

DECEMBER 13, 2024



You Belong Here

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RYAN

Dearest Church,

I am pretty sure history was made in the Methodist Church this month. Something really special took place that will make you so proud to be Global Methodist.

When we started the GMC just two years ago we were operating on a faith and prayers ... literally. I personally was tasked with opening our first bank account for the MidTexas Conference. I had to visit 3 banks before I found one willing to open an account for the organization. And then, I had to take \$45 out of my own wallet so that we could have a balance in both our checking and savings account.

Even so, we were convinced that what was coming was of God. With no reason to suspect it would ever become an issue, we set some clear parameters for governance. We decided we are more interested in the unsaved people in church's communities than we are in collecting their money. We took bold steps like capping the total apportionment any single church could ever be asked to pay. And, we set policy stipulating that we would not hold onto more the 6 months of operating cash.

Because of our sharp missional focus, the MidTexas Conference has been able to accomplish miraculous work for the kingdom of God while collecting 1/8th of what was collected annually in our old denomination. What's more, we have done all that with less than we thought we would need.

So get ready for it ... the history making event ...

The MidTexas Conference has mailed out a rebate to every church who contributed over the last 11 months. The rebate is proportional based on each church's giving.

First Methodist is receiving a check for over \$15,000. The money is being returned to First Methodist to use in disciple making ministry. That is a direct reflection of the values and character of our GMC and MidTexas Conference. *More than the money*, I am so proud to be part of this Methodist movement with like-minded and warm-hearted Christian leaders! I hope you are too!

In Christ,

Ryan

DR. CHRIS MEYER ON PASTOR PREVIEW



PLAY VIDEO

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS



*Christmas
Poinsettias*

Dedicate a poinsettia in honor
or in memory of a loved one

Orders due Sunday, Dec. 15 | Envelopes on the tables in the
Contact Sara@firstwaco.com

CHRISTMAS @ FIRST



**LESSONS
AND CAROLS**

DECEMBER 15 | 11 AM
MAIN CAMPUS



CAROLS
ON
THE **LAWN**
AND
HONORING PASTOR RYAN
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING OF APPRECIATION
DECEMBER 22 | 6 PM | MAIN CAMPUS



CHRISTMAS & EVE
SERVICES

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. - Main Campus	CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 3:00 p.m. - Downtown Campus
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. - Main Campus	CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE 11:00 p.m. - Downtown Campus

WINTER 2025 MIDWEEK

A new year, a new beginning

WINTER 2025

MIDWEEK

Classes begin Jan 15

[Sign Up Here](#)

COMING SOON: WALK THRU THE BIBLE



CHURCH-WIDE

WALK THRU THE BIBLE

IN 1 YEAR

COMING JANU



SHINE: MADE TO WORSHIP

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MADE TO WORSHIP JANUARY 17-19

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WE'RE HIRING

 Hospitality Volunteer Coordinator

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- **Downtown Campus** | 9 am Traditional | 11 am Contemporary
- **Main Campus** | 9:30 am Contemporary | 11 am Traditional
- **Online Campus** | Live Stream | 9:30 & 11 am | [Youtube.com](#) [Facebook](#) [FirstWaco.com](#)
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THANK YOU, CHURCH

Thank you so much for generously giving to God's Kingdom! The church cannot operate without you, so thank you for helping us serve the Kingdom well! Below, you'll see **November's** income and expenses.

If you would like to help strengthen the ministry of Christ at First Methodist, you can do so by clicking [HERE](#) – or if you have any questions about the church's finances, I'd love to hear from you! – Bev@firstwaco.com

Per our *Financial Institution's* request, please **make checks payable to First Methodist Church Waco**. Notation to special groups can follow that or be noted on the memo line. Thank you.

November Average Worship Attendance: **950**

November Income	November Expenses	YTD Income	YTD Expense
\$264,205	\$233,774	\$2,532,304	\$2,717,545

[GIVE](#)

PRAYERS OF HEALING

Margaret Kilpatrick, Reese Gallant, Jacque Schuster, Lois Wandless, Sue Davis, Margaret Elliott, Cindy Knapek, Danny Bostick, Harriet Johnson, Kim Jung, Mike Sly, Larry Pennington, Nancy Summers, Dave Rumph, Patrick McMillin, Dan and Becky Rhodes, Tommy Waggener, Robert (Maurice) Campbell, Kendall Nowotny, Stephen & Susan Heyde, Ralph Dugger, Richard and Pat Anderson, Hilda Rylander, Harvey Price, Carolyn Hill, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Mike Kroll, David McAlexander, Larry Becker, Ed & Mary Hodde

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

Karen Watkins on the birth of her granddaughter, Hagan Ruth Watkins.

THIS WEEK @ FIRST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Main | 9:30a | 11a Lessons & Carols | Rev. Ryan Barnett

Downtown | 9a & 11a | Rev. Brandon Frenzel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16:

HealthShapers | 9:30a | Chapel | Main Campus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

Men's Bible Study | 7a | Pipkin Center | Downtown Campus

Prayer Team | 1p | Meeting Off Campus

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Band of Brothers | 7a | Chapel | Main Campus

Midday Worship Service & Lunch | Noon | Downtown Campus

Children's Choir | Kinder-5th | 5:30p | Chapel | Main Campus

Bridge | 5:30-7:30p | FLC & Youth Room | Main Campus

Traditional Choir Rehearsal | 6p | Chapel | Main Campus

Orchestra | 7:15p | Chapel | Main Campus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Men's Prayer Breakfast | 7-8a | Commons | Main Campus

HealthShapers | 9:30a | Chapel | Main Campus

In Stitches | 10a | Room 110 | Main Campus

Community Bible Study | 6-8:30p | South Campus

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:

Church Offices Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY | 8:30a - 4:00p | Main Campus

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:

Carols on the Lawn & A Special Time to Honor Ryan | 6p | Main Campus | Bring your lawn chairs or blankets

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

Children & Family Service | 10a | Main Campus

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services | 3p Downtown Campus | 5p & 7p Main Campus

Candlelight & Communion Service | 11p | Downtown Campus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

Main Campus | One Service @ 11a | Rev. Tynna Dixon

Downtown Campus | One Service @ 10a | Rev. Brandon Frenzel

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:

Winter 2025 Midweek Begins

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17-SUNDAY, JANUARY 19:

SHINE | Register [HERE](#) | Volunteer [HERE](#)

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