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MATT WOLFINGTON

Dear First Methodist Church Family,

As we reflect on the year behind us and look with hope toward what God is preparing next, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. **Thank you** to our faithful volunteers, gifted teachers, dedicated leaders, compassionate staff, and joyful children—you have each played a vital role in the tremendous growth and success we experienced in 2025.

Above all, we give thanks to **God** for His blessing and favor upon FMC in 2025. His power created renewed energy, countless stories of transformation and increased participation at both the Canyon and Amarillo campuses. God has been faithful—and He is not finished. As we step into 2026, we do so with renewed vision and purpose, with many exciting developments in our future. One is the formation of a **new Missions Team** to coordinate, implement, and facilitate several *hands-on local mission opportunities*. These efforts will allow us to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus in Canyon and Amarillo, while also putting a welcoming and recognizable face to First Methodist Church in our community.

In Canyon, we will broaden our outreach to **West Texas A&M University** through our partnership with the **Wesley at WT**. We will create stronger connections with students and provide pathways of engagement in our many worship styles and become engaged. In 2026, our partnership with **In His Hands** will also continue to grow. Our new Director, **Tim Gilliland**, has already established a balanced budget and positive cash flow. The next goal is expansion—creating a greater presence in our community among educators and working families.

Pay attention in 2026 to a few **facility updates and facelifts** at both Amarillo and Canyon while re-engaging the *possibility* of future Canyon renovations. Before constructing a new entrance or classrooms, we will focus on inviting new people to walk through our doors and fill the spaces God has already entrusted to us.

2026 will bring renewed vision to the **youth and children's ministries at the Amarillo campus**, with a broader outreach designed to connect entire families to worship and discipleship. This leads us to an important moment of prayer and reflection. Currently, **55% of our Canyon campus** and **65% of our Amarillo campus** do not participate in any discipleship beyond Sunday worship. While we celebrate the incredible worship growth and participation in 2025, it is now time to focus on **connection beyond worship**. Research shows that when people form meaningful relationships within a church, they are **89% more likely to stay for at least two years**. Sadly, statistics also tell us that only **20% of newcomers are ever invited to anything**. We can do better. This includes lovingly inviting back those who have drifted away from FMC.

Friends, 2025 revealed the powerful work of God among us. That same power points us toward even greater potential in 2026. If current trends continue, we could see an average **12% increase in participation**, bringing us close to **550 worshippers on a Sunday morning**. What a testimony to God's faithfulness and to a church willing to step forward in faith.

Let us close with the promise of Scripture that captures our hope: "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left..." -Isaiah 54:2-3

Church, let us not hold back. Let us stretch, strengthen, invite, and trust the God who has already done so much—and is ready to do even more.

With gratitude and great hope,

Pastor Matt

CANYON CAMPUS HAYDEN HENSLEY

Dear Friends,

This past year of ministry at the Canyon campus of First Methodist Church has been incredibly fruitful. We have seen the various branches of ministry at our church thrive in a way only God could make possible. 50 people joined the church. The youth and children's ministry both averaged 50 kids and students. Sunday School and Wednesday Night saw an uptick in both attendance and retention of visitors. Finally, our Sunday morning attendance at each of our three services combined averaged 401 people, which was our highest average attendance in the past three years.

It is amazing to see the Lord work in this way, but the numbers do not accurately reflect the significant amount of transformation our



church is seeing in the lives of each individual and family. There are too many stories of transformation to tell, so my encouragement to the reader would be to ask someone in our church, "Where have you seen transformation in your life within the past year?" The church would benefit greatly from hearing testimonies of transformation from one another.



As many of you are aware, we also had several long-time church members pass away. Many of these men and women have been tremendously influential in our own personal lives and within the life of our church. While we grieve their loss, we are also confident in their transfer of membership from First Methodist Canyon to the Church Triumphant. God has blessed our church with people who make the funeral service a true celebration of life. Our pastoral staff continually allows Jesus to be centrally involved in the care of the

family and friends. Our bereavement team faithfully strives to ensure grieving families truly feel the love of Jesus through quality meals and a comforting presence. Lastly, families and friends are deeply encouraged to see their loved ones' church family show up to celebrate their life as well. Undoubtedly, First Methodist Canyon provides the most well-rounded, Christ centered, celebration of life.

For the upcoming year, First Methodist Canyon needs to continue in the ministry of Christ Jesus to our neighbor, community, and world. Let's be a church that seeks opportunities to invite new people into our doors, a church that invites those already in our doors to get even more plugged in with the groups that are available, and a church that looks beyond our doors to further impact the community around us through mission and evangelism. We should be excited to be members of First Methodist and excited to bring others into our church family.

In Christ,

AMARILLO CAMPUS

CHARLIE KEYS

Dear Friends,

This month, the Amarillo campus celebrates its fifth anniversary. I have witnessed many amazing moments in ministry. But I must say, I believe 2025 has been the best year so far. First, I absolutely believe we have the right people in the right seats leading in ministry. Much of what we have witnessed and experienced this year is due to the leadership and character of our Amarillo campus staff. But as a young church plant, we are far from a staff-led congregation. We have amazing church members leading and serving on our hospitality team, guest connections, media, and much more. It is a blessing to watch our staff and laity serve alongside one another.



As a result of everyone's hard work, prayer, and faith in God, we have witnessed our best year of growth yet. Our average Sunday morning attendance has grown to 89. Our children's ministry finished the year averaging 34, while our recently launched youth ministry closed the year averaging 10 students. We were excited to host five adult small groups this past semester. Two of the five groups were led by brand-new leaders. These groups ended the year with an average attendance of 22. We have also seen God inspire our congregation to grow in giving as well. We witnessed a 58% increase in pledged giving compared to last year.

Most importantly, all these numbers represent transformed lives. One of the most powerful moments this year was when I was humbled and blessed to perform the baptism of an 86-year-old member of our Amarillo campus. The baptism was powerful, but it was just as impactful to watch his family witness his act of faith. I also think about a long-time attender of our adult small groups who is stepping out in faith to lead a group this semester. I am excited to see what God does through him as a new group leader. Lastly, we had two small groups who collected money with the intent of blessing their server with a substantial tip. Both groups were able to tip their servers several hundred dollars, but from what I've been told, the money wasn't the biggest blessing. Both groups asked how they could pray for their server and took time to pray with them right there at the table. As you can imagine, there were lots of tears. Also, both servers shared after their experience that they'd like to visit our church.



I am also blessed by several new things happening at our campus. First, in an effort to get kids more involved on Sunday mornings, we launched an acolyte ministry. On the first Sunday of every month, the kids serve as acolytes and take up the offering. We have also made several renovations at the Amarillo campus, including knocking down some walls, to make room for our growing youth ministry. I invite you to come by and see all the changes.

As I look forward to this year, I hope to continue reaching those in the Amarillo area who don't have a church community. I believe our campus could easily reach an average attendance of 100 or more in 2026. I also intend to provide more opportunities for members of our congregation to serve within the church, both inside the building and in the community.

Godspeed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Keys".

MAKING DISCIPLES

Average Worship Attendance

	2023	2024	2025
Amarillo	55	75	89
Canyon	368	362	401
Total	423	437	490

Worship attendance grew 12% in 2025—an encouraging sign. Yet over half of our community still lacks church homes.

Small Group Average Weekly Participation

(Highs for the Years in Parentheses)

	Adult Sunday School	Children's Sunday School	Youth Sunday School	Non-Sunday Adult Groups	Wednesday Night Children	Wednesday Night Youth
Amarillo	N/A	10 (39)	N/A	22 (42)	34 (46)	10 (13)
Canyon	129 (157)	29 (55)	17 (21)	80 (106)	46 (57)	46 (61)
Total	129	39	17	102	80	56

When every member of the family—from the youngest child to the oldest adult—finds their place in a small group, we don't just build a stronger church; we build stronger families. Small groups give each person a community where they can grow in faith at their own stage of life, while the whole family shares in the journey of belonging to something greater than themselves.



GENEROSITY

Thanks to your generosity, we received \$1,371,501 in giving to our General Operating Fund in 2025. This fund sustains our essential operations—including staff salaries, ministry programs, insurance, and facility maintenance.

Beyond our operating needs, you also answered the call to support missions near and far. Through Communion Offerings, Methodist Women's initiatives, and targeted mission giving, your generosity extended God's love into our community and around the world.

Communion Offerings totaling \$17,000 supported: The Wesley at WT, High Plains Food Bank, our church's Summer Lunch Program, The Market on Tierra Blanca, The Happy Food Bank, Jhonny Badilla's Hispanic Ministry, Ty and Tori Crenshaw (missionaries), The Methodist Children's Home, Fill With Hope, I Heart Canyon, and the GMC in Thailand.

Methodist Women in Service distributed over \$9,000 to Camp Nova, the Wesley at WT, In His Hands, FMC Youth, Fill with Hope, Colorful Closets, Mission Amarillo Shoe Project, Eveline's Sunshine Cottage, Loaves and Fishes, Panhandle Orphan Care Network, Wesley Community Center, Red Bird Missions, Samaritan's Purse, Tim Tebow Foundation, Kind House Ukraine Bakery, the Downtown Women's Center, I Heart Canyon, and Haven House Too.

Designated gifts to specific ministries and mission funds totaled \$81,000, supporting: In His Hands, Angel Tree, Bereavement Fund, Camp Nova, Canyon Intermediate, Children's Ministries, Faith Promise, Navajo Mission, Sharing Fund, and the Wesley at WT.

The Sharing Fund and the Faith Promise Fund provided \$8,623 in assistance to individuals and families in our community for expenses such as rent, utilities, and food to name a few of the needs met.

Lastly, the Carmichael Local and International Missions funds provided \$15,650 to local missions, mission teams, and international missionaries.



Navajo Mission Trip: Chinle, AZ



Students at the first-ever Camp Nova 456 at Ceta Canyon

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

2025 Financial Results

	2024 Total Actuals	2025 Total Actuals	Change
Income			
Pledged Giving	\$933,270	\$899,7749	(\$33,499)
Unpledged Giving	\$371,836	\$443,899	\$72,063
Loose Cash	\$23,197	\$27,832	\$4,635
Misc. Income	\$1,065	\$45,561	\$44,496
Total Income	\$1,329,367	\$1,417,064	\$87,696
Expenses			
Clergy Compensation ¹	\$191,746	\$236,195	\$44,448
Staff Expenses	\$687,072	\$672,744	(\$14,327)
Connectional Ministries ²	\$19,500	\$35,500	\$13,000
Ministries	\$107,485	\$110,417	\$2,932
Operating	\$323,554	\$341,153	\$17,599
Total Expenses	\$1,329,357	\$1,393,011	\$17,599
Total Expenses - Total Income	\$10	\$24,053	

Giving to the church is an act of worship and faith. It declares our trust in God's provision and our commitment to His Kingdom. Through our collective generosity, we ensure that the ministries that changed our lives can continue to change the lives of others.

¹ Clergy Compensation was much less in 2024 as a result of not having a Lead Pastor for about five months of the year.

² Connectional Ministries for 2024 were paid in advance out of surplus realized in 2023. The surplus in 2024 (\$19,500) was used to pay a portion of 2025 Connectional Ministries in advance. For 2024, Connectional Ministries were 5% of 2023 Operating Income and in 2025 they were reduced to 4% of 2024 Operating Income (3% West Plains Conference, 1% GMC).



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE, CONTINUED

2026 Budget

Income	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	Difference (+/-)
Total Income	\$1,446,087	\$1,402,510	\$43,577
Expenses			
Total Clergy Compensation	\$247,813	\$248,035	(\$223)
Total Staff Expenses	\$680,110	\$674,230	\$5,881
Total Connectional Ministries	\$54,842	\$32,500	\$22,342
Total Ministries	\$132,162	\$135,312	\$3,150
Total Operating	\$331,160	\$312,433	\$18,727
Total Expenses	\$1,446,087	\$1,402,510	\$43,577
Total Income/ Expenses	0	0	0

The 2026 budget represents a 3.1% increase over last year's budget. The majority of the increase is due to a 25% increase in insurance costs and the fact that we prepaid \$19,500 of our Connectional Ministries for 2025 out of our 2024 surplus.



In His Hands graduation, 2025