
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Tech Volunteers Needed!

It takes 5 people on the Tech team every Sunday to facilitate worship in-house and online. The Contemporary service needs 3 people: One on cameras, one on the sound board and one handling the slides for music and sermon. The 11 AM service requires 2 people: one on the sound board and one on cameras (I do my own slides at 11).

We recently had some tech folks move away and we could use some help! We could use one or two camera operators (either service), sound board for 9:45 and sound at 11 (and it would be helpful to have another run slides at 9:45. The goal is for volunteers to serve once or twice a month.

We will train all volunteers in several steps from the initial training, to sitting beside you while you try it out, to letting you solo (but help nearby if you need it).

The Tech Team is an important ministry that touches so many lives. Please consider volunteering and helping in this ministry. The goal is that no one would have to run tech every Sunday but work on a rotating basis. We have a couple of volunteers who graciously worship at one service and then volunteer for another (since it's a little hard to worship while keeping track of your tasks).

To those who already give of their time, I say Thank You. While Melanie and I were recently on vacation, we watched Live online and worshiped with you. On an average Sunday, we estimate that we reach about 50-60 people watching Live. Many more watch the recording later. This Online ministry reaches our church members, as well as a few folks in other states. It is also one of the primary ways that a visitor decides to come to our church. I often greet someone new who tells me they've been watching for a few weeks.

To become a part of this valuable team, speak to me (Pastor Ronnie) or Warren Caruso (Tech Team leader). All ages considered- including responsible teens.



Small Groups this Fall

We have a great line up of classes and small groups for this Fall starting in a couple of weeks.

Go to our Church website to learn more.

<https://www.firstcrestview.com/events/fall-small-groups-begin-august-12/2026-08-12>

There is also information in the Crossroads lobby.

Nell Sutherland is leading a Wednesday Women's class on Ruth.

Jody Woodward is leading a Wednesday Young Adult Class.

Susan Hill is leading a Wednesday study of Hebrews.

Angie Woodward is leading a Friday Morning topical study. This small group is especially helpful for those who cannot attend on Wednesday nights.

And lastly, there will be two classes taught by pastors on how to study the Bible.

I'll be teaching my class on taking an overall look at the Bible (where did it come from, how do you use it, what tools can help you grow). This is the same class I've taught before. Well over 100 people have taken this class which I have taught twice a year for about 3 or 4 years.

However, this will be the last time I teach it for a while. If you are new to our church or if you simply have not taken this class, then I highly encourage you to do so. We consider this one of the foundational classes of our church.

Also, pastor Mark Barfield will be teaching a class on How to Interpret the Bible. My class covers this briefly, but Mark will go much deeper with more hands-on for the students.

Trustees Selling the McLaughlin House

A Charge Conference has been called for the next Community Dinner and Administrative Board Meeting on **September 16 at 6:30 pm** for the purpose of authorizing the Trustees to sell the property which, they feel, is no longer needed for the Church. This is the house on the corner of Texas Parkway and McLaughlin Ave.

The trustees will prefer to sell the house to a church member if possible. The plan at present is to get a valuation of it, set a minimum price, and then invite Church members to place a bid.

If the house does not sell that way, then the sale will be opened up to the public. Look for more specific details to come. Authorizing the Trustees to move forward is the first step.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all who gave of their time and donations for Vacation Bible School.

This is one of the major events in the life of our Church and we could not do it without you!

We are grateful for the leadership of Vikki Anchor, our Children's Minister.

*My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.*

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Josh South

Let's get to know Josh, our new Maintenance Assistant, better!

How long have you lived in Crvw?

About 25 years.

Fave sports teams?

Ohio State, Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Reds.

Hobbies?

Listening to music and watching sports on TV and in person.

Fave movie?

Caddyshack

Fave restaurant?

Peg Leg Pete's (Pcola Beach)

What do you love about our church & new job?

The variety of groups, activities and dinners that allow not only the people of the church, but the community itself to come together. The new job is not only a beneficial stepping stone, but there's always something to do so it keeps me busy!

We're glad you're here Josh! If you see him on campus make sure to give him a wave and a 'HEY JOSH'!



Fall Small Groups

Register now! Our offerings for Fall are listed online at firstcrestview.com and in the Sunday bulletin. Make sure you sign up- we're saving you a seat!



KIDS & YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

It's that time of year again! Come prepared with towels as we celebrate our farewell to Summer on Kid's St & Youth Rm at 6:00PM on **Wed, Aug 5**.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Faculty and students of all ages & schools are welcome to bring their backpacks, totes or lunchboxes to the front to have them prayed over in each service on **Sun, Aug 9**.



Chancel Choir Kick-Off Party

Dinner & the season's first rehearsal will be held on Wed, **Aug 12** at 6:00PM at the home of Leon Curenton / 5739 Reinke Dr, CRVW. All interested in joining the Chancel Choir are welcome!



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

We are excited to announce that our Summer Mission Project has begun! Shoe boxes are now available for pick up in front of the church office and the CRC and include the label, ideas on what to fill your shoebox with and a cute coloring page. deadline to return your completed shoe box is **September 16, 2026** at our Community Dinner.



Called Charge Conference Meeting

A Called Charge Conference meeting is scheduled for Wed, **Sept 16** at 6:30PM during Church Council meeting after Community Dinner. There will be a vote on the sale of the McLaughlin house.



MINISTRY UPDATES

Wesleyan Child Care Center

The countdown is on!

Our classrooms will be filled with smiling faces as we welcome students back beginning **August 10th**, and we couldn't be more excited for all that God has in store this school year.

There's still time to join our Wesleyan family! We currently have openings in our **Part-Time 3-Year-Old Program, Full-Time Care for 3's and 4's**, and our **VPK 4-Year-Old Classes**. We'd love to welcome your little one into our caring, Christ-centered learning environment.

As we prepare for this exciting new beginning, we ask our friends, families, and community to keep our students, teachers, and staff in your prayers. The start of a new school year brings many emotions and transitions, and we pray that each child feels safe, loved, encouraged, and excited to learn. May God bless every classroom with joy, patience, new friendships, and countless opportunities to grow.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful things this school year will bring!

-Osa Bell / WCCC Director



Yarn Ministry

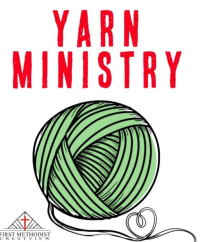
A policeman spotted a person knitting while driving. "Pullover!" he yelled. "No, it's a scarf!" they replied. Ha Ha! Although we always encourage our Yarnies to travel with their yarn projects, we do not condone driving and stitching (for obvious reasons)!

And with all of our Yarnies projects, our shelves are ready to explode! Our next Yarn Blessing will take place in September at the beginning of Missions Week. We can't wait to show you what we've been up to!

Our meetings in June will be **Tues, Aug 11 & 25, at 6:00PM** in Rm 213 (aka Yarnia).

We're looking forward to connecting & reaching out to others to further God's kingdom through loads of yarn and love!

-Cathrin Owens



"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."
Psalm 90:17

"We look for wool and linen, and work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13

Crestview Prayer Network

Learn what is going on in the Crestview Christian community!

The Crestview Prayer Network meets the first Wednesday of each month to share fellowship and goings-on in the different churches in the North Okaloosa Area.

The next meeting for the Crestview Prayer Network will be **Aug 5** at noon, at Hideaway Pizza downtown.

Come pray for your hometown!



CALENDARS

August Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters

Aug 2- Peggy Harkness

Aug 9- John and Cynthia Leitschuck

Aug 16- Mike and Betsy Roy

Aug 23- Gail and Terry Laskaskie

Aug 30- Kaleb and Lindsey Reynolds

Ushers

Bob McCrory & Mike Roy

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: 1. Jan Lee 2. John & Marcy Pennell 3. Haley Smith 4. Keller family

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Melvin Candelario 2. Aimee Keller 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Jody Woodward 5. Kathy McKinley

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters and Ushers

8/2 Steve and Kathy Fowler

8/9 Phillip and Melanie Mathis

8/16 Eddie and Jayne Hager

8/23 Ed and Joanne Guzowski

8/30 Glenda McMasters and Judy Beard

Ushers

8/2 Phillip Mathis and Tom Giovanini

8/9 Tom Saunders and Dax Reeves

8/16 Rollin Anderson and Tom Giovanini

8/23 Dax Reeves and Burt Colt

8/30 Tom Saunders and Eddie Hager

Office door

8/2-8/30 Jim Hight

Lock doors and lights

8/2 Burt Colt

8/9 Dax Reeves

8/16 Eddie Hager

8/23 Burt Colt

8/30 Eddie Hager

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Phil Estrem 2. Kathy McKinley 3. Mark Barfield 4. Sarah Fordyce 5. Margaret Larson

Important Dates In August

Aug 2- Long Range Planning 3:00PM Asbury RM/CRC

Aug 5- Back to School Event for Youth & Kids St

Aug 5- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza

Aug 7- Women's Service Group 11:30AM Fat Boys/Crestview

Aug 9- Blessing of the Backpacks / All services

Aug 10- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM CRC

Aug 11- Worship Committee 5:30PM Conf Rm

-Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

Aug 12- Chancel Choir Kick-Off Party (Time & Location TBA)

- Fall Small Groups Begin

Aug 16- Chancel Choir Is Back!

Aug 15- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC (request nursery by 8/10)

Aug 18- Missions Committee 6:30PM Rm 213

Aug 24- September Newsletter Deadline

Aug 25- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room
Please see firstcrestview.com calendar for any updates or changes

Looking Forward to September

Sept 2- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza
Sept 4- Women's Service Group 11:30AM McAlisters/Crestview
Sept 7- Church Office Closed For Labor Day
Sept 8- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
Sept 13 & 16- Mission Fair CRC
Sept 14- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
Sept 16- CommUNITY Dinner 5:30PM CRC
- Church Council 6:30PM CRC
Sept 19- Game Night for Grown Ups 4:30-7:00PM CRC (request nursery by 9/14)
Sept 21- October newsletter deadline
Sept 22- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
Sept 29- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Panera's

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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION



A New School Year

God of Love,
You are with us in every transition and change,
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
We recall you deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
We thank you for the work of others that gives
breadth and depth to our own work.
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and
supporting one another.
We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.
- Author Unknown

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH INFO

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Morning Glory at 8:30AM
Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM
The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM
Main Sanctuary / FB Live

First Methodist Office Schedule

Mon - Thurs 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Staff Meetings Mondays 9:30-11:30AM
Lunch 11:30-12:30PM

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