

Messenger

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Come Glorify God Together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson

Annual Conference: Disaffiliation Vote

The Mississippi Annual Conference (UMC) meets June 27-30 in Tupelo. As part of Annual Conference, the delegates will vote on whether or not to affirm each church's disaffiliation. The Conference vote will be **Wednesday, June 28, at 9 a.m.** There are around 189 churches that will be voted on that morning, including our church. Each church will be voted on individually. And it takes a simple majority approval from Annual Conference to finalize our church's disaffiliation.

So, please pray for the Annual Conference and the Conference disaffiliation vote, that they will approve our church's disaffiliation as well as the other churches.

Assuming that vote passes, our trustees will meet at the District office on July 5 to sign the final agreement and make the disaffiliation payment. These are the last two steps of our disaffiliation.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 12:15 p.m. Hiskidz (K-6)
Jump Day
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 11. Donna Heidel
- 12. Fenton Anderson
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- 15. Mr. & Mrs. Brent Chaney
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Burton
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Patterson



Sympathy and love is extended to Frank and Dee Webb and family in the death of Frank's mother, Pat Wilson Webb, who died June 3, 2023. Pat and Ted were members of FUMC for many years.

Sympathy and love is also extended to the family of Linda Barrack, who died this past week.



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

Bible Life Hiskidz and Bible in Life



As we continue with our summer series in Sunday School, **Rules to Live By**, this week's lesson is "God's Special Day." This lesson reminds us of the importance of making sure we remember to take a day for God. We live in a busy world and God reminds us that he also took a day to rest after he created the world. It is important that we take time to worship God and thank Him for all the ways He has blessed us.



LET'S JUMP INTO SUMMER!!!

Hiskidz grades K-6th have a jump day planned for Wednesday, June 14. We will meet at the church at 12:15 and drive to Indian Lanes in Clinton for an hour of bouncing around. The cost is \$5.00 per child. We will return to the church around 3:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates will be Monday, June 26- Thursday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. -

11:30 a.m. Our theme this year is **STELLAR**. VBS cannot happen without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.



Youth Sunday School

This Sunday we will cover lesson 2 in our Sunday School series for the summer. This week our lesson, "Holiday? Or Holy Day?" opens a discussion about the importance of the 4th Commandment. This Sunday we will be talking about Keeping the Sabbath Holy. God created the world in 6 days, but he took the 7th day to rest and observe His perfect creation. He wants us to take time out of each week to spend with Him, to worship Him.



M28 Camp dates at Lake Junaluska are July 6-10. We are so excited at the number of youth who have signed up to attend this Summer. We will be taking 21 teens, and we ask that our church family be in prayer for these students. The theme this year is **Faith Can Move Mountains**.

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Greeters	Sandra Martin/Owen Richards
Scripture	1 John 3:7-24
Sermon	“Love One Another”
Flowers	Sharon and Phil Nichols

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

11. 2nd Sunday after Pentcost	Mark 1:40-45
12. Impurity is not imposed	Matthew 15:1-20
13. Who are you	Acts 19:11-15
14. A new way of life	Luke 19:1-10
15. God looks on the heart	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
16. A prayer for victory	Psalm 20
17. Created anew!	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17