



# The Messenger

August 3, 2017

## Upcoming Events



### 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!

### 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.



### Save the Date

We will have a Bring Your Own Picnic lunch at the Pass Christian Park on Sunday, Sept 17th, after church services.

Our Halloween Trunk or Treat and Fellowship Dinner will be Sunday, Oct. 29th, at 5 p.m.



### Rock Painting and Pizza Party for Backpack Buddies

On Saturday, August 26th, at 5:30 pm, please come paint rocks and eat pizza in the Christian Life Center and leave a donation for our program that feeds children on the weekends. Take a rock home and hide one around town for someone else to find!

### Faith and Family Night @ SHUCKERS BASEBALL GAME

Our church will enjoy an evening together watching the Shuckers baseball team play on Sunday, August 27th. Tickets are \$9 a person. We will meet outside the Shuckers stadium at 4:00 p.m. to receive our tickets. There will be a pre-game Christian concert, and the game starts at 5:05 p.m. We have 66 tickets that are grouped together, and these will be available for the first people who sign up on the sheets in the lobbies. You can pay for the tickets through the church office or the offering plate.



More tickets can be purchased through the Shuckers box office.

### **VBS Wrap-up meeting**

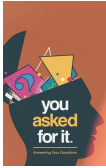
There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Sunday, August 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will review this summer's VBS and start planning for next year.

### **Newsletter Changes**

In August, we will begin sending out The Messenger (church newsletter) on the 1st (August 3rd) and 3rd weeks (August 17th) 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 6th - What happens when we die?

August 13th - Why do good people suffer?

August 20th - Are Christians supposed to be perfect?

August 27th - 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.

### **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.

[Online Giving](#)

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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, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Mary & Dick Kinsler, Lil Jobe, Trish Badeaux, Karen Samuelson, Peter Psikogios, & Mary Kerg.

### **Last Weeks Givings and Attendance**

Budget Offering for 7/30/2017 \$7,687.76

8:30 - 133

11:00 - 68

11:00 @ The Well - 253

## **In Memory**

A donation was given in memory of Roger Gene Lowery by Robert Patenotte, Jr.

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## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday, August 6th**

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

### **Wednesday, August 9th**

- 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 10th**

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

### **Saturday, August 12th**

- 5:30 p.m. Family Ministry Back to School Potluck Dinner & Scavenger Hunt in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

### **Sunday, August 13th**

- 7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast in the CLC
- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall
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### **Monday, August 14th**

- 6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 15th**

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Wednesday, August 16th**

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

## **Sundays 8/6/2017 & 8/13/2017**

### **Sanctuary**

**8/6/2017**

**Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher**

**Series: Questions of Life and Faith**

**"What Happens When We Die?"**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**8/13/2017**

**Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher**

**Series: Questions of Life and Faith**

**"Why Do Good People Suffer?"**

**John 9:1-5**

### **The Well**

**8/6/2017**

**Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher**

**Series: Fruit of the Spirit**

**"Self Control"**

**Galatians 5:16-26**

**8/13/2017**

**Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher**

**Series: After God's Own Heart**

**"David is Anointed by Samuel"**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**



Beginnings. This Friday, our children will begin a new year of school. Tuesday of this week, Ann and I took furniture to our daughter who lives in Starkville. She graduated in May and is planning on taking some

courses leading up to graduate school next year. This is a new beginning for her as a post graduate.

There are seasons of the year and seasons in life when we close a chapter and open a new chapter of life and we encounter new beginnings. We begin a new school year, a new relationship, a new job, a new life is born. Life is full of new beginnings.

God offers new beginnings as well. The Bible is full of stories of people who needed a new beginning or were almost drug into something new - Jonah and Moses come to mind. But there were people who didn't believe that the future offered any sense of hope and certainly not a new beginning. And then Jesus entered their lives. The woman at the well in John 4 saw herself and her future with renewed hope because Jesus sat down and talked with her. The man, Zacchaeus, in Luke 19, walked into a new beginning in life when Jesus noticed him and befriended him. After Peter denied Jesus three times, he was given a new future when Jesus asked him again to follow him.

All of these people had a new beginning because of Jesus. Let's be honest, we all mess up and some of us, me included, have been spectacular about it in various parts of our lives. But the good news of God is that he gives you and me a chance to begin again to live in faithfulness. With Him, the worst things of our lives do not have to be the last things. Through His loving grace, Jesus gives us a new beginning - even now, even for you.

Love in Christ,

Jon

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