

THE Grapevine

SEPTEMBER 2023



Autumn Blessings

Deuteronomy 24:19-22

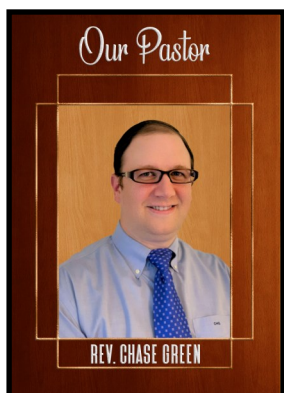
“Change is Hard”

The disciples were worried about the coming change. Jesus kept telling them what was going to happen—to be killed and raised on the third day. They didn’t want that change. Perhaps they couldn’t fathom the implications. Maybe like us, we just would rather have Jesus right next to us safe and nice and healing people. Jesus came for more, so much more. The change the disciples experienced over those three years of ministry, and experiencing the death and resurrection of our Lord, and up until the ascension began a transformation inside their hearts. What they became was courageous, faithful, vision-focused, and hopeful.

We’ve all heard it before that change is hard. We know that by experience. When schedules change sometimes it can be frustrating. Sometimes the change is for the better, but it is still an adjustment we have to weigh and configure into our life. We’ve had some positive change the last couple of months with new members joining. Change has settled in some ways as church activities have started back on Wednesday. More will start up this month with the return of MMM-Meal-Mission-Meditation, our monthly Wednesday fellowship time as a church, which is back on September 6th at 5:30.

And yes, more change still as we will be shifting our Sunday morning schedule. Why this change? Why change to a 9:50 Sunday school hour and a 10:50 worship service hour? We want to be more hospitable to our visitors, guests, and young families. Our Sunday school had children before church and youth after church, that just won’t work for young families who have young ones in children and in youth. Two Sunday school times are difficult for newcomers to our church to have a way of really connecting. This move to 9:50 Sunday school and 10:50 worship service will be easier and cleaner to communicate to the folks not currently in our church. I met with various groups in the church about this and received feedback on this new time, many agreeable to this change, and our church council voted to confirm this new Sunday morning schedule that will launch September 10th.

So, mark your calendars—9:50 Sunday school, 10:50 Worship service. I pray this change won’t be too frustrating for you and that in time it will be natural. I also want to encourage those who are not currently in a Sunday school, that now is a perfect time. With Sunday school being at 9:50, that is so close to what our regular worship time of 10:00 has been. So I would hope that you might try one of our Sunday schools to connect in that way.



As we navigate change of all kinds; our world, our bodies, our day to day, I pray that God would be our navigator through it all.

Grace & Peace
Pastor Chase

Rev. Charles (Chase) Henley Green Jr., Senior Pastor
Goddard United Methodist Church
Office– 479.785.1415 / Cell– 501.827.8309

September 2023 Volunteer of the Month

The Goddard UMC Volunteer for the month of September 2023 is Betty Morkemo.

Betty Morkemo has been a member of Goddard UMC since 1999 and is a member of the Gathering Disciples Sunday school class. She volunteers her time in many capacities.

Betty is a vital part of the Goddard Altar Guild. She is a member of the Goddard Trustees. She is a member of Joy Goddard Circle and the UWF. She is also a volunteer in the Goddard Food Pantry.

Blessings to you Betty for sharing your gifts and talents with your Goddard Family!

Submitted by Deb Moore



Welcome New Members

Pictured with Rev. Chase Green:



***The Linn Family
Jonathan, Katie,
Samantha, and Nora***



Val Lewis



***Front cover and other
graphics by:
Rhonda Rieder***



Please be in prayer for:

April Austin
 Rick Bodine
 Bob Callaway
 Betty Campbell
 Jim Cavin
 Lauranell Cavin
 Jessica Clardy
 Charles Click
 Marilyn Click
 Helen Cowan
 Sheila Croxton
 Linda Dickson
 Jason Echols
 Rusty Echols
 Andrew Godwin
 Gary Goembel
 Jana L. Green
 Dennis Holland
 Jim Kell
 Raye Levering
 Thomas Levering
 Judy Loux
 Rick Moore
 DeeDee Moore
 Linda Morrison
 Roy Nixon
 Sandi Parks
 Rachel Rhodes
 Sally and Eddie Ridener
 Julie Rieder
 Robert Lee Roam, Jr.
 Mary Beth Rule
 Cliff Rush
 Cindy Sauter
 John Sauter

Grace Ann Settle
 Tracey Stecher
 Betty Steele
 Mary Beth Sudduth
 Claudia Szendre
 Ruth Szendre
 John Tarrant
 Polly Taylor
 Ron Watson
 Charles Williams
 Leslie Wintory
 Bobbie Young
 Our Essential Workers
 Our Firefighters
 Our First Responders
 Our Law Enforcement
 Officers
 Our Troops
 Our U.S. Marshals



Prayer Chain

**To add someone to the
Goddard Prayer Chain,
contact Donny Anderson
479.522.3080**

**To be a member of the
Prayer Chain,
contact Deb Moore
479.785.1415**



For Columbarium Information
Call 479.785.1415

Goddard UMC Chancel Choir presents



Spirituals Concert

SPECIAL GUESTS

Barbara Tucker
Hedreich Nichols
Phillip Hall

Goddard UMC • 1922 Dodson Ave • Ft Smith, AR

SUNDAY
OCT 1
6:00PM
FREE ADMISSION

"YOU MUST HAVE THAT TRUE RELIGION"

The Gospel of



MARK

Bible Study
with Pastor Chase



Mondays at 1:00pm in the Parlor

The times they are a changin'!

Launch date for new
Worship & Sunday School schedule

Sunday School: 9:50 am

Worship: 10:50 am



Sponsored by Cavanaugh UMC, Wesley UMC, & Goddard UMC

TRIVIA

Time



SUN · OCT 8 · 3:00-5:00 PM
GODDARD UMC GREAT ROOM



Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

Jim Cheyne

Ron Garner

September Birthdays

3rd Linda Dickson
 3rd Randy O'Kelley
 6th Sue Peerbolte
 7th Judith Tuck
 8th Barbara Braswell
 8th Tina Jeffries
 9th Ricky Cross
 11th Abby Hawthorne
 15th Charles Click
 18th Jimmy Arthur
 18th Tom King
 21st Bill Hutchinson
 21st Roy Nixon
 21st Sami Sue Welch
 22nd Jean McCoubrey
 22nd Gary Tipton
 23rd Raye Levering
 23rd Chrystal Settle
 27th Branden Crowder
 29th Barbara Ramage
 30th Aiden Cheyne



September Anniversaries

8th Jim and Vicki Hopper
 14th John and Cindy Sauter
 25th Dave Whiteis and Linda Dickson
 28th Randy and Pam O'Kelley
 29th Charles and Sharon Williams
 30th Bryan and Katherine Clardy



Designated to General Fund:

In honor of Chase Green by:

Tom and Mary King
Mike and Sissie Mankin
Rita Ramey
Mike and Rose Lyons
Tom and Carol McAlister
The Gathering Disciples Sunday School Class
Anonymous
Jim and Suzie Dunn
Sherry Stockton
Mary Margaret Gattis
Paul and Linda Lanning
Jim and Vicki Hopper
Jimmy Arthur
Bill and Deborah Moore
Rick and Betty Bodine
Chuck and Sandy Johnson
Amy Ezell
Jim and Sue Rose
Phil and Anita Woodard
Charles and Cathy Smith
Tom and Nancy Robertson
Ronnie and Sharon Apple
Pat Singleton
Jim and Barbara Kell
In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Chuck and Sandy Johnson
In honor of Betty Campbell's birthday
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Mike and Sissie Mankin
In memory of William McKeever's 62nd birthday
by Jim and Barbara Kell
In honor of Mike and Rose Lyons
by Rachel Rhodes
In memory of Ron Garner
by Mike and Sissie Mankin
In memory of Ron Garner
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
In honor of Betty Campbell
by Roy and Betty Nixon
In honor of Sherry Stockton
by Roy and Betty Nixon
In honor of Deb Moore
by Roy and Betty Nixon
In memory of Ron Garner
by Roy and Betty Nixon
In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Roy and Betty Nixon



Designated to General Fund:

In memory of Ron Garner
by Jim and Barbara Kell
In memory of Ron Garner
by Mary Margaret Gattis
In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Mary Margaret Gattis
In memory of Ron Garner
by Betty Campbell

Designated to Children's Ministry:

In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Sherry Stockton

Designated to Music Ministry

In memory of Ron Garner
by Connie Buckingham
In memory of Ron Garner
by Jeanie Maness
In memory of Ron Garner
by Joanne Hill

Designated to Youth Ministry:

In memory of Jim Cheyne
by Jim and Vicki Hopper

Designated to Pantry:

In memory of Randy Woodard
by Jim and Suzie Dunn
In memory of Ron Garner
by Barbara Kennedy

Designated to Building Repair:

In memory of Ron Garner
by Sherry Stockton

Honorariums/Memorials may be given
online or by check at any time.
Your donations can be designated to a
specific ministry or to the
general fund.



Your help is needed week of sale!

We need YOU, and your items to sell, to make the Great Goddard Garage Sale a success! **Sign-up sheets** for workers will be on the round table just outside of the sanctuary this Sunday, September 3, and the following Sunday, September 10.

There are numerous tasks to be done each day of sale week, as well as on both sale days Friday, September 15, 8:00 a.m. —noon, and Saturday September 16 from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Items can be brought sale week directly to the **Great Room**. If you can't bring them then, early items can be put in **Young Hall**. Please keep in mind that everything from Young Hall will have to be transported to the Great Room by friendly, willing, smiling Goddard volunteers.

If you can't sign up in person, you can call the church office 479.785.1415, and Debbie can put you on the list. Items may be dropped off during office hours.



CHANGE FOR CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Collect Your Change for the Rest of the Year

Special Offering Boxes
are waiting for you on the Narthex table.



Contact Ms. Keri
479-459-7110
kcousins@goddardumc.org



We're having fun on Wacky Wednesdays at Goddard UMC! **Children Pre- Kindergarten to 5th Grade.** We have games, crafts, music, snacks, and a lesson about God! Join us!

- 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. - Drop Off, Gathering time, Snacks, and Free play
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Games, Lesson, Music, Crafts
- 5:30 p.m. - Pick Up

Sunday School

Kids Sunday School is at 9:50 a.m. beginning Sept. 10. We meet in the Clubhouse in the Children's Building. This month during Sunday School we will learn Bible stories about Ruth and Naomi, Hannah, Samuel, and David!

- September 3 – Ruth and Naomi (9:00 a.m.)
- September 10 – Hannah and God
- September 17 – God Speaks to Samuel
- September 24 – David and Saul



Candy!

We're starting the candy collection now for our Fall Festival! Please bring individually wrapped candy to the church office NOW through Sunday October 22nd. We're expecting a big crowd again and will need tons of candy! Thank you!!

Goddard Youth



Youth Sunday School!

We have the best snacks in the building!

Join us in the Youth Cinema each

Sunday at 9:50 a.m. BEFORE worship!

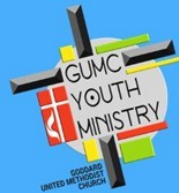


Youth Wednesdays

3:15 – 5:30 p.m.



Small Groups!
Girls Group  Boys Group



Youth Wednesdays!

Register Online at
GoddardUMC.org/Youth

Youth 6 – 12th Grade

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. – **Drop Off**, Gathering Time, FOOD, and Fellowship

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Girls Group and Boys Group, The Carpenter's Workshop, Cooking, Sewing, and More!

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Lesson and Discussion

5:30 p.m. – Pick Up

Get the latest information about Goddard Youth and join our Youth Announcements text group!



Send a Text to the number 81010 with the message
@goddardyou

You will receive important updates about all of our Youth activities!

For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to give you hope and a future.

-Jeremiah 29:11

SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	2
3	4 Office Closed	5 Circle of Hope – 10 am Joy Goddard – 5:30 pm	6 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids -3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm MMM – 5:30 pm Choir – 6:30 pm	7 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Children’s Building Work Day – 9:00 a.m.	8 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	9
10 New Worship Time! Sunday School – 9:50 am Worship – 10:50 am Hanna Baby Shower – 2- 4 pm	11 Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	12 UWF Quarterly Meeting – 1 pm	13 Food Pantry – 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids -3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Choir – 6:30 pm	14 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1 pm	15 Garage Sale – 8 am	16 Garage Sale – 8 am
17	18 Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm	19	20 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids -3:15-5:30 pm Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Choir – 6:30 pm	21 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am	22 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	23
24	25 Gospel of Mark Bible Study – 1 pm Church Council - 4 pm	26	27 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Wacky Wed. Kids - 3:15-5:30 Goddard Youth – 3:15-5:30 pm Choir – 6:30 p.m.	28 Food Pantry - 9-11:30 am Lydia – 1 pm	29 Hilltoppers – 10:30 am	30



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Gathering Disciples

Don Holland, Jeannie Holland, Barbara Rumage

Susan C. King

Sherry Stockton, John Tarrant, Loraine Tarrant

Pairs and Spares

Rose Lyons, Mike Mankin, Jim Rose,
Sue Rose, Tom Robertson

Beginning September 10, 2023

**Sunday School Classes Begin
at 9:50 a.m.**

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE Sunday Service

Tom McAlister
Mike Mankin
Robert Neuffell
Ronnie Apple

Alternate
Scott McCoubrey

AUGUST 2023	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	Total Collection (3 Sundays)
Collection Amount	\$ 18,248	\$ 10,487	\$ 5,589	<i>Will be reported in next issue of Grapevine</i>	\$ 34,324
<i>Breakdown of collection to be reported next month</i>					

September 2023 LECTIONARY

3rd Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exod 3:1-15, Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45 (UMH 828),
Rom 12:9-21, Matt 16:21-28

10th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exod 12:1-14, Ps 149 or Ps 148 (UMH 861),
Rom 13:8-14, Matt 18:15-20

17th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exod 14:19-31, Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135),
Rom 14:1-12, Matt 18:21-35

24th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Exod 16:2-15, Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, or Ps 78
(UMH 799), Phil 1:21-30, Matt 20:1-16

**In-Person and Sunday Worship Live Streaming /
New Start Time Beginning September 10, 2023
10:50 a.m.**

Online at www.goddardumc.org
Facebook.com/GoddardUMC
Youtube.com/GoddardUMC

Event Sign-Up
goddardumc.org/events

**Register your attendance at worship with the QR Code found in
your bulletin**

Open your camera

Hold over the QR code

Tap the link to register your attendance



GROWING IN GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASS invites you to join them for bible study.

Philippians: To Live is Christ!

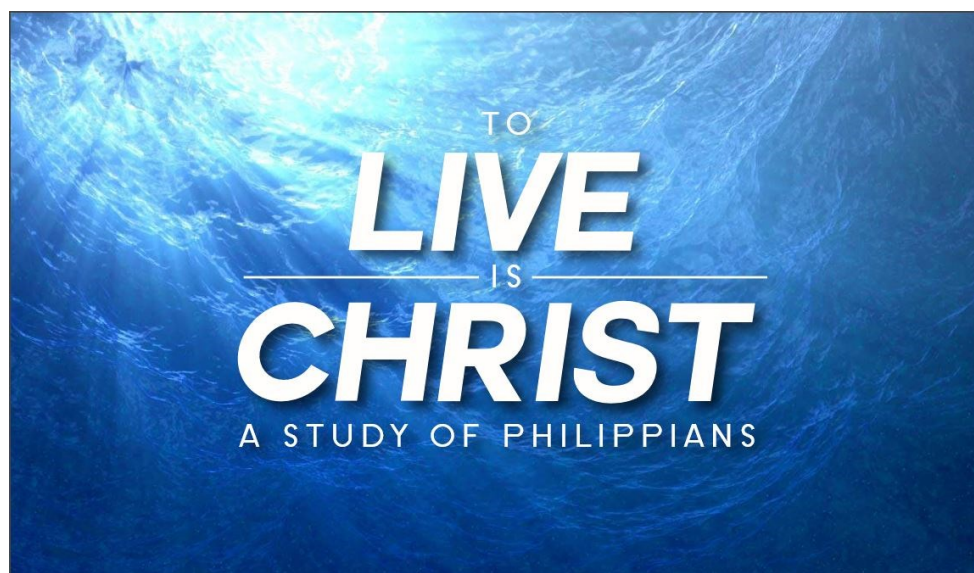
Is it possible to have joy at all times, regardless of our circumstances? Is it possible to live for Christ in every situation? Though it was written from a prison cell, Paul's letter to the Philippians exudes joy and gratefulness and shares a glimpse of what true discipleship looks like. Throughout this study, we will be taking a look at what Philippians can teach us about the DNA of discipleship: what it is, how we can find it, how we can share it, and how we can have it in all things. This study will encourage you

that joy is not the same as happiness—it is more stable, more permanent, built upon a sure foundation...and it may allow us to say, "To live is Christ!"

Leader: Paul Lanning

Class time will change to 9:50 a.m. beginning September 10

Will meet in Conference Room





Submitted by Elizabeth Eubanks, Goddard UWF President

It's gonna be a baby girl! On Sunday, September 10, we will be hosting a baby shower for Tarah Hanna from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the parlor. Tarah is registered on Amazon. Everyone is invited so please come and join us as we celebrate and anticipate the birth of the next little member of our Goddard Family!

Thank you to everyone who helped provide lunch for the Ballman School Teachers and Staff. (See picture below of some of the teachers.) We pray the Ballman Staff and Students are able to return to their school building soon. We wish a safe and wonderful school year!



Our United Women in Faith Quarterly Meeting will be on September 12 in the Parlor. Dr. Fudge will be our speaker. Linda Lanning will lead us in our World Thank Service and Offering. We hope you will come join us for great snacks and fellowship hosted by the Circle of Hope at 1:00 p.m. Our meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hope you can come! Powerful things happen when women of God gather together! So let's keep on worshipping together, praying together, helping each other, and reaching out to our community to show God's love!

Circle Meetings--Tuesday, September 5

Circle of Hope: 10:00 AM in the Parlor

Joy Goddard: Hamburger Picnic in the Parlor 5:30 PM

SERVING THE COMMUNITY....

The Goddard UWF served lunch to the Ballman Elementary school teachers and staff on Monday, August 7. See screenshot of Facebook post at right.

Visit the Goddard Facebook page often to see other fun things happening at church and in the community. Like our page to get notices of these and other Goddard posts at Facebook.com/GoddardUMC.

← Goddard United Method... 🔍 🌐

 **Goddard United Methodist Church** 3 hours ago · 🌐

It was our joy to provide lunch to teachers and staff of Ballman Elementary School! We hope y'all have a wonderful school year!



Pastor and Staff of GUMC

- Rev. Chase Green — Senior Pastor
- George A. Mann — Choir Master/Organist
- Sami Sue Welch — Associate Director of Music
- Keri Cousins — Children's/Youth Director/
Online Ministries
- Jenni Crawford — Preschool Director
- Michelle Greenfield — Financial Administrator
- Deborah Moore — Church Administrator/ Buildings and
Grounds/Grapevine Editor
- Don Holland — Maintenance/Custodial
- Timothy Peerbolte — Audio/Visual
- Mark Cheyne — Live Streaming

Pastor Chase Green

Contact Information:

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cgreen@goddardumc.org



Goddard UMC continues to reach a great number of individuals and families each week with our live streaming.

The **average number of homes** that watched our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service each week in the month of **August 2023** was **200**.

Thank you for watching!!!



The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been relocated to the Narthex. (See picture at left.) The AED is available to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

For more information on AEDs, please visit www.redcross.org.



We love pictures!
Send your church photos to secretary@goddardumc.org



Pictured above: The newly stained exterior wood doors. (upper right) Goddard Blessing Box (lower right) Getting two (2) HVAC units replaced.



The exterior wood door project has been completed.

One section of the Youth area flat roof has been replaced with TPO.

Two replacement HVAC units have been installed (Boyd Complex and Large Youth Room areas.)

The Trustees have approved a new pitched metal roof for the Preschool Building. Work on this should start soon.

Goddard Trustees

PSALM 61 CEB



God, listen to my cry; pay attention to my prayer!
 2 When my heart is weak, I cry out to you from the very ends of the earth. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I am 3 because you have been my refuge, a tower of strength in the face of the enemy. 4 Please let me live in your tent forever! Please let me take refuge in the shelter of your wings! 5 Because you, God, have heard my promises, you've given me the same possession as those who honor your name. 6 Add days to the king's life! Let his years extend for many generations! 7 Let him be enthroned forever before God! Make it so love and faithfulness watch over him! 8 Then I will sing praises to your name forever, and I will do what I promised every single day.

Goddard Family,

Thank you for your kindness and love during the passing of our father, Jim Cheyne. We felt so loved and cared for with all the hugs, cards, texts, and calls. So many of you also came and supported us at the funeral and we were so touched. We are so thankful to God for our amazing church family.

We love you all!

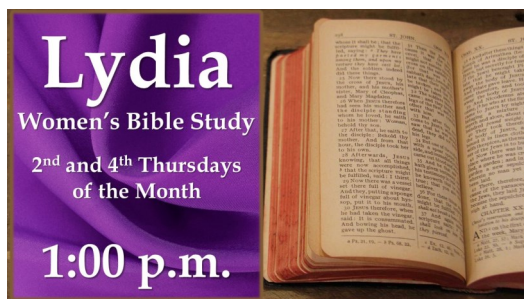
Keri Cousins and Mark Cheyne, and Aiden



COMMUNION AT HOME First Sunday of Each Month

September 3, 2023 / 10:00 a.m.
**During "Online" Live Streaming
 Worship Service**

**Please have bread and juice ready in
 your home to receive the elements
 during Communion.**



Lydia Study

Will meet on Thursday,
September 14th & 28th
1 p.m. / Parlor

Contact: Elizabeth Eubanks
479.629.8698



**Goddard Food Pantry Report
August 2023**

Number of bags distributed = 189

Number of individuals fed = 522

Total Pantry volunteer hours = 101

Pantry hours open = 25 hours

***Thank you for your continued support
of this vital ministry!***

Submitted by: Sissie Mankin, Pantry Committee



Please note the "New link"

to RSVP online for

MMM is

GoddardUMC.org/MMM

or use the QR code below





One Call Now

Have you signed up for our Goddard One Call Now messaging system?

Get important updates from church as they happen. Sign up to receive messages by text, phone call, or email.

Fill in your preferred contact method below and return to the church office.

First and Last Name _____

Choose Any:

Call Email Text

Email: _____

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