



The Messenger

June 21, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Mary Woodruff and Susan Taylor for all their hard work coordinating the Youth Mission Trip to Vidor, Texas.

It's Time for VBS!

We are ready to **GO FISH!** on July 8th-July 12th. It's not too late to volunteer! If you are unable to sign up for the week of VBS, we also have other ways you can support Vacation Bible School!

If you would like to help us prepare and decorate for VBS, we will be setting up during the following times:

Monday, July 2nd 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3rd 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 5th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Friday, July 6th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 7th 9:00 a.m. until finished



First United Methodist Church Long Beach

If you would like to donate any of the desserts for the week, look for the sign up sheet in the lobby of the sanctuary and at the Well!

FUMC Youth Mission Trip



MOSAIC starts next week! A team of adults and youth will head to Vidor, TX, next Wednesday, June 20th, to prepare for our 2018 youth mission trip. The rest of the campers and adult chaperones will travel to Vidor on Monday, June 25th, to begin a time of serving others and delving deeper into God's word as we discover what it means to be God's Masterpieces.

While in Vidor, our teams will be working to serve as many families as possible. We will need to purchase big items (such as sheetrock) on location, but there are many smaller supplies we can bring with us. If you would like to donate any of the following items to allow us to purchase more of the larger materials we will need, it would be greatly appreciated! There will be collection bins in the lobby of both the sanctuary and the Well with our Masterpiece image on them (see above picture!).

Items needed are:

Drywall drill bits, Utility knives, Utility knife blades, Construction grade garbage bags
Putty knives, Dry wall taping knives, Masks, Work gloves, Pry bars, Tape measures
Staple guns with extra staples, Sun screen- water proof, Bug spray
Brooms, Dustpans, Drop clothes for painting

Thank you in advance for your donations and for your prayers and support as our youth and adults prepare to serve others!

Men and Women's Softball Schedule

Please come cheer us on to victory! The home games will be located the Gulfport Sportsplex. Please find the times and fields listed below:



Men Softball

6/25	Golden 1	8:45	Home	Northwood
7/2	Golden 1	6:15	Away	Campground B
7/2	Golden 1	7:30	Home	G. C. F. Church of Nazarene

Women's Softball

6/26	Golden 3	7:30	Away	St. Thomas
6/26	Golden 3	8:45	Away	Goodwill



Ice Cream Social

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for our annual ice cream social. Bring a container of homemade or store bought ice cream, toppings (whipped cream, nuts, syrup, sprinkles, cherries, to name a few), or some sandwiches or chips to the CLC and join us for some fun and fellowship.

New Study Starting in the Discoverer's Sunday School Class

The Discoverer's Sunday School Class just finished their many year Journey through the Life Application Study Bible!! It took longer than anticipated but was a great time of learning the Word and strengthening their Christian faith while growing closer as a class of diversified individuals. They are starting a 12 week study of *New Testament Stories from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kales on June 24, 2018. They would love for anyone interested to join on Sunday mornings at 9:45 on the 2nd floor of Moore Hall. The classroom is the first door on the right from the stairs. They would love for YOU to attend.....they have books and coffee available so just show up!



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

The first day of summer was June 21st, so we're going to celebrate summer with a picnic. Please bring your picnic foods and your summer veggies. We're playing "Summer Bingo" so wear your flip flops and your shorts to the Christian Life Center on Wednesday, June 27th at 11:30.

Holy Land Trip

Our church has planned a trip to the Holy Land in Israel for February 13 - 22, 2019. We will explore Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho and more. It will be a powerful to walk the ground where Jesus walked. If you are interested, please call the church office for more information at 228-863-9619.



Online Giving

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

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Weekly Updates and Events



PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Janis Slade, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Shorty Haulk, Flora Holifield, Dawn Rhoades, Catherine Yates, Jo Holyfield, Tommye Taylor, Tina Botte, Dick Kinser, Martha Owen, Jere Hayward, Martha Hart, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Jennifer McKenzie, Mark Powell, Wanda Stevens, and Bob Chatham



Donations were given in memory of Mary Kinser by Doug & Joyce St. John, Betsy Bullard, and the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

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A donation was given in memory of my dad Jack Schwartz by Glenda Hull.

Donations were given in memory of Peggy Brooks by Doug & Joyce St. John and Larry & Beth Lewis.

A donations was given in memory of Clyde Woodruff, Jr. by Larry and Beth Lewis.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Rev. Ben and Emily Barlow at the death of her Granny, Ilean Harrison.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 24th

- 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)

Monday, June 25th

- Youth Leave for Vidor, Texas
- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)

Tuesday, June 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, June 27th

- 11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

Thursday, June 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)

Saturday, June 30th

- Youth Return from Vidor, Texas
- 8:00 a.m. Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast in the CLC

The week of July 1st through July 6th, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day.

Sunday, July 1st

- 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)
6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social in the CLC

Monday, July 2nd

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

Tuesday, July 3rd

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, July 4th

Office Closed

Thursday, July 5th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

Youth Calendar

We will not be having UMYF on Sunday nights or Heart and Soul on Wednesday for the month of July.

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

June 24th
"Creation"
Genesis 1:20-31

July 1st
"Jesus Calls His First Disciple"
Luke 5:1-11

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

June 24th
"Words for Wisdom: Words Matter"
Proverbs 15:1

July 1st
"Words for Wisdom: Honesty"
Proverbs 24:26



Juneteenth. I have heard the word before but knew little about it. Then it popped up on my iPhone calendar for June 19 and I decided to take another look. I learned that it is a celebration of the end of slavery in our country that is rooted in the event of June 19, 1865 when Union forces entering Galveston, Texas, announced the end of slavery in the United States. Today, 45 states have made Juneteenth an official state observance, including Mississippi, when it was approved by the state legislature in 2010. It's a good thing to celebrate the end of oppression.

Sadly though, legislation cannot remove attitudes of oppression and hatred from the human heart. It has been and is still a part of our world that peoples will continue to oppress others who are weaker and more vulnerable. The elderly, young children, the poor, and powerless are all vulnerable to those who take advantage. Jesus knew all about this for he was born into a world of oppression. In fact, Herod the king of Israel tried to hunt Jesus down to kill him but Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escaped oppression to flee for safety in Egypt. In the days of Jesus, Israel had been invaded, conquered, and occupied by the empires of the world. There are those who sought to go along with the empire and those who would bitterly resist the empire with their blood and the blood of their oppressors.

But Jesus came offering a third way - the way of love. He taught that the greatest commandments are to love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. He taught them that while the world may teach you to love your neighbor and hate your enemy, the third way of Jesus is to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. He taught this and he lived it out in relationships with individuals and in the ultimate way on the cross when he loved the thief and forgave those who nailed him to the pole. You cannot oppress those to whom you are called to love.

This third way of Jesus is particular to those of us who follow Him and it guides our hearts and hands. In our personal relationships, we are meant to love those even if they are difficult. In our everyday, walking around life, we follow the way of Jesus who pours himself into us through the Holy Spirit. This third way is a hard way, but He said it was the way to life and the way to freedom for all of us.

Love in the name of Jesus, Jon

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Our Mission

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus, and Serve Like Jesus.