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ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

“The Power That Makes Us One” was the theme of the 2019 Session of The Mississippi Annual Conference. Jesus prayed in John 17 for His followers (us) to be ONE. The church today is struggling with this. The only power that can do this is the power of the Love of Jesus through his Holy Spirit!

Opening Worship was led by Dr. Cynthia Winstead and Rev. Jessica Moffott. We closed with Holy Communion as we witnessed (through symbolism) the sins that we each released in the service, as they ended up on the Altar Cross. This was very powerful !

In the first Laity Business session we heard about the UMC organization chart and the Delegate election process. At 6 p.m. Bro Lauren, Rosemary, Rich and myself attended the Glory Sighting Banquet where First United Methodist of Yazoo was honored for being West Jackson District “Church of the Year.”

Thursday Delegates for General Conference 2020 were elected. Clergy GC Delegates elected: Fred Britton, Mattie Gipson, Stephen Sparks, Zach Beasley, & Mitchell Hedgepath. Laity GC Delegates elected: David Stotts, David Beckley, Latoya Redd Thomas, Turner Arant & Ann Herrington . We also elected Jurisdictional Conference Delegates. Clergy JC delegates elected: Connie Shelton, LeAnne Burris, John Branning, Amy Daniels & Embra Jackson. Laity JC delegates elected: Jim Ainsworth, Connie Walters, Jaci Murden, Jan Hitt & Steve McAlilly. That night, Bishop Swanson delivered the message “Mission to Serve” at the Mission Worship Service. The church in attendance took part in filling Hygiene Bags to deliver to Flood Victims in the MS Delta. The goal was 10,000 bags and 15,000 were filled. This year’s Mission Offering for Mississippi Disaster Recovery totaled \$112,546.95.

In the business session on Friday, seven churches asked to be disaffiliated with the Mississippi Annual Conference. Each church had gone through the process adopted by the 2019 General Conference. The request of these churches were ratified individually and released, in accord to the ruling adopted at General Conference. Rev Embra Jackson led the Memorial Service for pastors and pastor’s spouses who finished their earthly journey and went on to their Eternal Rewards this past year. Retiring pastors were honored in the afternoon session. Ordination Service was at 7 PM.

Appointments were made official Saturday morning. Reverend Lauren Porter is First United Methodist of Yazoo’s official appointment for 2019-2020. In Closing Worship, Bishop Swanson addressed getting along in our differences. We need to Love each other in spite of these differences. He said “our Attitudes need to be evaluated.”

In Christ’s Truth, Irma Newell Hart, Lay Member to Annual Conference



SUNDAY, JULY 7

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 8

9-12 noon Methodist Market
6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 13

9-12 noon Methodist Market



9. Marian Bess Carter
11. Dee Webb
13. Linda McDonald

*With
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love is extended to
Todd and Mary Kathryn Hart and
family in the death of Todd's
grandfather, J. P. Sartain, who died
June 21, 2019.*



Memorial Gifts

John Copeland

JoAnne Collins

Becky Jones

JoAnne Collins

Macel Simmons

John Phillips, III



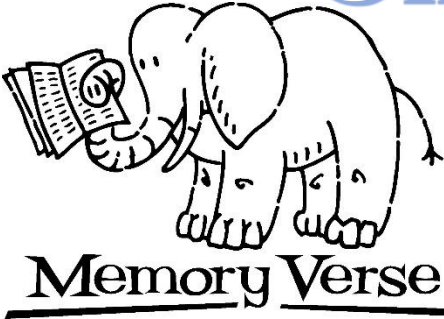
Solid Ground Youth

This Sunday will be a review and follow-up of the Book of Psalm. We need to always remember that God is with us. He wants what is best for us. He wants a relationship with us. We need to look to Him for guidance, reassurance, and we need to trust Him.

Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group

There are several Youth who will be leaving this Saturday, July 6 for M28 Camp/Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. The theme for this year's camp is ***TRANSFORMED***. The scripture is from Romans 12:2. Please be in prayer for God to move in the lives of these Youth while they are at camp. We are living in a world that wants our children and teens to be conformed, but we as Christians and parents want to see their lives transformed by God. We will be returning on Wednesday, July 10.

Children's Page



"I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing."

Genesis 12:2



During the next several weeks, we will be talking about Abraham and his family. We will begin with the story of how God asked Abraham to leave his home, and travel to the land that God had for him. God required that Abraham trust him. As we study this lesson, we can see how it must have been hard for Abraham. We all go through things that we don't understand, but we must always remember to trust God.

HisKidz & Planet 456 Summer Activities:

Thank you so much to everyone who has been a part of our Summer activities. The children have had such a great time fellowshiping with each other throughout the Summer. Thank you to Julie and De Paul for allowing the church to have the Patriotic Pool party at your home. The kids had a blast! Also, thank you to the parents who helped chaperone the trip to Party Safari. We had a great group of kids who were able to attend this event. Finally, thank you to all of the parents for your well-behaved children. We have been on several outings this Summer, and on each one there have been 15-25 children. The staff at every venue has commented on how "good" all the children were. This is a reflection on you as parents. Thank you!

Volunteers serving Sunday, July 7, 2019

Greeters	Nancy Hart/Chip & Donna Heidel
Security	Mike Wilson
Flowers	Chip & Donna Heidel
Scripture	Judges 3:12-30
Sermon	“Ehud, the Left-Handed Judge”
Communion Assistants	Denny & Brenda Paul/Alice Cobb

Attendance, June 30, 2019

Worship Services	195
Sunday School	98

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY

7. 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
8. Like a two-edged sword	Hebrews 4:12-16
9. God’s life-giving word	Isaiah 55:10-13
10. You crown the year	Psalms 65:(1-8), 9-13
11. A careless bargain	Genesis 25:19-34
12. Light for the path	Psalms 119:105-112
13. God will give life	Romans 8:1-11