



# The Messenger

July 27, 2017

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Perri Haley and The Season's for putting on a benefit concert for the Backpack Buddy program.

### Save the Date

Our church will enjoy an evening together watching the Shuckers baseball team play on Sunday, August 27th. More information to come.

### VBS Wrap-up meeting

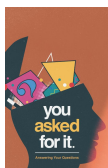
There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Sunday, August 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will review this summer's VBS and start planning for next year.

### Newsletter Changes

In August, we will begin sending out The Messenger (church newsletter) on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month in an effort to be good stewards of time and resources. This will include the paper and electronic versions. If you need something placed in the newsletter, please continue to submit all information by noon on Tuesday prior to its publication.

### Questions of Life and Faithfulness - August Worship Series

Recently, I asked you for the big questions of life and faith that were on your minds. In August, we will focus on these questions in worship at the Main Campus.



- August 5th - What happens when we die?
- August 12th - Why do good people suffer?
- August 19th - Are Christians supposed to be perfect?
- August 26th - How can Christians live faithfully in divisive times?

### Well Jr Class Changes

Starting on Sunday, July 30th, the ages of our Well Jr classes will change. The younger class will be available for kids ages 3-Kindergarten. The older class will be available for kids in 1st and 2nd grade. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cripple.

### **Chancel Choir**

The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. If anyone is interested in coming to sing for Jesus and have fun, come on and join us! Questions, see Mandy Long or call the church office @ 863-9619. Hope to see some new faces on August 2nd!

### **New Treasurer Needed**

The Board for the Wesley Foundation campus ministry serving the Gulf Park Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Long Beach is looking for a treasurer. This is a very part time volunteer position for which training will be available. If you'd like more information please contact Janis Slade at 209-5268 or e-mail [janisslade@aol.com](mailto:janisslade@aol.com).



### **Summer Mission Project**

If you took home a school supply list as part of our mission project for the summer, please be sure to get those supplies dropped off at church this Sunday or the following so they can be delivered to the schools. If you would like to help with the deliveries, please call the church office.

### **Backpack Blessing**

Students and teachers, bring your backpacks and school bags to church on Sunday, August 6th, for a special blessing during the morning services.

### **Back to School Family Scavenger Hunt**

Please join us for a potluck dinner and a scavenger hunt around the town of Long Beach on Saturday, August 12th, at 5:30 p.m. We will eat dinner together in the Christian Life Center and then divide into teams for the hunt. Kids and youth, bring your family and friends to participate in the fun!

### **Online Giving**

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at [fumclb.org](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

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## **Weekly Updates and Events**

### **Prayer Concerns...**

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Shorty Haulk, Joseph Poupart, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller, John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Alibe Hinton, Susan Molesworth, Jason LaFrance, Jeremy Smith, John French, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick Kirkland, Carl & Doris Flethrich, Rev. Ron & Connie Durham, Carol Hill, Caitlyn Johnson, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Mark Powell, Mary & Dick Kinser, Hazel Holdenmon, Lil Jobe, Trish Badeaux, Paul Hicks, & Mary Kerg.

## **Last Weeks Givings and Attendance**

Budget Offering for 7/16/2017 \$32297.55

8:30 - 122

11:00 - 57

11:00 @ The Well - 267

Sunday School - 138

## **In Memory**

Donations were given in memory of Fanny Mae Bullard by Doug & Joyce St. John and the Aldersgate class.

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## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday, July 30th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM

5:00 p.m. UMYF Fall Kick-off

### **Wednesday, August 2nd**

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Thursday, August 3rd**

6:00 p.m. Revelation Bible Study in Youth Hall

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## **This Sunday 7/30/2017**

### **Sanctuary**

**Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher**

**"The Small Seed"**

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

### **The Well**

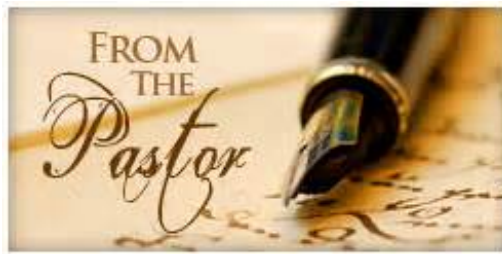
**Lori Cripple**

**Series: Fruit of the Spirit**

**"Gentleness"**

**Galatians 5:16-26**

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Time. It flies. This week, I was sitting across the table from my 17 year old daughter, Lauren, as we ate lunch together in Gulfport. She had spent the day in Long Beach with me so I had taken her out to lunch. In another year she will be preparing to go to college. Wow, where has the time gone? It really does seem that I was cutting up her food last week!

Every parent goes through it - the realization that your baby has grown up and that time has passed. Ann and I have already been through that with our older daughter, and we are a few years away from it with our son. The truth of life is that time flies.

Time is not infinite in supply. Time keeps moving whether we want it to or not. So the question arises - are we making the most of the time? One of the dangers of life - not only in modern times - is that we fill time to ensure we are busy. There is something at work in our world that says that you can't waste time, so we must fill our time with activities and be productive and efficient with our time.

As we spend our time, I invite you to think about this - is your time so managed and so spent that you have no margin for quality time with God and with the people that God has placed in your life? I think about that because one of my fears is that one day I will look back with a tinge of regret for having wasted precious time. Is there time for the really important work of building and growing relationships?

Margin is something I have been working on in recent years - trying to not be so over-committed that there is no margin of time. We need margin, because we don't know what will happen in a given day that will call for some time to handle it well. God has given us time as a gift. The only question is, how are we spending what God has given us for what is really important in life? I hope we can spend it fruitfully and faithfully.

Yours in Christ,

Jon

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