haynes
- 8 Betty Ann Johnson
- 15 Cheryl Jordan
  - Mary Frances Stringer
- 24 Kenda Covington
- 29 Gina Mixon

### **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

Frances Munn - Homebound

Clarence Putnam – Back surgery recovery

Frances Reynolds – Recovery at home from surgery to repair broken tibia

Dave Robertson – Homebound

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