



The Messenger

February 8, 2018

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



The Mission Committee for organizing the Souper Bowl Luncheon and raising \$1,184 to go to support all the different Missions. Wayne O'Neal and his crew for building the covered walkway leading into the Christian Life Center.

Summer Camp

We are now in the middle of registration for Camp Wesley Pines (a summer camp located in Hazlehurst, MS). If you have a child interested in going, please contact Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622 or lcripple@hotmail.com. Students are responsible for half the registration fee (\$127.50), and the church will cover the cost of the other half. We have several sponsorships available if anyone needs help with their camp fees! We would like to have all students registered by February 20th. Our Older Elementary students entering 4th-6th grade will travel to camp the week of June 4th-8th. Our Junior High students entering 7th-9th grade will travel to camp the week of July 16th-20th. There will also be a 3 day camp available for students entering 1st-3rd grade on June 18th-20th.



New Sermon Series at the Main Campus

We will be starting a new Sermon Series on February 18th titled "The Last Day". In one day, Jesus journeyed from the Last Supper to the cross and to a tomb. But that one day changed the world. Join us in worship as we spend time with Jesus on the Last Day.

Easter Eggs

We are very excited to invite the community to our annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year. In order to prepare, we will begin collecting plastic Easter eggs and candy and other egg stuffers on Sunday, February 18th. We are planning to provide over 4000 eggs this year!



Senior Prom

Our children's ministry will be hosting a "senior prom" for our senior age members of the church on Friday, March 16th, at 6:00 p.m. If you consider yourself a senior, please plan to join us in the Christian Life Center for food and dancing and fun! If you would like to help our children host this event, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.

MGCCC-Jeff Davis & USM-Gulf Coast Wesley Foundation Sampling Supper

The Wesley Foundation Sampling Supper will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. The Silent Auction bidding starts at 5 p.m. and closes at 7 p.m. Supper begins at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring checks and/or cash to vote for "The Church with the Best Cooks." Don't miss this Fun Family Event that is needed to fund programming expenses on both campuses.

Contact Janis Slade at janisslade@aol.com or call 228-209-5268 to participate by:

1. Signing up to bring food
2. Donating new and nearly new items for the Silent Auction
3. Purchasing Tickets: Adults- \$10; Students of all ages-\$5; Children age 4 & younger-Free. Anyone purchasing 8 adult tickets or the equivalent of \$80 in tickets by Friday may reserve a table in one of individuals' name (Not the church's name.) If you don't plan to attend the event, please give a donation instead of buying a ticket. We Thank You for your Support!

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, pick up an order form located in the lobby and return it to the church office by Friday, March 9th. You may also place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$15.00 for each plant. You may pick up your Easter lily immediately following the 11:00 service.



Meetings

Circle 1 Feb. 19th 6:30 pm Betsy Bullard/Cindy Wilson
Polly Mincher Feb. 13th 9:30 am Iantha Hines

Program—Circle's Choice (Program Book)

Mission—Seashore Mission for Homeless

Flowers—Polly Mincher Circle

All women of the church are invited to come and join us. Call Joyce St. John @ 865-0051 for more information or questions.

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at fumclb.org and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

Weekly Updates and Events

Prayer Concerns...

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller, John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Susan Molesworth, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Shorty & Sharon Haulk, Flora Holifield, Rosalie Allely, Dawn Rhoades, Chet Yates, Jo Holyfield, Roman Beets, & Mary Kerg.

In Sympathy...

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to John Armstrong and family at the death of his wife, Ann Armstrong.

In Memory...

Donations were given in memory of Ann Armstrong by Doug & Joyce St. John, Nell Bauer, Jim and Becky Collins, Alice Krass, Robert & Mary Anne Simpson, Bob and Muzette Chatham, Betsy Bullard, Beth & Larry Lewis, Paul & Sarah Schroeder and the Aldersgate Sunday School class.

Donations were given in memory of Linda Sample by Beth & Larry Lewis and Paul & Sarah Schroeder.

A donation was given in memory of Dot Hilton by Beth & Larry Lewis.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 11th

- 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. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, February 12th

- 6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th

Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, February 14th

6:30 a.m. Ashes To Go at the Long Beach Harbor

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

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, February 18th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

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3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)

5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, February 19th

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, February 21st

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

February 11th
Series: Overcoming Roadblocks to Faith
"Strategies for Overcoming Roadblocks of Faith"
Mark 9:2-8

February 18th
Series: The Last Day
"The Last Supper"
Mark 14:12, 22-25

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

February 11th
Series: Along The Way
"Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind"
John 9:1-41

February 18th
Series: Along The Way
"The Good Shepherd and His Sheep"
John 10:1-21



This week I had a chance to hear the story of an encounter with God. We know and trust that God is moving in our lives for our good that are hard to predict and seem to come from unexpected places. I asked Mary who agreed to share her story in her own words. Thanks to her for sharing and to God for being made known at just the right time.

"My name is Mary Kerg. I believe in miracles. Last Monday I was invited to lunch at Hard Rock to visit with some CASA friends. My husband Gary dropped me off at side door, and parked the car. When getting into elevator with my walker, the front wheels turned and locked in the groove of the doors. I fell face forward on top of the walker, and could not get up. I yelled HELP until the doors opened, and 3 guys were there to help me. They said, 'relax, we've got you.' They helped me up, got a chair, and the security guard came to get the report, and take pictures of bruises, cuts, and bleeding. I had 3 small cuts and a bruise on my left hand, a cut and bruises on my right leg. I assured them I didn't need an ambulance, so I went up for lunch. After lunch, we went to our car to come home. I looked at my hand, and the scratches, blood, and bruise was GONE! I was speechless. I asked Gary if he had seen them, I asked Shelly (our

daughter) if she had seen them. They agreed. The security guard took pictures. As I tried to make sense of it all, the thought in my mind was the Lord saying to me, '**I'VE GOT YOU!**' Those three words have given me such calm assurance that, indeed, God has me for sure! "

Yes, no matter what, God is saying to you, "I've Got You!"

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