



# Messenger

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## Pastoral Appointment News

Every year at Annual Conference one of the highlights is when Bishop Swanson stands before the assembly and “sets” the appointments. That is, he makes them official. And we anticipate that moment at Annual Conference again this year, though I’m sure it will all feel a bit different.

Due to current circumstances around COVID-19, Annual Conference has been moved from its original date of June 2-5 to July 26-27. So that we don’t all have to wait until July to find out, Bishop Swanson has recently announced all pastoral appointments and asked that we share them in our churches.

So, I am pleased to share with you that **I have been reappointed as your pastor** for the coming year. I am humbled and grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve you as your pastor. And I look forward to another year of shared ministry together.

Though we are all going through a challenging time with the current pandemic, I believe God is doing great things in and through our church. So often, the crisis reveals our character. And in this moment, I believe that our Christian character will shine through most brightly: our faith, our hope, our kindness and goodness, our love of neighbor, our compassion for those in need, and our encouragement of those who serve.

May we all stand fast in the faith, persist in prayer, and persevere in doing good that the Light of Christ may shine all the more brightly. May others see Jesus in you and me. God bless!

*Brother Lauren*

Don't forget to watch our live stream worship service Sunday at 11 a.m.  
Our Scripture for this Sunday, May 17, 2020 is Philippians 2:12-18.

Our Hymns are:

Hymn No. 359 – *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Hymn No. 367 – *He Touched Me* (vs. 1 & 2)

The Anthem is *God Will Make a Way*.

See back page for lyrics for the hymns.

*Sympathy and love is extended to Bob and Linda Coker and family in the death of Bob's sister, Betty Coker Wade, who died May 9, 2020.*

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

*With Sympathy*



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 17. Jason Dees
- 18. Terri Goodman
- 19. Tyler Bardwell
- 23. Tatum Reeves, Anne Rush
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- 18. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richards
- Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Burnham
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Alan Swoope
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kyle



*Memorial Gifts*

***Dr. Edward Earl Pennington***

Camp and Joan King

***Betty Coker Wade***

Camp and Joan King

Mr. & Mrs. Roger McGrath III

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



*Congratulations to Bo and Rebecca Pace on the birth of their daughter, **Miriam Elaine Pace**, who was born May 11, 2020. Proud grandparents are Sam and Joyce Pace.*



& **Children**

## **Solid Ground**

I just wanted to touch base with everyone and let you know some of the summer plans.

First, I received an email on Saturday informing us that M28 Camps would be cancelled for this Summer. They are going to try to stream the speaker and band online, and I will let you know more about that when I found out. I am so sad about this, but this means that we should have a big group ready to go for next Summer.

I am working on getting the youth together some this summer for outside gatherings. Hoping to have something every other Sunday and incorporate devotion, food, and a fun activity. Hoping to kick it off this Sunday. I will keep you posted.

Finally, if any of you would be willing to host something or send food/drinks please let me know. I know the kids are ready to see friends and fellowship together.

## **Planet 456**

Unfortunately, as of right now, The Ark Encounter is closed. I do not know when it plans to open back up. Also, Baseball is on hold. For the moment, the trip is postponed, and I really don't have a date to go by for rescheduling. I am so sorry.

I am going to do my best to work on taking the kids to Branson to see the Noah show that we missed in March. As soon as they open back up the Sight and Sound Theater, I will be working to get us there.

Also, I will be planning outings for the children this summer. Most of these will be outside events like swimming and outdoor games and such. I am hoping to do this every other Wednesday beginning next week. I will need help chaperoning and if you have any ideas or can volunteer to send food/drinks, please let me know.



Vacation Bible School  
Monday, May 25- Friday, May 29  
Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through



This is how it will work:

1. Sign your child up for VBS by calling the church office, Mrs. Tera, or the registration link <https://fs27.formsite.com/ujUUpZ/isck7gvgdi/index.html>
2. Skits, lessons, and activities for each day will be pre-recorded, and a link will be sent out to allow you to connect.
3. The week before VBS, there will be pre-packaged VBS Take Home boxes in the Church Fellowship Hall for you to pick up for each registered child. This will allow them to follow along with the videos and have an opportunity to participate in Bible School this year.
4. The night before, a link will be sent out with the pre-recorded lessons for each day. All you will have to do is connect your child to it.

**Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through**

We must always remember that no matter what is going on, Jesus’ power will pull us through.

During last Sunday's live stream of our worship service, we understand that there was a problem at the beginning. We started promptly at 11 a.m. but have been told that the screen was white with announcements. There was a technical issue with YouTube. We apologize that you were not able to hear the beginning. I wanted to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all and trust that this week things will run smoothly.

Brother Lauren

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do ask that you continue to support our church with your giving. You can do either of two things: Mail your offerings to **FUMC, P. O. Box 444, Yazoo City, MS 39194**, or use our online giving option by going to our website, **fumcyazoo.org**. Click on the "online giving" option.

## Daily Bible Readings

### MAY

<b>17. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>John 17:1-11</b>
18. Rivers of living water	John 7:37-39
19. In memory of Him	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
20. To unite all things	Ephesians 1:3-10
21. A desirable gift	Numbers 11:24-30
22. Manifold are your works	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
23. Baptized into one body	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

## **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I have done,  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

5 But drops of tears can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.

## **He Touched Me**

1. Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'neath a load of guilt and shame;  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain:

He touched me, O, He touched me,  
And O, the joy that floods my soul.  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole;  
I will never cease to praise Him,  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain: