



# THE MESSENGER

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH SPLENDORA

*Who Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly  
and Witness Boldly*

OCTOBER 2024

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~~bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace,  
grace to it!"~~ – Zechariah 4:6-7

Whether rebuilding temples, or leveling mountains or whatever the monumental task at hand, there are essentially two ways to tackle the task. On the one hand, we can rely on our own strength, understanding and power, and work to bring about the desired result – our result, arrived at our way. Or, we can rely on God's power, His strength and wisdom, to accomplish the goal – His goal, His way.

When we operate in our own "might and power" we take a huge burden of misplaced responsibility upon ourselves, primarily because

we make an arrogant assumption that we know, better than God, what is His desired outcome. We may accomplish our goal, but is our goal God's goal? And so, in accomplishing our goal, have we really accomplished anything at all?

Conversely, we can operate by His Spirit. We can move prayerfully and with an attitude of total dependence on Him. The world wants us to say, "We can do it!" God wants us to say, "Without You, Lord, it can't be done." This attitude of prayer and dependence is the instrument the Holy Spirit uses to keep us moving in the will of God. Invoking the Holy Spirit, relying on His guidance and keeping the attitude of humility and obedience, builds the temple, levels the mountain, accomplishes not just the task, but the right task at the right time – every time!

By His Grace,  
Pastor Steven†



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**Not My Way, O God. Your Way Is Better.**

### Building Temples, Leveling Mountains

Recorded in the Old Testament Book of Zechariah is the account of Zerubbabel, who was in charge of rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem after 70 years of Israeli captivity in Babylon. After Zerubbabel had completed the foundation, 15 years of difficulties and persecution seemed to be preventing the completion of the temple. An angel of the Lord appeared to the prophet Zechariah with a word for Zerubbabel telling him that the temple would be completed, not his way, but God's way. The scripture says:

*Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2nd- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
- 5th- *Parking Lot Sale*
- 6th- Holy Communion & Worship 9AM\*  
*Communion Rail Gifts go to the Good Samaritan Fund*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- Board of Stewards' Meeting 12:45PM
- 9th- *Local Church Conference 6PM*  
*(No dinner or Bible Study that night)*
- 13th- Worship 9AM\*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 16th- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
- 19th- Food Pantry 9AM
- 20th- Laity Sunday 9AM\*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 23rd- Dinner & Class Meeting 5:45PM
- 27th- Worship 9AM\*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 30th- Dinner & Class Meeting 5:45PM



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Susan Schaefer
- 10 Linda Dunaway
- 10 Bob Hantelman & Kris Duke
- 12 Jacob & Ashley Vasquez
- 13 Diane Moonjian
- 16 Gary & Merle Fritz
- 19 Theresa Gray
- 30 Estelle Holmes

**Parking Lot SALE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024, 8-3:00 PM**

**RENT YOUR SPOT - \$25**

We have 25 spots for rent! Get yours and sell your stuff! You provide the table and chairs. Canopies must be weighted.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH SPLENDORA**  
26117 FM 2090, Splendora, TX 77372

**TO RESERVE YOURS - CALL OR TEXT 281 433 0957**

**Rain or Shine!** **Great Location!** **Plenty of Parking!**

### LOCAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024 will be our annual Local Church Conference at 6:00PM. This is when the church membership votes on our projected budget, Pastor's Salary, Ministries, Board of Stewards and future projects to further the Kingdom of Heaven here in Splendora. There will be a time of Worship and Thanksgiving including reflection on past accomplishments and obstacles we have overcome by the Grace of God. All church members are encouraged to attend in the best interest for our church.

Our sister-church in Shephard will also be in attendance for their Local Church Conference.

There will not be dinner and Bible Study that night. Dinner and Bible Study will resume the following Wednesday night, October 16th.

See you there!



Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ladies' Luncheon 11:30AM

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Daylight Savings Ends

Turn your clocks back one hour

## CHRISTMAS ANGELS MINISTRY

Preparations for our annual Christmas Angels Ministry are already underway. Tess and Charles have met with Trisha Beck with Splendor ISD and have requested for 80 children to be recipients for Christmas gifts. Charles has collected many donations.

Christmas gift shopping will commence in November. Let Tess know if you would like to help shop and wrap gifts. The celebration will be on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 12:30PM. If you would like to help with party, please contact Tess @ 346-261-6478.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Please be in prayer for this ministry.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help clean our church on a weekly basis. It saves our church about \$10,000 a year to have our church members pitch in. The amount of time should be about 2 hours each time. Traditionally, the church is cleaned on Saturday mornings, but other times can be chosen so long as the church is not in use. Volunteers usually sign up once a month. It is general cleaning and light mopping. See Cindy Reed 281-806-4366 or Sheila Keith 281-433-0957 about volunteering. Thank you and may God bless you!



## CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWS

November 20, 2024 was the opening session of the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church in San Jose, Costa Rica. This is a historic event for the Global Methodist Church, with over 300 delegates from around the world meeting under one roof.

The first day marked a pivotal moment as the denomination began the process of making permanent what has been provisional during a season of transition. The morning continued with inspiring opening worship and a joint episcopal address delivered by GM Church Bishops Scott Jones, John Wesley Yohanna, and Mark Webb. In his address, Webb captured the heart of the nascent movement, stating, "When we are committed to the lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of scripture in every area of our life, we will live out an orthodox Christian faith in a Methodist way that will change us, and God will use us to change the world!"

Bishops Jones and Webb, who, since January 2023, have served as the denomination's active episcopal leaders during its transitional period, were formally elected by the delegates, 317 to one. The delegates also approved the *Global Methodist Church's Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, but as Lambrecht stressed, "Today's adoption of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* is not an end, but just the beginning." In the coming days, the delegates will amend the Church's governing document, and of course, future General Conferences will refine it as deemed necessary.

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**PRAYER  
LIST**

*“Don’t worry about anything;  
instead, you need, and thank Him for  
all he has done.” --Philippians 4:6*

**PRAISES: Convening General  
Conference of  
the GMC in Costa Rica  
opened Friday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**CONCERNS:**

**Upcoming - FMCS Charge  
Conference Oct. 9 6:00PM  
Upcoming Parking Lot Fundraiser -  
Oct. 5, 8AM-3PM  
Tess Nardoizzi & Family - Loss of  
Mother  
Ramona Ferguson - Pending hip  
surgery  
Jeremiah Johnson – Job  
Meryl Fritz-upcoming surgery  
Duke, Masterson and Shugart  
Families - especially Joey  
Sue Williams- Chemotherapy  
Ken & Angel VanOstrand  
Stephen Blackman - PTSD treatment  
Christine Marzolla - Test prep  
Barbara Martin - Repairing home  
from storm damage  
Chantel Wilson-sickness from  
cancer treatments  
Allyson Welch – Wisdom  
Becca Reed  
William Blake - Health  
Patty Dye - Healing  
Sage Herr - Healing/Cancer  
Craig & Christie Hantelman  
Karl & Sheila Keith  
Patti Lyons  
Heidi Vance  
Shane Allard  
Wally LeMaster-Cancer treatment  
Arthur Ricks  
Charles and Mawana Jones & Family  
Debbie Szymanski & Family**

**Garry @ Turbo Valves  
Pastor Steven and Family  
Debby Parson  
Tommy Johnson  
Charlie Kincannan  
Shirley & Bob Adams  
Shirley & Harry Schumaker  
John Duke  
Family of Gayland Freeman  
Tommy Reed- going to Fire  
Fighter School at Lone Star  
Marvin Moran  
Linnea Hickman  
Our Schools’ Safety  
Our First Responders  
Our Church & Leaders  
Our Country & Leaders**

**YOUR GIVING**

*“Bring all the tithes into the  
storehouse so there will be enough  
food in my Temple. If you do,” says  
the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will  
open the windows of heaven for you.  
I will pour out a blessing so great you  
won’t have enough room to take it in!  
Try it! Put me to the test!”*

*—Malichi 3:10*

Your giving, is between you and God. Whether most of your giving is monetary, talents and gifts, or your time, God keeps His promise and He wants to bless you. Your gifts help bless this community and help bring the Kingdom of God closer to those who seek Him. Please remember our church in your giving. Thanks!