

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

SPECIAL MUSIC “God on the Mountain” Choir

***DOXOLOGY** 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

It is Good to Hear God Speak

SERMON Pastor Aaron Ankeny

It is Good to Depart and Serve


***HYMN** “Standing on the Promises of God” (vs 1,2&4) 374

***BENEDICTION**

All our hope is firmly grounded, **in the great and living Lord;**
Who whenever we most need Him, **never fails to keep His word.**
Pause and thank our great Creator, **through God’s only Son this day;**
God Almighty, the heavenly potter, **made us out of earth and clay.**
We who share this earth and air, **count on God’s unfailing care.**

***POSTLUDE**

(Please stand where indicated)



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of my brother, Jimmy Odom by Martha Jane Carter.

Altar Flowers



**First Methodist Church
of Lake City**



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL

“that no child sleeps on the floor in our town.”

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

It is Good to Gather for Worship

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

PRESERVICE MUSIC Medley: “There Is a River”, “Springs of Living Water”, “There’s A River of Life”

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gigi Register, Liturgist

It is Good to be with God in Worship

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God’s Presence

PRELUDE

“I Just Came to Talk to You Lord”

Piano Solo

Dottie Rambo

***INTROIT**

“Bless His Holy Name”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

(repeat)

He has done great things, He Has done great things, He has done great things,
Bless his Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me
bless His Holy Name.

It is Good to Give Praise to God

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 55:6-11 (NLT)

⁶ *Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on Him now while He is near.*

⁷ *Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Yes, turn to God, for He will forgive generously.*

⁸ *The Lord says, “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.*

⁹ *For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

¹⁰ *The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.*

¹¹ *It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”*

***HYMN**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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It is Good to Praise God for Who God Is

In this world we all have trouble. When that trouble arrives, we choose whether to be defeated by it or acknowledge that: **GOD IS ABLE....** Yes, God is able!

The Scriptures echo the message of God’s help:

*(Romans 14:4) God can make you stand firm: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(Romans 16:25) God will establish you: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(Jude 24) God will present you faultless before His glory: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(2 Corinthians 9:8) God will make all grace abound toward you: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(Philippians 3:21) God can subdue all things: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(Hebrews 7:25) God will save you to the uttermost: **GOD IS ABLE***

*(Ephesians 3:20) God can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think: **GOD IS ABLE***

VIDEO

“GOD IS ABLE”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The God whom we worship is not a weak and incompetent God. **GOD IS ABLE** to calm the swells of the most gigantic waves opposing us, and to bring low prodigious mountains of evil. The ringing testimony of the Christian faith is that **GOD IS ABLE**.

***HYMN**

“Awesome God”

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Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from the heavens above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God. (repeat 2X)

It is Good to Share Stories of Faith and Love

VIDEO OF DON STEVENS

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

(vs 1&3) 369

It is Good to Tithe to God

CALL TO GIVING

Psalm 112:1-9 (NLT)

¹ *Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands....³ They themselves will be wealthy...⁴ They are generous, compassionate, and righteous...⁹ They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.*



Prayer Concerns



Homebound:

† George Richardson † Sallie Rae Williams † Helena Powers

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Bill Poplin † Lorene Douberley † Audrey Short † Rosalie Marks † Don Hembree † Family of Glenn Wilhite who went to glory on January 17, 2025 † Emily Robarts and her family

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Willowbrook

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Lorene Douberley's granddaughter, Sarah Geer † John Gunther † Laura Carter † Renee Minnich-Higron † Leston Douberley † Quinn Ban & Family † Mikell Carmichael † Sandi Buck-Camp's brother, Samuel Buck, Jr. † Donna Kite & Family in the loss of her husband, Larry Kite † Patricia Bumgarner † Audrey Short's husband, Leston

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin † Sharon Bentley

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off and put this card in the offering plate. We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

Please Print your name (s) in this space:
Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Notes/Prayer Requests

[] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

WEEKLY GIVING 2/09/2025

Offering \$ 5,873

Gifts/Pledges \$ 5,578

Flowers \$ 45

Outreach \$ 250

Vanco Giving \$ 820

Attendance 58

Fiscal Year 2024 Ending Totals

Revenue \$ 257,830

Expenses \$ 259,473

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Don Hembree
- 7 Staci Johnson
- 9 Helena Powers
- 10 Milly Beggs
- 11 BJ Wheeler
Beth Willis
- 12 A.H. Stevens
- 15 Sallie Rae Williams
- 16 Justin Johnson
- 17 Norman McRae
- 18 Cooper Willis
- 21 Rusty Bailey
- 25 Buie Summerlin
- 26 Eva Kirby
Carson Powers



If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office @ 386-752-4488.

CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor:** Rev. Aaron Ankeny
- Pianist:** Amelia Tompkins
- Organist:** Position Open
- Audio Visual:** Rusty Bailey, David Smith
- Administrative Assistant:** Lee Gober
- Custodian:** Heather Crawford
- Grounds Keeper:** Austin Reiter
- Nursery:** Heather Giebeig

UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Sunday, February 16-Baby bottles are due for the Pregnancy Care Center

Monday, February 17-President's Day

Tuesday, February 18 @ 6 pm-Trustees
@ 7 pm-Finance

Tuesday, February 25 @ 6 pm-Administrative Board

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to be greeters on Sundays and to help with attendance so that we can connect with people visiting and check in on those who may be absent for a long period of time. People interested in serving please contact the office during the week Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

	22/24	2025	Total
Beds built :	259	17	276
New Beds requested:		5	5
Beds Delivered:	225	4	229

GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex and the church office.

