

Those who served today included:

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Liturgist: Jack Noah

Ushers: Greg Bowers, Ryan Hall, Dennis Grandey, and Don Lauth

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May 11, 2025, 9 a.m.

Welcome

Please sign the pew pad then pass it down your row and back.

200th Anniversary Pastor Video

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Prentiss, Nikki Iames

*** “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

No. 82, vs. 1, 2, 6

As we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*”, children up through 5th grade are invited to Level 5 for Sunday School. You may reunite with your children on Level 5 following the service. Children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

No. 73, vs. 1, 2

We invite you to come forward and talk with a prayer partner or pray at the kneeling rail.

Prayer of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer, No. 700

* Please stand in body or spirit

Offering “A Mother’s Prayer”

arr. Ritter, Nikki Iames

*** Doxology** No. 682



“If You Love Me (Keep My Commandments)”

arr. Larson, Sidney First Choir

Living Word

James 1:19-27 p. 945

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

James: Faith In Action

Just Do It

Pastor Lee Carlson

Sacrament of Baptism

Carson Richard Dammeyer

Son of Kyle and Emily Dammeyer

*** “Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

No. 472, vs. 1, 3

Benediction

Postlude

“Praise Him With Trumpets”

arr. Blake, Nikki Iames

If you’re a guest with us today, please visit the welcome center after the service to connect with us.

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RELAX

Make yourself at home. Grab a cookie and coffee.

LISTEN TO MUSIC

We will sing some songs. Feel free to participate as much or as little as you want.

HEAR THE MESSAGE

The pastor will pray, read from the Bible, then help us see how the message applies to our lives.

PASS THE BASKET

During a song, we will invite people to give an offering. Feel free to participate in a way you feel comfortable. We have several options for giving, please check the back of the announcements for more information.

RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday of every month we serve communion and everyone is welcome to come forward and receive.

GOT KIDS

We provide fun, age appropriate settings for your children in Kidz First. The Contemporary service is designed for adult application and attention span—so we're pretty confident your kid would prefer our rooms designed for their specific age in Kidz First.

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Living Word
James 1:19-27 p. 945

May 11, 2025, 11 a.m.

Message
James: Faith In Action
Just Do It
Pastor Lee Carlson

Welcome

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200th Anniversary Pastor Video

“Trust In God”

“I Thank God”

Sending Out

“Build Your Kingdom”

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“Bless God”

Offering will be taken at this time.

NOTES: _____

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Prayer Song

We invite you to come forward and talk with a prayer partner or pray at the kneeling rail.

“O Come To The Altar”



James: Faith In Action

"Just Do It!"

James 1:19-27

1. I don't want us to just _____ to God's Word, but let's lean in toward God this morning and make a _____ to do something about His Word.

"19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. 21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. 26 If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless." James 1:19-27

"27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." John 1:18-27

2. Am I A _____ Hearer? (James 1:22-24, 26)

a. Forgetful Hearers Don't Address Their _____.

"The word of God is like a mirror that reveals to us the very thoughts and intentions of our hearts." Hebrews 4:12

b. Forgetful Hearers Don't Manage Their _____.

⇒ James is not describing a man with a poor memory, but rather a man with poor _____.

c. Forgetful Hearers Don't Stop _____.

⇒ Greek term used here for a 'hearer' refers to someone who _____ a class.

⇒ Jesus never got upset with those who didn't know. He became upset with those who _____ but didn't _____.

"For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."

Matthew 13:15

3. Am I A _____ Doer Of God's Word? (James 1:25, 27)

a. The Faithful Doer Looks _____ At The Word Of God.

b. The Faithful Doer _____ The Word Of God To Their Heart.

"These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from Me."

Matthew 15:8

c. The Faithful Doer Applies The Word Of God To Their Heart For Their Entire _____.

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season. And its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:1-3

d. The Faithful Doer Allows The Word Of God To Change Their _____ And Their _____.

4. Conclusion:

a. Am I a Forgetful Hearer or a Faithful Doer? _____

b. What is God asking me to do? _____

Discipleship Corner:
BE LONG
 LIVE
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 #BETHECHURCH

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER Lord Jesus, you called your first disciples to leave everything and follow you. Call us again today; call us by name into deeper discipleship. Teach us to pray without ceasing, to study your Word with diligence, and to worship you in spirit and in truth. Help us grow as a community of learners and servants, encouraging one another in faith, hope, and love. Grant that through our lives of obedience and sacrifice, others may come to know the redemptive grace you offer and the freedom of your resurrection. We ask this in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kidz Sunday Activities—Preschool through 5th Grades

- ✝ **9 a.m. Jr. Church...**Kidz are dismissed from service to learn about Jesus' love and the Bible. They may be picked up on Level 5.
- ✝ **11 a.m. Traditional Sunday School...**With a twist, Kidz learn about Jesus and the Bible through lessons and activities.
- ✝ **Children's Packets...**Kidz attending the 9 or 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary may ask a member of the Hospitality Team for a Children's Packet.
- ✝ **Nursery...**Staffed by experienced caregivers and located on Level 3. (Your child is welcome there at anytime before or during the service. Infant to four years.)

Kidz Activities—Preschool through 5th Grades

- Dinner is served at 6 p.m. each Wednesday
- ✝ **Cool Kidz**—Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Level 5) (Pre-school to 3rd grade)
 - ✝ **Waveriders**—Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Level 5) (4th and 5th grades)
 - ✝ **Waveriders**—Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon, Adopt-A-Park

Call Abby Wagner with questions about Kidz Activities at 937-492-0812.
www.facebook.com/kidzfirstsidney

Crossfire Youth Activities—6th through 12th Grades

- Dinner is served at 6 p.m. each Wednesday
- ✝ **Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**—Crossfire (Level 2)
 - ✝ **June 7 to 13**—Youth Mission Trip
 - ✝ **July 14 to 19**—Tar Hollow—Applications online

Call Isaiah Pleiman for questions about Youth Activities at 937-710-3861.
www.facebook.com/sidneyfirstyouth

FOR THE JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE on June 15 at Tawawa Park, we need several golf carts. The carts will be used to shuttle attendees who need assistance from their cars to the location of the service. The carts are needed from about 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Staging will be at the eastern side of the soccer field area (near the gazebo). Call the church office at 937-492-9136 to volunteer and we will contact you with additional details.

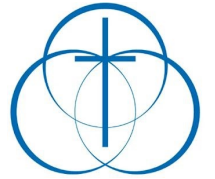


May 11, 2025

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Our Biblical Mission: Inspiring people to learn, live, and love like Jesus.

Our Vision: Learning to have an intimate, passionate, life changing relationship with Jesus and sharing His love with all people.
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news for the PEWS...

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

✝ Pastor Lee—James: Faith In Action, *Impartial Love*

LOOKING AHEAD

- ✝ **May 12**, 6:30 p.m. & **May 13**, 10 a.m.—Women's Bible Study on Philippians
- ✝ **May 14**, 6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study on Ruth & Ester
- ✝ **May 14**, 6:30 p.m.—Men's Bible Study on Philippians
- ✝ **May 15**—College Scholarships are Due
- ✝ **May 15**—6:30 p.m. Softball Game—Russell Road vs. Sidney First
- ✝ **May 18**, 9 & 11 a.m.—Compassion Sunday & Graduation Sunday

~For more information on upcoming events, visit www.sidneyfirst.com | Events | Upcoming Events, and scroll down until you see the Monthly Church Calendar.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

We want to honor our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, May 18** at both worship services. If you are a 2025 high school or college graduate, please contact the church office no later than **Monday, May 12**.



FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER

We have received A CALL TO PRAYER from the Assembly of Bishops for the GMC. These 40 days of prayer will run through **June 8**. There is rejoicing in the Methodist-minded people who are finding homes in the GMC, and sorrow in the suffering happening in Nigeria between Methodist factions, as well as conflict, political instability, demonstrations, terrorist activity, civil war, and the broader unrest sweeping through Africa. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:26: "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it." We encourage you to find meaningful ways to pray with rejoicing and petition, both through Scripture and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Please join us in prayer these 40 days, crying out to the One who "tore down the wall of hostility" ~Ephesians 2:14



Happy Mother's Day



HERITAGE MOMENT

(History Happened, May 30, 1879). "Some Christian people in this vicinity were so glad to see it rain that they forgot to go to church and return thanks."

FEED THE NEED

This month, we're assisting Alpha Center Food Bank with their needs, which include non-perishable items such as canned meat, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, cereal, and macaroni and cheese. Please place your items in the mini grocery carts located in the Gathering Place (Level 4) or the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!



THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT ON THE ALTAR

is in loving memory of Dr. H. Eugene & Helen Crimm from their family.

"God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted." ~Matthew 5:4



LOOKING FOR A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP?

The Sidney First Foundation offers a college scholarship for members or regular attendees of Sidney First Methodist Church. If you are interested, please pick up an application from the church office, fill it out, and return it by **May 15, 2025**. For questions, contact Pastor Eileen Hix at 937-492-9136 or email ehix@sidneyfirst.com.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

Come and learn about the difference Compassion International is making in the lives of children around the world living in poverty. If you've ever considered or felt called to sponsor a child, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 18**. Larry Allen will be in The Gathering Place (Level 4) after each service to answer your questions about sponsoring a child.



FAIR GATE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

and it will be here before we know it! Find a friend to work with you, and we will sign you up!! The sign up sheets will appear in the Gathering Place soon. Fair week is July 20 to 26. Clear a day or two and come help be the church at the fair!! Questions? Call Diana Schutte at 937-603-4027.



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER?

Kidz First is the place for you! They're looking for volunteers, high school age or older, to help in the classrooms during second service on Sundays through the summer months. If you're interested in this volunteer position, please reach out to Abby Wagner at 937-492-0812 or awagner@sidneyfirst.com.

BIBLE STUDY!! Rev. Eileen Hix will lead a Bible Study: "Now That Faith Has Come, A Study of Galatians" beginning **Saturday, June 14 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Book cost is \$13. This 6 week study will walk us through the book of Galatians, and is open to anyone in the church who wishes to join in. Please contact the office to reserve your spot!

MEN'S BIBLE GROUP Men, curious what The Foundry is all about? If you're tired of surface-level faith, come hang out, open the Bible, and get serious about what it means to be a man of God. We meet every **Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.** (Level 6) in The Foundry Room. We're digging into Philippians—a battle-tested letter about real joy, real brotherhood, and standing your ground in a broken world. No pressure. No prep. No commitment. Just show up—and get to work. Use the QR Code to join us today on Telegram.

Questions? Contact Mark Burdiss 937-419-1910.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN Join us Wednesday nights as we dive into the



Bible book by book. We're working on a 12 week study on the book *Ruth and Esther*. Interested? Let the office know at 937-492-9136 or contact Amanda Shaffer for more information. Book is \$10

✠ **Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Come and watch our Sidney First Softball team as they play at Flanagan Field against **Russell Road on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. (Field 1)**. Contact Greg Bowers at 937-622-0923 with questions.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN Ladies, it's time. Join our women's Bible study on the *Book of Philippians*—a powerful, joy-filled letter that speaks to the heart. Come for encouragement, fellowship, and a deeper understanding of God's Word. Bring your bible, a friend, and a heart ready to grow! We'd love to have you join us! Interested? Let the office know at 937-492-9136 or contact Betsy Martin for more information.

Two times to choose from:

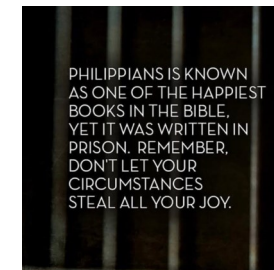
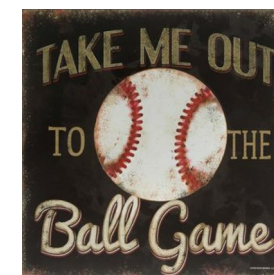
✠ **Mondays, May 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

✠ **Tuesdays, May 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

NEED TO HEAR MORE OF OUR CHURCH SERVICE?



The Hearing Enhancement System is live! The system connects to your Smart Phone by way of your personal headphones, Bluetooth, wired earbuds, or your Bluetooth hearing aid system. You can control the volume right from your SmartPhone. Check out the instructions in the Gathering Place. If you do not have a SmartPhone, we have equipment for you to use. If you do need equipment, please see Cari Beth, Pastor Lee, or Pastor Eileen.



3 WAYS TO GIVE



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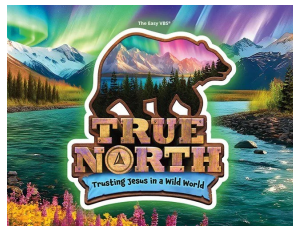
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TEXT YOUR AMOUNT TO
937-500-5531

In Person. Place your gift in the offering plate during worship.
Online. You can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring payment.
Text. On your mobile, text any dollar amount to 937-500-5531.

Children and Youth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...is one week in the summer meant for our kids and grandkids, four years old to 5th grade, to sing fun songs, experience bible stories, play high energy games, eat snacks, and live in an atmosphere that changes their lives forever. This year's theme is *True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. It's hard to find your way in a world gone wild. But we have Jesus, our true north! Together, let's give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever! VBS is Monday through Friday, **June 23 to 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** To sign up, just scan the QR code to the right, or grab a registration form hanging on the bulletin board nearest the church office.



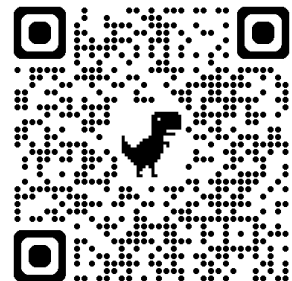
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS!...Love to climb into fun with kids? Play games? Prepare snacks? Take pictures? Use media or sound? Live a Bible story? Opportunities are available during VBS (Vacation Bible School) week **June 23 to 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** Interested in serving? Just scan the QR code or contact Abby Wagner at 937-492-0812.

CAMP UNION SUMMER CAMP...Please think about sending your kids to Camp Union in 2025. Camp Union is an overnight summer youth camp where kids and young adults have the opportunity to experience the love of God out in the country, away from city lights, and technology distractions. They offer six camps touching the lives of kindergarten students all the way through college and young adults. Please visit their website for more information at <https://www.campunion.org>.

2025 CAMP UNION DATES!
When deciding which camp session your child should attend, we recommend the grade level he/she will be entering next school year.

High School
June 18-20
Grades: 9th-12th
Juniour High
June 23-26
Grades: 6th-8th
Elementary One
July 7-10
Grades: 2nd-5th
First Chance
July 14-15
Grades: Kindergarten-1st
Elementary Two
July 21-24
Grades: 2nd-5th

TAR HOLLOW CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CAMP...Applications are ready! This year's camp is July 14 to 19 and is open to 7th graders through those who have recently graduated high school. Our hope is that they will have a God-filled, jam-packed week of super fun activities with old and new friends. Camper applications are available by visiting www.tarhollowchurchcamp.org/campers or clicking on the QR code to the right. Scroll down and click on 2025 Camper Application.



TAR HOLLOW NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...Volunteers are needed for the week of Tar Hollow Camp. If you have a passion for teaching our local youth about their walk with Jesus, like to give behind the scenes support, or if you would like to sponsor a camper, we have a need for that too. For questions, please contact Nicki New at 937-606-0250 or email

Adopt-A-Park

Since 2015 Spring and Fall, Sidney First has maintained Columbia and Schultz Parks, which are South of Town by the Big Four Bridge. In recognition a sign is placed by the City at each park identifying that Sidney First Methodist Church maintains the parks.

Most of the work is done in the Spring, before Memorial Day. Responsibilities include maintaining the four flower beds by pulling weeds, raking leaves, edging around the beds; and edging the sidewalks. The flowers are perennials, except around The Monument, where annuals are planted. The mulch (provided by the City) is then spread around the flower beds and trees.

Ideally, we would like to care for the flower beds and edge a week or so before spreading the mulch. In the past, the Youth Group has helped with the mulching, and we were done by noon. In the Fall, usually in October, we trim the perennials and edge the sidewalks.

This is a great community project, and we need more volunteers to keep it going. On **Saturday, May 17, at 9 a.m.**, we'll lay the mulch at the parks. We need wheel barrows and dumping wagons. Please bring them if you have them.

Contact the church office at 937-492-9136 or just show up if you can help.

