

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
Loving Christ, Loving others, Serving God
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October 7, 2020

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The last few days were absolutely stunning reminders of God's creative power. The air was crisp. The sky was blue with few clouds. It felt like one could see farther and catch sight of all the good things that God intends for His creation. Then I watched the news and felt that not all things were as they seem. There has been, for many, an inability to feel as if our collective experiences will take a turn toward normalcy, much less the good.

Paul knew what that felt like. Paul wrote 2 Timothy aware that executioners might come for him at any time. Instead of longing for the past or even striving for the future, Paul took a look at his life in the present moment and assessed it based on his faithfulness to God. In the end, Paul understood that the only prize, the only goal in life that really matters, is the "crown of righteousness" that awaits those who have kept the faith.

In troubling times, personally, nationally, or worldwide, God invites us to respond to His faithfulness with ours. We too can focus on keeping the faith, staying faithful to the One who calls us through all circumstances.

In Christ,
Kerry

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Because of coronavirus, we are taking orders for poinsettias early this year. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone during the Advent season, please call the church office (563-4534) or email the office (firstumc@panola.com). The cost is \$16. The deadline to order is October 12. Please make checks payable to FUMC.

BLOOD DRIVE

Kaleb Goodson is the 13-year-old son of the cook in our daycare, Darrell Goodson. Kaleb was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic leukemia T Cell on March 28, 2020. Mississippi Blood Services will be at First UMC on Friday, October 16 from 1-6 PM for anyone who would like to donate blood in honor of Kaleb. Be sure to give his name or code (DZ44) in the screening room. The buses will be on the side parking lot near the fellowship hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Join in praying for God's love and strength to fill our nation, and fear and grief will give way to hope - hope in God and His mighty plan for us in [The Power of a Praying Nation](#) previously donated by Pam Llana.

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Denise Benson, Bonnie Johnson, Asa Tucker, Bobby Baker, Trey Hamby, Libba Byrd, Gary Walton, Collins Bailey, Thurman Stone, Faye Rich, Vivian Bridges, Tommie Sue Heafner, Delores Dugger Howze, Loree Tucker, Laverne Briscoe, J.R. Bolton, Dinah Dugger, Hannah Welch, Bo Hansen, Jane Hentz, Mary Haberman, Ann Trusty, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Eloise Rollins, Ellis Byrd
FRIENDS: Patty Wilson (Hollie's mom), Jason Evans, Connie Rice Bohlke, Don Haynes, Jacob Sandlin, Doyle Manning, Dean Joiner (Ryna Smith's brother), Bill Elmore (Kelly Robison's dad), Hailey Morton (niece of Ryna Smith), Cody Gaines, Betsy and Parker Amis and family, Andy Hyland, Gloria Eddins (Mary Seale's mom), Sue Meacham (Becky Meacham's aunt), Bob Dickerson, Mary Neal (Elizabeth Dean's sister), Jayda Jenkins (niece of Ryna Smith), Brenda May (Scoot Wilson's daughter), Kim Airhart, Richard Baker (Christopher Baker's brother), Peyton McMinn (Pat Hardy's great-niece), Billy Shankle, Dennis Lightsey, Beth Johnson, Lisa Bragg, Willie Campbell (a parent in our Upward family), Amelia Spires (friend of Lee & Beth Garner), Eileen File, Chris McCarter, Ellen Embry, Shelly Few, Candy Hopper, Linda Fratesi, Marvin Vaughn, Wilma Hentz, Austin Walthal, Kim Dean, Atlean Holman (friend of Janet Flint), Jim Baronowski & Family (friends of Bill Dugger)
Military Call-Up: Thomas Bass, Carson Bass (grandsons of Calvin & Janet Flint)

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Bonnie Johnson and family at the death of her sister Marilyn Wilkerson of Sardis who passed away on September 29.



WHOOOO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Person 1

- A. He and his brother were disciples of Jesus.
- B. They were the sons of a fisherman named Zebedee.
- C. He wrote of one of the gospels.

Person 2

- A. He was a Jewish man who was the cup bearer for the king of Babylon.
- B. He led the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylon captivity.
- C. One of the books of the Bible is named for him.

Person 3

- A. She was the wife of Er, son of Judah and grandson of Jacob.
- B. After her husband died she pretended to be a prostitute and was impregnated by her father-in-law, Judah.
- C. She gave birth to twin boys, Perez and Zerah.

A WORD OF WISDOM: *“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches will find, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)*

Happy Birthday

October 8-Kelly Cosby Kasch, Abby Poland, Tommy Wren
 October 9-Graves Baker, James Ethridge, Easton Lightsey,
 October 10-Dennis Hopper, Brittany Shields, Mack Stallings
 October 11-Drew Baker, James Beard, IV, Ellis Byrd, Tony Jones
 October 12-Caden Flint Carlini, Brent Ethridge, Charlie Beck Graves, Meg King, Jessica Kornegay Simmons, Chip Magee, Emily Herring Weeks
 October 13-Bill Burnett, Caroline Guckert, Tays Hardy, Jim McIngvale, Austin Harrison Nutt, Catherine Wilson
 October 14-Alex Jones, Edee Temple, Kathy Todd

Happy Anniversary

October 11-M/M Mike Dulin
 M/M Chris Smith
 October 12-M/M John Cole Jennings

October 11-Nursery Volunteer

Josh Lowery

October 11-Acolytes

8:30 A.M.

Anson Bright/Warren Burnett

10:55 A.M.

Maggie Lea Thompson/Graham Overton

October 11- Security Team

Clint Egbert/Brian Kasch
 Kevin Sayle/Glenn Gray

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 7

3:00 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 8

9:00 A.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Education Building
12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Education Building
6:00 P.M.-Thursday Devotion w/Bro. Ed, Facebook

Sunday, October 11 **

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.-Sunday School
9:30 A.M.-Acolyte Training (3rd Graders), Sanctuary
10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship
4:00 P.M.-Fall Fun Day @ Camp Lake Stephens
6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Education Building

Wednesday, October 14

3:00 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

****Links to register for Sunday morning worship:**

8:30

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worship-at-batesville-first-umc-tickets-124270493391>

10:55

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worship-at-batesville-first-umc-tickets-124272240617>

You may also join us for online worship on our website (www.batesvillefumc.com), Facebook ([Facebook.com/Batesvillefumc](https://www.facebook.com/Batesvillefumc)), and our YouTube Channel ([Batesville First United Methodist Church](https://www.youtube.com/BatesvilleFirstUnitedMethodistChurch))

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

**October 11, 2020
8:30 A.M. & 10:55 A.M.**

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INVOCATION

Kerry Powell

***THE COMMUNITY GIVES PRAISE TO GOD**

8:30: "So Will I"

Drew Herring

10:55: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Kerry Powell

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENTS OF PRAYER

Kerry Powell

PRAYER CONCERNS AND SILENT

MEDITATION

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Drew Herring

"Oh How I Need You"

10:55:

Hollie Roberson/Sabrina Morris

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 19:1-8; 20:1-17

Kerry Powell

Pastor: THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

"The Golden Calf"

Kerry Powell

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

Drew Herring

"Yes and Amen"

(10:55)

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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BENEDICTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

***POSTLUDE**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The chancel flowers on Sunday, October 11 are in loving memory of Gayle Wadsworth on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of her birthday. They are given by her family who cherish her memory.

To get a copy of the hymns:

Go to the website hymnsite.com and where it shows "Quick Hymn Search" at the top of page, type the number of the hymn in the box and click search, it will bring you to a link to click the song page.

Financial Report for October 4, 2020

2020 Budget	\$928,259.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	17,851.13
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	714,045.20
Budget Amt. Offering	38,180.16
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	667,358.49

"Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over...for with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you." ~ Luke 6:38

Remember you can give online! <https://batesvillefumc.com> and click on the "Give" tab.

OR

You can mail your tithes and offerings to P O Box 797, Batesville, MS 38606

Answers: 1) Andrew; 2) Lot; 3) Ishmael (Genesis 16:3, 6, 15; 17:20)