



Ellisville First Methodist Church

October 2026

From Bro. Mark

Stepping Stones

Two children once stood at the edge of a stream, both trying to muster up enough courage to step out and wade to the other side. One was having an easier time of it than the other and seeing his friend so frightened he said to him, *"Don't worry. I saw my Dad out here yesterday working in the stream. He's laid steppingstones all the way across. Just step where I step."*

In many ways our future is like that stream...full of uncertainty and apparent danger. If it were not for our faith, we might wonder how we are going to make it across. But our best Friend *"who sticketh closer than a brother"*, assures us that the way has already been prepared by His Father. All we need to do is step where He steps.

There is a wonderful passage in Matthew 25:34, where Jesus says, *"Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world..."* Some of the best news ever given is that our future has not been left to blind fate! Jesus promises to go ahead of us, step by step, showing the way into the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world! Our confidence is not in the world, or even in ourselves. Our confidence is in the One who goes before us.

Blanche E. Brown has written a poem about this confidence:

*"Only God can take a world without form and void—bereft of life—
Touch it so, with a sun's bright rays, that beauty springs from roots of strife.*

*Only God can take a man perverse and hard—bereft of good—
Touch him so, with His own dear Son, that love is born where hate once stood.*

*Only God can take a heart broken and sad—bereft of light—
Touch it so, with His wondrous Word, that songs arise, though it be night."*

May the words of Christ encourage us as we wade out into uncharted waters. As the spiritual says, *"Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand."*

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Mark

Volunteers for October

Children's Church

October 4 — Natalie Herndon
October 11 — Joanna Cooley
October 18 — Ashley Longwitz
October 25 — Lindy Farmer (music)

Audio/Visual Technicians

October 4 — Blake Seymour & Chris Stone
October 11 — Blake Seymour & John Wesley Longwitz
October 18 — Blake Seymour & Gary Herring
October 25 — Blake Seymour & Chad Garick

Acolytes

October 4 — Luke Welch & Kinsley Uldrick
October 11 — Suzanne Haynes & Mae Walley
October 18 — Andy & Will Crumpton
October 25 — Liza Endon & Haynes Walley

October Birthdays

2 - Colin McKenzie
3 - Travis Haynes
8 - Betty Ann Johnson
16 - Joan McBride
24 - Kenda Covington
29 - Gina Mixon

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday

10:00 AM Hallowed Grounds Coffee Club

Wednesday 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

October Meetings

Methodist Men - Sunday, October 4, 8:00 a.m.
Nominations Comm. - Sunday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.
Lambuth Circle - Monday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.
Wesleyan Circle - Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Prayer List

Family of Shari Bryan
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound
Cathy Dean – Homebound
Mac Haynes – JCRH Rm 109
Charles Hollingshead – JCRH Rm 206
Kelvin Knotts – Back surgery recovery
Joann McKenzie – Homebound
Frances Munn – Homebound
Frances Reynolds – Homebound
Jeanne Reynolds – Cancer treatments
Dave Robertson – Homebound
Diann & Larry Walters – Homebound

**Ellisville First
Methodist Church**

P.O. Box 59
Ellisville, MS
39437

Address Service Requested



October 2026



**Tuesday, October 6
1:00 PM**

**Wayne McLemore with
Ellisville Police Dept. to
speak**



Methodist Men

Sunday, October 4, 8:00 a.m.

Nominations Committee

Sunday, October 4, 8:30 a.m.

Lambuth Circle

Monday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Circle

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.



AWANA Meal Menu

NO AWANA - October 7th ~ Enjoy Fall Break!

***October 14th** Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, and Desserts

***October 21st** Step Right Up and Eat: EFMC Fair Food with Corndogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, and other Yummy Fair foods
(We are still working out all of the details for this fun night!)

***October 28th** Pizza, Fruit, & Desserts

***Wednesday Nights @ EFMC: Wednesdays @ 5:30**

EFMC Kids' Meal - 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Our AWANA Kids will have a special meal prepared/purchased just for them each week! We promise it will be some of their FAVORITES!

We will gather together at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, near the TV, where our meal will be served. To help our Adult Cooking Teams ensure they have prepared enough food for all of the Wednesday Night Adults, we ask that our kids come to this special area for their meal instead of going through the big line. Thank you parents for your help with this!

Schedule

5:30 - 5:50 - AWANA Meal

5:50 - 6:05 - Sanctuary for Music and Bible Challenges

6:10 - 6:40 - Group Time

6:40 - 6:55 - Game Time

6:55 - 7:00 - Pick Up Time*

(Parents, please use the circular drive - glass door area for the Fellowship Hall.)