church staff


Larry Varvel
Senior Pastor


Sei Yoon Park
Associate Pastor of Care Ministries


Karen Lawless
Children's Director


Jenny Brown
Associate Children's Director


Paige Gaither
Family Coordinator


Jennifer Hinkle
DLC Pre-School Director


Andrew Varvel
Student Director


Emma Rosencutter
Student Associate Director


Jim Owens
Young Adult Director


Mark Frie
Traditional Worship Leader


Michael Mason
Modern Worship Leader


Ryan Gaither
Business Administrator


Maryleta Ayers
Finance Clerk


Cassie Chambers
Communications Specialist


Rita Sorrels
Ministry Assistant


Teresa Tucker
Receptionist


Corey Cole
Lead Custodian


Tom Martin
A/V Team


Michael Teague
A/V Team


Jeanine Magnuson
Pianist


Dawn Frederick
Organist


David Hunt
Orchestra & Bells Director

2026 budget breakdown

Our Vision for Future Growth!

Our congregation's committees are charged with not only maintaining our current ministries, but planning for the future. **We have two big visions for 2027:**

Our **Staff Parish Relations Committee** has voted that we do everything that we can to add an **additional Associate Pastor** to our staff next year. Senior Pastor Larry Varvel currently supervises seven other staff departments and leaders, in addition to preaching, teaching, counseling and other administrative tasks. Associate Pastor of Congregational Care Sei Yoon Park has greatly expanded our care ministry and is almost always out at the hospitals, nursing homes, retirement centers, and private homes providing pastoral care and comfort. A church our size definitely needs another pastor on staff to work on evangelism, adult education, member incorporation, and help share some of the supervisory responsibilities with Larry.

Our Trustees have endorsed a plan to do some **small remodeling of our children's area** to provide more safety and security for our little ones. This plan would help to make sure that entry into our children's area is more secure.

Both of these visions will involve the need for our 2027 budget to increase. Both of these visions will depend on the willingness of our congregation to take a step forward in stewardship. All of us need to pray about our willingness to bring these visions to fruition for the future of our church and our witness for Christ in our community.

First Methodist
BROKEN ARROW
this is home

Go Make Disciples!

Jesus said that all of the 616 commandments found in the Old Testament could be boiled down to two: **Love God with your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and treat people the way that you want to be treated.** After his Resurrection, he gave his followers a commission – an assignment – marching orders: **Go Make Disciples.**

That assignment has not changed. Our mission is not to elect politicians. Our mission is not to push the social cause of the day. **Our mission** is to **introduce** people to Jesus Christ, **help them to hear** his message and his call, **give them tools** to become fully committed disciples, and then **give them opportunities** to use their gifts in the service of the Kingdom of God for the transformation of the world.

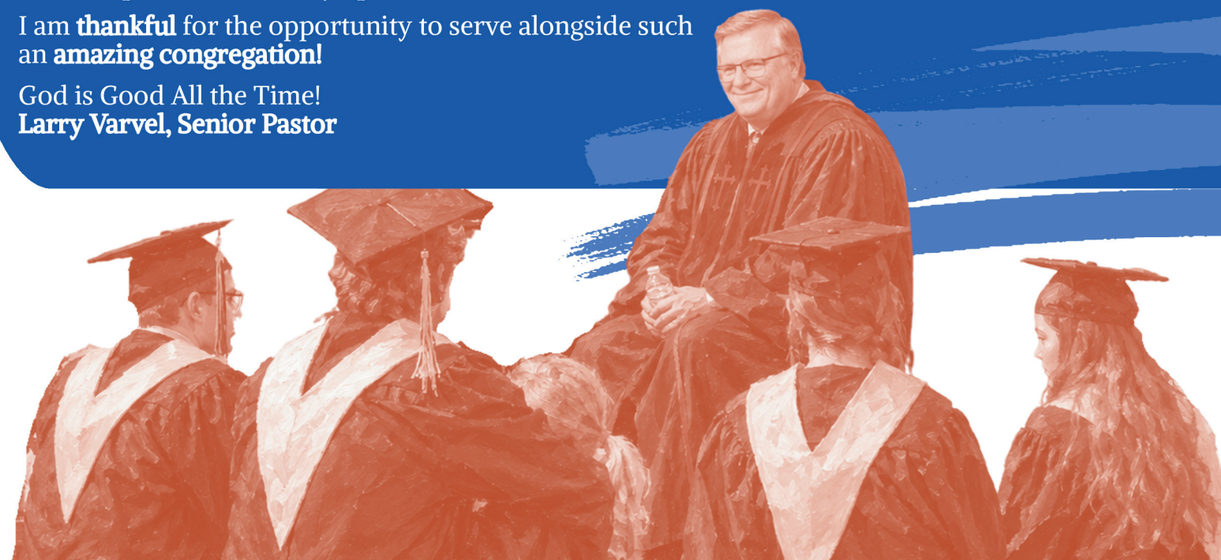
I believe our church is **uniquely positioned** to fulfill this assignment. Our warmth, our outstanding ministries, our multi- generational congregation, and our commitment to making Jesus the focus of all that we do means we have the **privilege and responsibility** to welcome and nurture as many people as possible who walk through our doors.

We have a **wonderful children's ministry** that draws young families to our congregation. We have a **dynamic student ministry** that gives our teens the opportunities to learn, grow, and serve through worship, camps, mission trips, and so much more. We have excellent **traditional music** and **modern worship** because of our talented leaders and volunteers. We have great **Sunday School classes** for all generations. We offer **fellowship opportunities** that allow us to invite friends and neighbors. We have an **incredible emphasis on missions** – supporting local ministries with dollars and volunteers. And much more!

We need to continue to grow to reach people for Christ. **Both our staff and budget are stretched**. Both our staff and budget need to grow to meet the exciting opportunities that God has placed in front of us. Please pray about your household's financial commitment for 2027. Please consider increasing your commitment so that we can grow and flourish. Together we can do great things with the power of the Holy Spirit!

I am **thankful** for the opportunity to serve alongside such an **amazing congregation!**

God is Good All the Time!
Larry Varvel, Senior Pastor



first **kids**

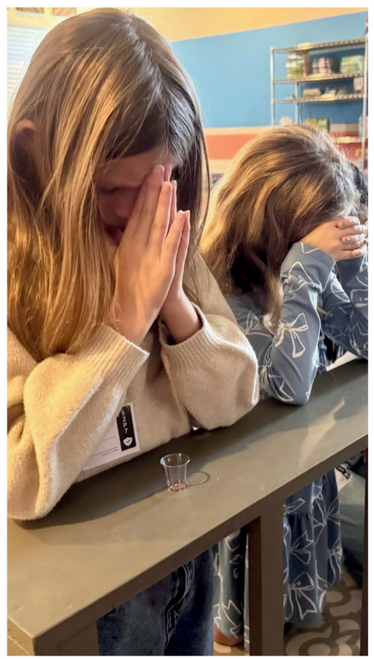
Our children's ministry is busy ministering to our kids all through the year with **Sunday School at 9:45 am and 11:00 am for all ages, Kids Connect, Family Camp, Bible Camp, Nursery and Childcare** for adult activities, and **Vacation Bible School**, which included **288 children and 136 volunteers** this summer! Your stewardship allows us to have a life changing **First Kids** ministry!











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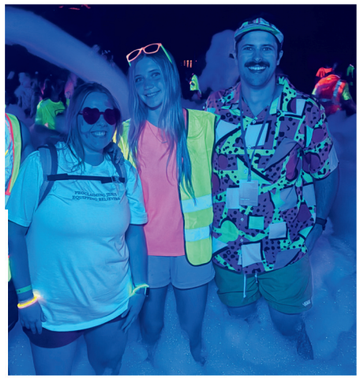
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united **students**

Our **United Student Ministry** helps our Middle School and High School students grow in faith and Christian discipleship. Through **Wednesday Night Worship** and **Small Groups, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Retreats, Disciple Camp, Dayspring Camp, Game Nights, Holiday Parties, and Summer Mission Trip,** our students have grown as devoted followers of Jesus Christ! This ministry depends on your financial support to continue to reach the next generation of leaders!









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young adults (BAYA)







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The post High School years are crucial for faith development! Far too many young adults "drop out" of church during the early years of college or careers. Our **BAYA** (Broken Arrow Young Adults) ministry includes **Sunday School, Float Trips, Volleyball, Campus Visits, Bonfires, Weekly Bible Studies, and more.** Your support will allow us to expand this ministry and to grow this vital generation in our congregation!

music ministry







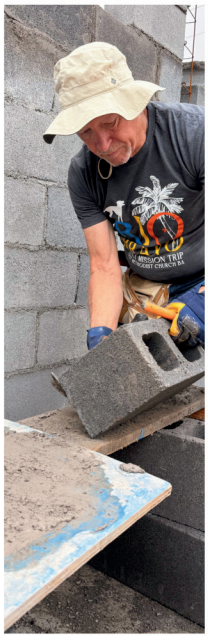
We gather each Sunday to worship the Lord with **prayer, messages from the Bible, and praise through music.** We have a wonderful **Celebration Choir**, an awesome **Praise Team**, a **Church Orchestra**, a **great pianist and organist**, **Joyful Ringers bell choir**, **Breath of Heaven Dancers,** as well as **children's choirs**. Your stewardship allows us to have talented staff and resources to lead our wonderful volunteer musicians as they lead us!





missions outreach

Our membership vows ask for a commitment of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Nowhere is this more visible than in our commitment to **missions**. Each summer we send middle school and senior high students on mission trips to different towns around the country to help elderly, handicapped, and disadvantaged strangers who become friends. Every year, adults serve on mission teams in Mexico. Dozens of our members show up to pack meals for the wonderful **Feed My Starving Children** program. Every month, volunteers from our church serve the homeless community at **Night Light Tulsa**. We collect food, sundries, money, and more for **Broken Arrow Neighbors**. **BA Meals on Wheels** and **BA Neighbors** receive monthly donations from our budget. We provide **Christmas gifts** for many who would receive none without our generosity. **None of this happens without an operating budget that makes these ministries possible.**



men's ministry

We have several groups of men who serve our church selflessly throughout the year. We have a volunteer group of men who mow our grass and make our property look great every week. We have the **"Gravy Brigade"** that cooks for all church meals and our monthly Men's Breakfast. We are fortunate to have great men serving in positions all around our congregation!







women's ministry

Our Women's Ministry takes many different forms. Our **First Methodist Women** has a variety of activities like their **Annual Craft Fair, Annual Tea, Circles**, and other gatherings all focused on mission and growth in Christ. They minister to families at times of loss with meals and support. We have other women's groups, including **two book studies on Friday mornings**; one for younger women and one for more mature women. Our church also has an awesome **Women's Retreat** every year! **Your support allows all of these groups to have the resources to serve our community and beyond.**







discipleship groups

"This is Home" is more than a motto for our church. Home is a place where we find support and love in meaningful relationships. We have many groups in our church which allow our people to **build friendships and life long relationships** with fellow disciples of Jesus. We have a number of **Sunday School classes at both 9:45 am and 11:00 am** that allow for a weekly time of study, prayer, and relationship building. Many of our adult classes include relationships that span decades – and friends become family. Sunday School classes and other small groups allow us to all know one another as we navigate the Christian journey together.



