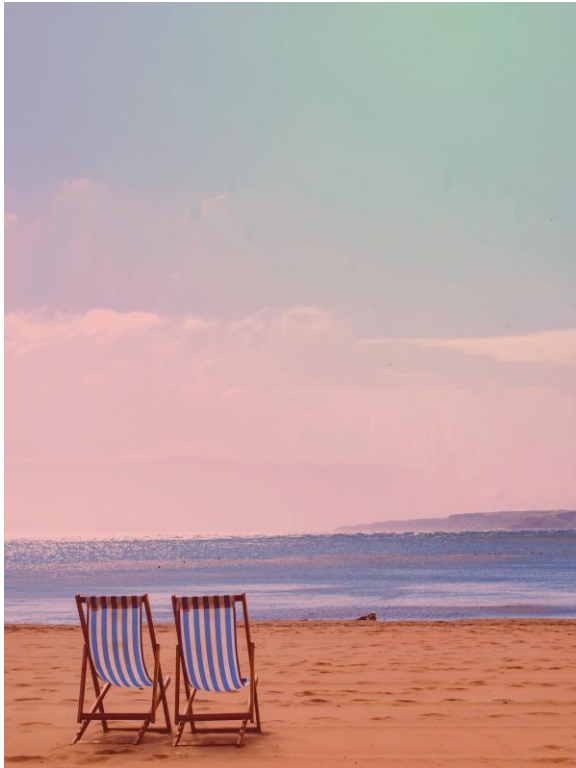


FROM THE PASTOR

"This season, if your body and mind are restless take the time needed to steal away and seek to 'know God.' Take a slow walk. Nap in a garden. Watch the clouds. Take a vacation and realize God is always nearby. Be still. Remain calm. The Lord is in control."



These words were written by Pastor Ray in the July 2024 Messenger. He has just taken his family vacation in June of this year and returns July 1 refreshed and ready for another season! We pray that you, too, have had, or will have, the opportunity to get away from your daily life and return refreshed and renewed!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

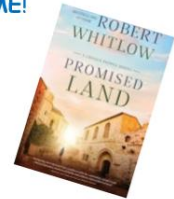


July 17 at the home of June Laaser

BOOK: *Promised Land* by Robert Whitlow

Noon Book Club with the Thurs. AM Bible Study

Ladies - **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Pickleball

Our pickleball court is set up in the HUB and ready for action! Bring some friends and come on out for a cool place to play!!

Magnolia Banquet

August 2, 2025

Save the Date!

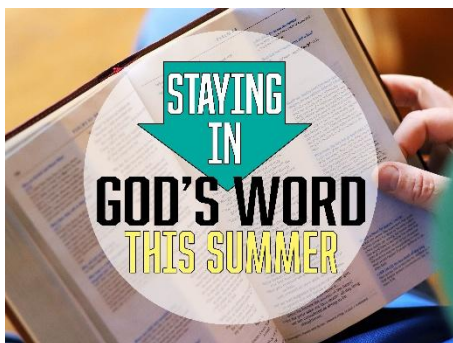


Summer Bible Study Opportunities

Activities may be slower in summer, but there are still amazing adult Bible study opportunities each week! Try something new this summer!

- **Men!** Have a homemade breakfast, study the Bible, and share great fellowship every Tuesday at 7:30 am. All men of the church who like to get up a little early are welcome!
- **Discovery Bible Study** meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Room 113. We study a new Bible passage each week. Join us any time; there is no homework.
- The Ladies from the Thursday AM Bible Study host a **Summer Book Club** each month. They meet at noon for lunch in someone's home. See Monica Goth for more info. The upcoming studies are:
 - **Thursday, July 17**, at the home of June Laaser. The book is *Promised Land* by Robert Whitlow.
 - **Thursday, August 21**, at the home of Deanna Keen. The book is *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin.
- The Ladies from the Thursday PM Bible Study also host a **Summer Book Club** each month. See Sallie Hamilton for more information.

All our Bible studies will resume regular weekly meetings this fall.



25th Annual Magnolia Banquet

August 2, 2025

6:30pm HUB



Speaker:

Terri Bartlett, Good N.E.W.S. Director

Tickets: \$20

Save the Date!



The Council for Staff Parish Relations is pleased to announce the hiring of Stacy Johnson to be the Office Manager effective July 14, 2025. Stacy will report to Pastor Ray and will be responsible for managing all aspects of the church office including our wonderful office volunteers. Stacy has been volunteering weekly in the church office since her retirement from Springtown ISD in 2022. She and her husband Eric have both involved in many aspects of the church for the last 20+ years. Please welcome Stacy as a new staff member of First Methodist Church of Azle.

SPR is very proud of our staff and grateful for their commitment and dedication to FMC Azle. Here's our current staff:

Pastor Ray Gilman, Senior Pastor
Grant Newman, Director of Choir/Music
Bryson Ingle, Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator
Pat Noe, Business & Finance Manager
Stacy Johnson, Office Manager (effective 7/14/25)
Ronny Gray, Organist
Dean Smith, Director of Media Services
Richard Noe, Building & Facilities Manager





and Chair
Exercise with
us @ 11am

Mondays & Thursdays Tuesdays

Chairercise 6/16/2025





**9:00am Sunday School
for all ages**

10:00am Worship Service

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You can always watch our services on Facebook or YouTube! We have a YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstMethodistChurchofAzle>. There is a link from our website, or you can search YouTube as well – be sure to pick the “First Methodist Church of Azle” channel with our NEW BLUE LOGO and not the old one with the UMC cross and flame.

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- 1) Load app,
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- 3) Confirm.

Visit our website:
FMCAzle.org

Grief Share



Grief Share is a 13-week program for those who have suffered the loss of someone dear to them. We offer the course several times per year, and it has benefited many! Our thanks to Janet Hargrove, who hosts this group after her own journey with the loss of her beloved Gene. We welcome everyone, and many in the community have joined the class as well.

Grief Share will be taking a summer break after the July 15 session and will return in the fall!

**Grief
Share**

**2:30pm
Tuesdays**

Janet
Hargrove,
Leader



SENIOR ACTIVE CHRISTIANS

SAC visited Hico in June. We toured the Billy the Kid Museum, shopped, ate lunch (and pie!) at Koffee Kup Family Restaurant, then finished our adventures at Wiseman House Chocolates.





On Sunday, July 13, we will have lunch at El Gran Torito's Mexican Restaurant at 12:30 pm, followed by a Popcorn Players' Melodrama: Peril on the High Seas at 2:30. Tickets for the theatre are \$10, paid at the door. Please RSVP

to Sallie Hamilton by July 8 so that she can reserve tickets. We hope you will join us!



Peril on the High Seas

Or...Let's Get Together and Do Lunch
By Billy St. John

SAC July Activity:

Sunday, July 13
12:30pm –out to lunch
2:30pm – Popcorn Players
Senior Active Christians
50+
Please join us!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children

Ten FMC Azle preteens and two adults attended Preteen Camp at Camp Sabine Creek Ranch in Rockwall in June. From the stories shared, a great time was had by all!



Our purpose as the First Methodist Church of Azle is to know Jesus, to grow in His love, to serve one another, and to share the gospel.



Youth

THE NOW YOUTH GROUP

From July 6-12, six senior high youth and five adults will travel to Eureka Springs, AR, to the Great Passion Play on our mission trip. We will work behind the scenes at the Passion Play property, see the Great Passion Play, tour the area one day, and have the opportunity to appear in the play on the last evening. Our goal is to help others, grow spiritually, and



make memories that we will remember throughout our lifetimes. Please pray for safe travels!

Please Pray for the Senior High Youth Mission Trip!

July 6 – July 12, 2025
to Eureka Springs, AR

Reed		Bryson
Liam		Brenna
Mason		Baryn
Reese		Monica
Sydney		Pat
Chase		

THE NOW YOUTH GROUP

Summer Youth Schedule

Sundays

9am – Sunday School (Youth Room)
10am – Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30pm – 7:30pm – Youth Activities with dinner (HUB)

Wednesdays

5:30pm – 6:00pm – Dinner
6pm – 7pm – Youth Open Gym (HUB)
7:00pm – 7:30pm – Praise & Worship (Sanctuary)

Join us for SUMMER FUN!



Coming Soon! Egypt VBS!

Please plan to be involved with your unique gifts as we host church and area children for four nights of VBS, July 20-23! Contact Marsha Ingle to volunteer!! You will not only bless the lives of our children, but you will be blessed as well.



JOIN US for
EGYPT VBS
July 20 – 23, 2025 6-8pm

Ages 5-12 (or PK4 with parent)
FREE: Bible...Music...Marketplace...Snack supper...FUN for ALL!

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with MUSIC!

Join the choir!

Play an instrument!

Sing aloud in worship!

“Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God”
Colossians 3:16



SERVING MINISTRIES

How fast has this year gone by? It's hard to believe that it's already July!

Again, this year we will be passing out two pallets of water (about 4,000 bottles) at the Follow the Flag Celebration on July 4 at Central Park. One of these pallets of water was donated to us by Brookshire's. If you are at the park, make sure to stop by our area, say hello, and get an ice-cold bottle of water. We will also



have a misting tent to cool off next to our water area.



Serving Ministries will be holding an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing party again this year. Our goal is to pack 100 boxes like we did last year. With school supplies going on sale soon, we are asking for donations of any school supplies. This could be pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, backpacks, color pencils, markers, rulers, calculators, pencil bags, etc. Other items you may want to contribute will also be accepted, such as small toys or personal items. Remember, no liquids or food items can go into the shoeboxes and, starting this year, NO bar soaps. If you cannot get school supplies, please contact Deanna Keen for other ways to help.



Please do not forget the three organizations that we help support throughout the year:

- The Community Caring Center needs canned meats and protein items, as well as Mac & Cheese, ramen, and peanut butter and jelly.
- Good N.E.W.S. needs personal care items, washing soap pods, dryer sheets, dishwasher soap, and small snacks.
- Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Center needs diapers, wipes, rash ointments, and small toys.

Deanna Keen
Chairperson, Serving Ministries
Serving God by Serving Others

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

The listed anniversaries are taken from the information in Realm. If your information needs to be updated, please contact Pat Noe at pnoe@fmcazle.org.

Frank & Jana Shelton 7/2 (42 years)

Nic & Jennifer Crites 7/4 (2 years)

Dean & Carolyn Smith 7/8 (36 years)

Keith & Stacy Boenisch 7/8 (28 years)

John & Jan Ford 7/12/1975 (50 years)

Sherman & Sue Wall 7/19/1969 (56 years)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

If you know of someone not listed, please send an email to pnoe@fmcazle.org.

Baryn Shepherd 1, Janet Stevens 7, James Cox 9, Lisa Mahlmann 11, Kensi Boenker 12, Mark Coleman 12, Jeff Mahlmann 12, Tom Bettis 15, Rex McDaniel 16, Kenzie Morgan 16, Bobby Boyd 18, Jerry Jenkins 20, Janet Hargrove 24, Randy Hargrove 24, Pam Washburn 24, Loyd Hancock 26, Marsha Ingle 30, Cheri Reso-Gobel 30, Geri Wood 31

MAY FINANCIALS

May Budget	\$65,163
May Income	\$40,473
May Expenses	\$53,850

YTD Budget	\$325,816
YTD Income	\$235,799
YTD Expenses	\$270,190



July 2025 Events and Activities

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tue	1-Jul	2:30pm	Grief Share (113)
Wed	2-Jul		Wednesday Evening Activities:
		5:30pm	Youth Activities including dinner (HUB)
		6:15pm	MomStrong (110)
		6:30pm	Discovery Bible Study (113)
		7:00pm	Praise & Prayer (Sanctuary)
		7:00pm	Vocal Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Thur	3-Jul		Office Closed for July 4 Holiday
Fri	4-Jul		Follow the Flag (Central Park, Azle)
Sun	6-Jul	8:30am	HS Youth meet to leave for Mission Trip
			NO Sunday Evening Youth
Mon	7-Jul	6:30pm	Trustee Council (113)
Tue	8-Jul	2:30pm	Grief Share (113)
Wed	9-Jul		NO Wednesday Evening Youth
		7:00pm	Vocal Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Sun	13-Jul	12:30pm	SAC to lunch at El Gran Toritos's
		2:30pm	SAC to Popcorn Players theater - Peril on the High Seas
		5:30pm	Sunday Evening Youth with dinner (HUB)
Tue	15-Jul	2:30pm	Grief Share (113) - LAST SESSION until Fall
Wed	16-Jul		Wednesday Evening Activities (see above)
Thur	17-Jul	12:00pm	Thurs AM Book Club (June Laaser's home)
Sun	20-Jul	3:00pm	Legacy Oaks Worship
		4:30pm	Youth Council (113)
Sun -	20-Jul -	6:00pm -	Egypt VBS
Wed	23-Jul	8:00pm	
Wed	23-Jul		NO Wednesday Evening Activities due to VBS
Sun	27-Jul	5:30pm	Sunday Evening Youth with dinner (HUB)
Tue	29-Jul	6:30pm	Administrative Board (back of Sanctuary)
Wed	30-Jul		Wednesday Evening Activities (see above)

