

THE MESSENGER  
First United Methodist Church  
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January 18, 2023



AN ONGOING GOAL

Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19<sup>th</sup>-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."~ *The Newsletter Newsletter, January 2021*



STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT  
JUNE 5-9, 2023

#### MUSIC NEWS

**Choir:** For our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday United service (Jan 29), we are inviting anyone who loves to sing to come join us for this one service!

Rehearsal is Wednesday, Jan 25 @6:45.

**Handbells:** We need a few people who are willing to play as substitutes in the Handbell Choir. Please see Brooke for more info.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29  
11:00 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please bring your favorite chili, soup, cornbread, bread, sandwiches, or dessert to share!  
Items may be dropped off before the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**JANUARY 29 IS FIFTH SUNDAY.**

**8:45 A.M.-SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:30 A.M.-FELLOWSHIP WITH COFFEE & DONUTS**

**10:00 A.M.-MORNING WORSHIP**

**11:00 A.M.-SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH,  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**MEMBERS:** Henry Beard, Heidi Summers, Thurman Stone, Sue Womble, Cindy Allgood, Margaret Moore, Jason Russell, Jane Hentz, Bonnie Johnson, Laverne Briscoe, Jack King, Loree Tucker, Ellis Byrd, Glenda Bailey, Mary Katherine Baglan, Asa Tucker, Libba Byrd  
**FRIENDS:** The Climer Family, Allen Warwick, Elaine Warwick (Janet Flint's aunt), Charlotte Bass (Janet & Calvin Flint's granddaughter), Tony Presley (friend of Haley Lowery), David Still, Rose Lummus (Brooke Wright's mom), TV Miller (Monroe Pointer's step-father), Jeff Burchfield, David and Cheryl Beene, Franky Laster, Wanda Lowery, Jud Moore, Diana Johnston (J. J. Heafners's mom), Bill Gritzner (friend of Lee & Beth Garner), Will Kidder (Bonnie Johnson's grandson), Shelton & Jeanne Cromwell Gillis, Micah Smith, Brynn Leigh Warren, Rheta Ann West (Sabrina Morris' mom), Stanley Sharp, Durl Raines, Jennifer Respass, Mari Corroero, Sandra Turner, Jessica Byrd, Adam Lupfer (Ann McDowell's nephew), Darrell Martin, Christy Collins, Olivia Billingsley Leow

## SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Roberson who passed away on January 15.

## LIBRARY NEWS

In THE CRY OF THE SOUL read about how our emotions reveal our deepest questions about God. This book is in section A ALL.

## *Happy Birthday*

January 19-Gale Norris, Angela Hannaford, Steve McMinn, Heidi Summers  
January 20-Debbie Gregory, Ben Lowery  
January 21-Glen Gibson, Ruth Sawyer Hallmark  
January 22-Cole Flint, Bateman Greenlee, Leighton Thomas  
January 23-Tracy Dulin  
January 25-Krista Davis, Brannon Poland, Brett Rivers, Davis Smith

## *Happy Anniversary*

January 19-M/M Dallas Allgood  
January 21-M/M Dennis Hopper  
January 22-D/M Tommy Wren  
January 24-M/M Ellis Byrd

## January 22-Nursery Volunteer

Christy Burnett

## January 22-Acolytes

<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>10:55 A.M.</b>
Brady Pitcock/Avery White	Barrett Scammon

## January 22-Ushers

<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>10:55 A.M.</b>
Josh Bright/Brandon Cole	W. A. Allgood/Jay Amis
Richie Craven/Chris Dugger	Bart Broome/Monroe Pointer

## January 22- Security Team

Clint Egbert/Brian Kasch  
Kevin Sayle/Josh Vick

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR JR'S HOUSE

The men at JR's House could use some exercise equipment, weights, or basketball goal. If anyone has any of these items and would like to donate them or loan them, they would greatly appreciate it! For more information, contact Gil or Nancy Bridges.

## ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR

January 22-M/M Glen Gibson	March 5-Communion
January 29-M/M Dave Billingsley	March 12-Open
February 5-Ccommunion	March 19-Open
February 12-M/M Mike Smith	March 26-Open
February 19-Angela Summers	
February 26-Open	

If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please call the church office 662-563-4534 or email [firstumc@panola.com](mailto:firstumc@panola.com).

## YOUTH MEAL CALENDAR

January 18-Josh/Sandra Lynn Bright  
January 25-Addington/Sayle  
February 1-Brad & Kerry Lightsey  
February 8-Natalie Wright  
February 15-Betty Jane Billingsley  
February 22-Natalie Wright

March 1-Open  
March 8-Open  
March 15-Spring Break  
March 22-Open  
March 29-Open

If you would like to volunteer to feed the youth on Wednesday nights, please contact the church office at 563-4534 or email [firstumc@panola.com](mailto:firstumc@panola.com).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, January 18

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

**5:15 P.M.-Youth Choir**

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

**5:45 P.M.-Handbells**

**6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

Thursday, January 19

**12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study**

Sunday, January 22

**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**

Tuesday, January 24

**9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Fellowship Hall**

**7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study**

Wednesday, January 25

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

**5:15 P.M.-Youth Choir**

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

**5:45 P.M.-Handbells**

**6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

**Financial Report for January 11**

2023 Budget	\$1,008,601.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,396.17
<b>Budget Amt. Needed to Date</b>	<b>58,188.51</b>
Budget Amt. Offering	14,818.00
<b>Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date</b>	<b>45,833.25</b>

**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**

**Attendance for January 11, 2023**

Sunday School	153
Morning Worship	248
8:30 A.M.	138
10:55 A.M.	60
Nursery	6
Security	4

**Morning Worship**

Matthew 4:12-23

Kerry Powell

**Evening Worship**

Kerry Powell

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