



Do you have a vision for our church? Have you thought of what our church will look like or should be doing in 1 year, 5 years or beyond? What qualities, experience or vision do you think our new pastor should have?

We want you to bring your thoughts and answers to these questions and to think of other goals and objectives to the **Planning Meeting we will be having on Saturday, July 8th. We are going to meet at Southside Methodist Church from 9-4. Lunch and snacks will be provided.** Want to only come for half a day, that's ok but we want as many people as possible to come and participate as we go forward together as Faith Community Methodist Church.

See Donna Glasner to sign up, call the church office, put it on your phone calendar, mark it on your wall calendar at home. If you need a ride, you can call the "Davis" Uber or let us know and we'll be happy to pick you up. We need YOU to come and be a part of the process.

June 25, 2023
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

⁶ **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

⁸ **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant; save the child of your
maidservant.

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Genesis 21: 8-21

⁸ So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. ¹⁰ Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac.” ¹¹ And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son.

¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. ¹³ Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.”

¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵ And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, “What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. ¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.”

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. ²⁰ So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. ²¹ He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Romans 6:1b - 11

Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.