



The Messenger

July 19, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of the many volunteers that gave of their time and talent to make this year's VBS a success!

Welcome Our New District Superintendent

The Seashore District Welcomes the Rev. Dr. Larry Hilliard as the new district superintendent beginning July 1st. There will be a Celebration Service for him on Sunday July 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Gulfport. There will be a welcome reception immediately following the service. Please come join us as we welcome Rev. Hilliard and his family to our district.

VBS Was Amazing!

We hosted around 150 kids each night and 153 adults and youth volunteers! Thanks for the time, energy, resources, and prayers! Your investment in kids was a demonstration of God's love.



New Sermon Series - More Than a Fish Tail



Beginning August 5th at the Main Campus

August 5th - Running from God - Jonah 1

August 12th - God With You in the Belly of the Whale - Jonah 2

August 19th - Jonah on a Mission from God - Jonah 3

August 26th - God is More Loving than We Can Imagine-Jonah 4

Gathering with Bishop

Bishop James Swanson will be at Wiggins First UMC on Sunday, August 19th, at 3:00 p.m. to talk to the Seashore District about the special called meeting of the General Conference for February 2019 to decide the way forward for the UMC in light of the question of Homosexuality.



Back Pack Blessing

Please bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 5th, to be blessed for the upcoming school year.

The Gospel Project for Kids

Starting Sunday, August 12th we will begin a new children's Sunday School program called *The Gospel Project for Kids*. Specifically designed for 1st-4th graders, the Gospel Project takes kids on a Christ centered, chronological journey through Scripture. Kids will discover God's story of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. Join us each week in Heritage Hall at the Main Campus from 9:45-10:45AM. If you have any additional questions please contact: Adam Wood, 228-547-9735 or adamwesleywood@gmail.com.

Class taught by: Adam Wood, Jamie Carroll & Nancy Ruff



Nursery Workers Needed!

We are currently hiring for two nursery positions:

- Nursery
- One position is for a nursery worker in our Baby Well nursery at our Well service (approximate hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).
 - One position is for a nursery coordinator to oversee the nurseries at both campuses but also work in our Baby Well nursery (approximate hours are 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday morning with an extra hour during the work for coordination time).

If you or anyone you know is interested, please call the church office at (228) 863-9619.

Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

Please join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, July 25th at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Our speaker will be Carol Paola, a grade school teacher for many years, and will talk about the referendum (Long Beach High School remodeling and updating) that we will be voting on August 2nd.



Save the Date

We are excited to be hosting FAM JAM on Saturday, August 11th, from 2-4:00 p.m. This will be a fun event presented by the Mississippi UMC Conference for kids in Kindergarten-6th grade AND their families. Please join us for an afternoon of games and worship!



Online Giving

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.

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Weekly Updates and Events



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



Donations were given in memory of Barbara Barlow by Bobbye Curtis, Mary Sessions, Jim & Becky Collins, Marilyn Thornton, John Blake, Bill & Penny Denmark, John & Mary Castleberry, Betsy Bullard, Lil Jobe, Lois Jones, Mike & Nell Gibson, Dave & Cindy Benfer, and the Good News Sunday school class.

Donations were given in memory of Chet Yates by Bill & Penny Denmark, Betsy Bullard, and the Good News Sunday school class.

A donation was given in memory of Ann Armstrong by John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Leon Long by Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Betty Collins by Lil Jobe.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 22nd

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

Monday, July 23rd

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

Tuesday, July 24th

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

8:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, July 25th

11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits Luncheon in the CLC

Thursday, July 26th

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

Sunday, July 29th

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

Monday, July 30th

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

Tuesday, July 31st

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, August 2nd

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.

Creative Ministries (Puppets)

We will not meet again until August 12th.

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

July 22nd
"But Now..."
Ephesians 2:11-22

July 29th
"Imitators of God"
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

July 22nd
"Words for Wisdom: Money"
Proverbs 22:7

July 29th
"Words for Wisdom: Self Control"
Proverbs 16:32



Rain. It's been raining this week on the Gulf Coast - a lot. I once heard a person pray this prayer during a particular time marked by rainy day after rainy day - "Lord, thank you for all this rain. For surely someone, somewhere needs it. Amen" It was raining a lot then too.

This week I got caught in a heavy rain - the kind of rain that will soak you in 5 seconds flat. I had gone out to Sams to pick up a few things and by the time I arrived at the store the rain was falling fast and heavy. I decided to wait in the car till the rain let up but after 20 minutes it hadn't. So, I ran in and did some shopping and when I returned the car wouldn't crank - the battery was dead. Did I mention it was raining hard?

So I went inside, borrowed a wrench, removed the dead battery, bought a new one, installed it and got in and it cranked right up. I did it all standing for 20 minutes in the rain holding an umbrella that was broken while getting soaked. And the rain never slacked off the whole time. It was miserable.

I called Ann after it all happened, who helped me to see the whole adventure from a different perspective. She reminded me that it could have been worse. At least it all happened in front of a store that sold car batteries - and I might add that I didn't get struck by lightning or electrocuted, not even once.

I was reminded by what the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Now I know that all I experienced was getting soaked by rain, but in every circumstances we have a choice in how

we view them - as reasons to give thanks and deepen our trust in God, or to grow bitter and harder of heart.

I want to encourage you to see differently, from the perspective of hope and gratitude that can lead us to give thanks to God even if life offers you a downpour.

Love in Christ, 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.