

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church

Loving Christ, Loving others, Serving God

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The Christian church is often busying itself for revival. We organize teams and events and find out what the fastest-growing churches in the world are doing. But revival is not just fueled by major events and initiatives. Christians participate by sharing the good news. The good news that each of us can share is our encounter with Jesus. Sharing that good news *can be easy*. Friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors occupy our mission field. Two of the most powerful tools given by Christ are our perspective and hope.

After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus changed his perspective. He made amends to those whom he had wronged and went from greedy to generous. When people see big changes in a person's life, they assume there is a cause. An encounter with Christ is a powerful catalyst for change. Our first encounter with Christ gives us life and gives us something truly worth living for. When friends and family see us living differently, they will want to know what has changed us.

Everyone expects something in their lives. All of us have heard that there is someone or something that will give them what they hoped for. People may not always know what their particular hope is. For example, when the Samaritan woman met Jesus at

Jacob's well, she found what she and her community had been waiting for. When the Messiah revealed it, she knew that she had that to tell the other people about Jesus. When we find this hope in Jesus, we should bring it to our friends and family to show them how their hopes are fulfilled in him.

The hopes of the people we want to reach may not always have an obvious connection to the truth. The Jews and the Samaritans had been fighting over the correct way to worship the Lord for many years. The woman at the well asked Jesus who was right. Jesus told her that soon it wouldn't matter. Soon those who seek the truth will be able to find the Lord. The parallel is that now the world seeks fulfillment in sex, drugs, music, career; many in the church seek fulfillment in religion. Jesus says the answer is not in any of these. The answer is in Him.

The easiest way to begin the work of revival is by letting the evidence of the work of Jesus shine in our lives. Jesus told us: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). He also said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little, can also be trusted with much" (Luke 16:10). Let's be true in our works as we seek the opportunity to share in the fulfillment of someone's hope.

Grace and Peace,
Kerry

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
12:00 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING
Please bring baked beans for the food pantry.**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS

Each month we will be learning a new memory verse in Wonderful Wednesday. Our verse for September is: "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'" Mark 9:35

LIBRARY NEWS

In the patriotic book GOD BLESS AMERICA, scripture, quotations, and prayers emphasize the blessings of freedom that Americans have experienced from the time our country was founded - and that, by God's grace, will continue for years to come. God Bless America! This book written by Shankle is located in section A SHA.



Explorer's Bible Study Fall Classes Starting September 7 and 9. To register for Tues. evening (7 p.m.), Thurs. (9 a.m.) or (12 noon), or various days and times for Zoom classes, go to **ebshome.org** and enter **38606** in zip code choice or text/call info to **662 561 2481** (Marni McKenzie). It is interdenominational with men's and women's groups, and all are welcome, teenagers too! \$30 a semester; scholarships available; children's programming in the AM class.



“Pray for all people. Ask God to help them, intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them .” ~ 1 Timothy 2:1, NLT

Reserve Sunday, September 19th for the Prayer Walk. More information to follow.

In the event of rain, we will have the Prayer Walk on Sunday, September 26th.

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Rosa Lee Canon, Ryna Smith, Ellis Byrd,

Vivian Bridges, W. A. Allgood, Faye Rich, Glenda and Collins Bailey, Mary Haberman, Bart Broome, Mary Katherine Baglan, Felicity Flint, Bonnie Johnson, Asa Tucker, Libba Byrd, Gary Walton, Thurman Stone
FRIENDS: Sandra Turner, Jessica Byrd, Runt McMinn, Jillian Szerkins, Darrell Martin, Christy Collins, Allen Warwick, Olivia Billingsley Leow, John Farrish, Lucille Price, Darlene Lawrence (Magan Shipp's mom), Kim Thompson, Hayward Lee Harmon, Lisa Bragg, Maxine Thaggard, Reba Johns (Drew Herring's grandmother), Peggy Burnett, Rev. John and Gladys Bowie, Steve Plier, Wanda Lowery, Patty Wilson (Hollie's mom), Jason Evans, Don Haynes, Bill Elmore (Kelly Robison's dad), Cody Gaines, Andy Hyland, Gloria Eddins (Mary Seale's mom), Brenda May (Scoot Wilson's daughter), Kim Airhart

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Glenn, Rebekah, Garrison and Elliott Gray at the death of Glenn's father Jimmy Gray who passed away on August 30.

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Rosa Lee Canon at the death of her daughter Gwen Canon who passed away on September 1.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Once again we are taking pre-orders for poinsettias. 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 \$18. The deadline to order is September 30. Please make checks payable to First UMC

Happy Birthday

September 9-Beau Garrott
 September 10-Lori Beth Hopper, Jack King
 September 11-Presley Holloway, Jude Tucker
 September 12-C. J. Bickerstaff, Jonathan Cobb, Meagan McMinn
 September 13-Lily Avery, Joanne Autrey, Christy Burnett, Ezra Carpenter
 September 14-Paul Savage, Jr., Carlyle Graves Thomas, Jemma Wright, Andy Young
 September 15-Holden Daleke, Tyler Hamby

Happy Anniversary

September 12-M/M George Caffey, M/M Blake Shipp
 September 14-M/M Drew Wilson

September 12-Nursery Volunteer

Kelly Kasch

September 12-Acolytes

8:30 A.M.

Mollie Vick/Allie Whitaker

10:55 A.M.

Sims Rivers/Barrett Scammon

September 12-Ushers

8:30 A.M.

Jim Kelly Miles/Brooks Poland
 Kevin Sayle/Robert L. Seay

10:55 A.M.

Lee Garner/Bud Fisher, Jr.
 Ben Flint/Calvin Flint

September 12- Security Team

Josh Bright/Ed Dean
 Glen Gibson/Harry Guckert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 8

3:00 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday
Activities Building-Drop Off
Wonderful Wednesday PICK UP is in the PARLOR.
5:30 P.M.-Handbells
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 9

12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study

Friday, September 10

9:00 A.M.-Lifeline Screening, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 12

8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts,

Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, September 13

12:00 P.M.-United Methodist Women, Activities Building

1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

6:00 P.M.-Nominations Committee, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 14

7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study

Wednesday, September 15

3:00 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday,
Activities Building-Drop Off

Wonderful Wednesday PICK UP is in the PARLOR.

5:30 P.M.-Handbells

5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building

6:30 P.M.-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Morning Worship

“Clarity”
 Mark 8:27-38

Kerry Powell

Evening Worship

Matthew 11:2-6
 Kerry Powell

Financial Report for September 5, 2021

2021 Budget	\$955,515.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	18,375.29
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	661,510.44
Budget Amt. Offering	26,825.00
Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date	589,674.97

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

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)

September 12-Mitzi Still

September 19-M/M Stan Smythe

September 26-M/M Ronnie Goforth

October 10-M/M Mike Dulin

October 17-Barbara Broome

October 24-Sheila Pounders

October 31-Sheila Pounders

If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, contact the church office (563-4534) or firstumc@panola.com.

If you would like to donate your flowers to the flower ministry, please let us know. Thanks!

YOUTH MEAL CALENDAR

October 6-Bridges Family
 October 13-Bridges Family
 October 20-Sandra Lynn Bright
 October 27-Marsha Wren
 November 3-Trinity Sunday School Class
 November 10-Anonymous
 November 17-Kim Pointer/Billie Ann Beard
 November 24-Thanksgiving Break

YOUTH DEVOTION CALENDAR

October 6-Bowen Bridges	November 3-
October 13-Bowen Bridges	November 10-
October 20-Frances Gibson	November 17-
October 27-Youth Costume Party	November 24- Thanksgiving Break

The Youth Team needs volunteers to prepare supper for the youth on Wednesday nights at 5:30. They also need volunteers to present a 15-minute devotion to the youth on Wednesday nights. If you can help with either of these, please contact the church office at 563-4534 or email firstumc@panola.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 5-Communion
 Communion

October 3-