

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church

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“My words fly up, my thoughts remain below. Words without thoughts never to heaven go.” ~ Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 3, page 4

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we enter a season of stewardship emphasis in our church, I hope that all of us will embrace this time as a blessed gift from God, calling and challenging us to discern how we might do a better job of living out our stewardship to Christ. To help us in this process, I'm going to devote these newsletter front pages to a single word each week from our membership vows. Today's word is: PRAYERS

Honestly, apart from Sunday morning worship how many of us practice prayer at all? Scripture teaches us that prayer should spring from our hearts to God on a virtually constant basis. Consistency in the disciplined life of prayer is an excellent indicator of the spiritual maturity, health, and welfare of an individual. Are we persons who pray? I hope so! Moreover, in our membership vows, we promise before Almighty God to pray for our church. Do we do it? Sadly, I doubt that many of us remember our church in our prayer lives, and that is a great tragedy. Our most frequent thoughts and prayers tend to gravitate toward the persons, places and things we love the most. Unfortunately, I worry that the church might not rank very high on that list. Therefore, my challenge for us this week is a very specific one: pray for the success, faithfulness and well-being of our great church at the beginning of each new day. I believe that if we begin to follow that practice, it won't be long before we find it easier to support it (and thus fulfill our membership vows) in other

ways, too! So, will you support and uphold your church with your prayers?

I'll see you in church Sunday!

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YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building (NEW TIME)

Monday, October 16

5:15 P.M.-Jr. High and Sr. High Boys Man Cave, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Sr. High Girls' Covenant Group

Wednesday, October 18

6:00 P.M.-Jr. High Girls' Covenant Group

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mary Shipp Bridges daughter of Bowen and Abbey Bridges received the sacrament of baptism at the 8:45 service on Sunday, October 8. Grandparents are Gil and Nancy Bridges and Bill and Renalda Burnett. Great grandparents are Vivian Bridges, Hettie Burnett and Joyce Lawson.

LIBRARY NEWS

Books you may enjoy: Good News by a Man Named Mark (A UMC) and Paul; His World (A MIL).

ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

There will be a breakfast honoring ALL Sunday school teachers on Sunday, October 22 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! GROUP TRIP TO CHRIST UMC MEMPHIS THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH!

Be informed about decisions facing the United Methodist Church and how those decisions may affect FUMC Batesville and the Mississippi Conference.

Wesley Covenant Association Meeting World-Wide Meeting, *Move-On Mission with God* will be simulcast from the Woodlands UMC, Houston Texas to Christ UMC Memphis, TN. Come, meet, and fellowship with Methodists and Wesleyans from all over the region.

Saturday Oct. 14 9am -3pm. LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED BY CHRIST UMC.

You may register at the door. Bring a way to pay \$30.00.

You may also pre-register. Instructions below:

To pre-register go to: www.wesleycovenant.org

Click on Events at the top of the page and then Click on

Houston from the drop down menu.

Click on REGISTER at the bottom of the *Move-On Mission with God* site.

Fill in the form (select Christ Church form Site Attending-(23rd Simulcast choice)

Pay your \$30.00 registration. (*Registration is available at the door.*)

Call the church office and let Tracy know you are registered or plan to attend if you want to ride as a group. You may also email me at eddie.nabors@gmail.com.

Be at the parking lot in front of the Activities Center ready to leave at 7:00 Sat. morning

Curious about what it's all about? Great short videos on the Wesleyan Covenant website will bring you up to speed on what's happening in our United Methodist Church.

IT'S GOOD STEWARDSHIP TO BE INFORMED! I HOPE TO SEE YOU SATURDAY MORNING.

Grace and Peace on this gathering and on FUMC Batesville, MS
Eddie Nabors, Lay Leader



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

2:00-4:00 PM

**PETTING ZOO!! BOUNCY!! ROCK
CLIMBING WALL!!**

Here's how everyone can help:

Bring a 1lb bag of candy to the church office

Donate Little Debbie snacks, cupcakes,

brownies, etc. for

snacks that afternoon

The church will provide drinks.

5th Sunday United!



8:45 Sunday School-9:30 Fellowship -10:00 Joint Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Sunday, October 29 will be children's Sabbath. Our children's choir will be singing some of the songs from our Christmas musical "All About That Baby." Our pre-school Sunday school class will sing the call to worship.

We will have a carry out barbecue plate lunch fundraiser for scholarships to Camp Lake Stephens next summer.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN-BREAKFAST &
SPEAKER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 PM, ROOM 400

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 PM, ROOM 404

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Charlie Overton, John Bailey, Magan Shipp, Frances Seale, Denise Benson, Abbey & Alden Climer, Collins Bailey, Eloise Rollins, James Hardy, Sydney Hays, Phyllis Floyd, Chris Burchfield, Thurman Stone, John M. Mothershed, Loree Tucker, Smylie Carothers, Joyce Whitaker, Ellis Byrd, Al Haberman, Mary Moody, Asa Tucker, Clint Williford, Louise Crowley, Brenda Pratt

FRIENDS: Bobby Burkhalter, Christina LaBorde (Loree Tucker niece), Dean Joiner (Ryna Smith's brother), Carly Griste, Sydney Elliott, Jake Cobb, Meb Reedy (sister of Frances Amis & Mitzi Still), Mona Overton Couey, Paulette Norman (Friend of Phyllis Floyd), Bill Elmore (Kelley Robison's dad), Lucie LaBorde (Loree Tucker's sister), Chris Nichols, Clay Hoyt (Loree Tucker's brother-in-law), Nance Dunn, Jan Stone Ireland, Cheryl Kay Linder, Shauna Hill

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love Shirley Gaston and family at the death of her daughter Virginia Smith.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS:

Davis Jones is looking for musicians in our church willing to play in the Christmas Cantata. If you are interested, contact Davis Jones at 563-4534 or 662-202-7172 or by email firstumcmusic@panola.com.

Happy Birthday

October 12-Caden Flint Carlini, Brent Ethridge, Charlie Beck Graves, Meg King, Jessica Kornegay, Chip Magee, Emily Rivers

October 13-Bill Burnett, Caroline Guckert, Tays Hardy, Jim McIngvale, Austin Harrison Nutt, Catherine Wilson

October 14-Kay Johnson, Alex Jones, Edee Temple, Kathy Todd

October 15-Alex Greenlee, Andrea Kornegay, Robert Revere

October 16-Rhonda Amis, Lauren Smythe Bloodworth, Fred Thomas

October 17-Kelly Magee, Camryn McGovern, Brad Robison, Jameson Rodgers

October 18-Martin Case, Chris Dugger, Cheryl Caffey Hayward, Lynda Shepherd

Happy Anniversary

October 12-M/M John Cole Jennings

October 17-M/M Todd Hendren

October 18-M/M Adam Strehle

October 15-Nursery Workers

October 15-Acolytes

8:45 A.M.

Jenna Grace Burnett/Elsa Jones

10:55 A.M.

Ella Rivers

October 15-Ushers

8:45 A.M.

Mike Addington/Kevin Sayle
Jeff Magee/Glen Gibson

10:55 A.M.

Eddie Greenlee/Bud Fisher, Jr.
Brad Greenlee/Lee Garner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 11

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesdays

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 12

12:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 15

7:30 A.M.-United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

8:45 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building (NEW TIME)

6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, October 16

10:00 A.M.-MAC

1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:15 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys' Man Cave,

Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Se. High Girls Covenant Group

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting

7:00 P.M.-Explorer's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 18

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesdays

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:00 P.M.-Jr. High Girls' Covenant Group

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Beginning Sunday, October 15, MYF will start at 5:30.

Financial Report for October 8, 2017

NO REPORT AVAILABLE

2017 Budget	\$1,013,970.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,499.42
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	779,976.80
Budget Amt. Offering	23,290.13
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	601,837.55
Good Samaritan	0.00
UMCOR (total to date)	3,583.00
World Communion	387.00

Remember you can give online!

<https://batesvillefumc.com> and click on the "Give" tab.

Attendance for October 8, 2017

Sunday School	168
Morning Worship	259
8:45 A.M.	178
10:55 A.M.	74
Nursery	7