



The Messenger

July 17, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Lori Cripple, Emily Barlow, and Nancy Ruff and all of the many wonderful volunteers that made our Vacation Bible School a huge success!



VBS 2019

Our Vacation Bible School was once again a huge success. We were able to share the love of Jesus with over 170 children. We had 160 volunteers that made it all possible. The children's mission this year was to raise money for the Children's Hunger Fund. Fun was had by children and adults alike!



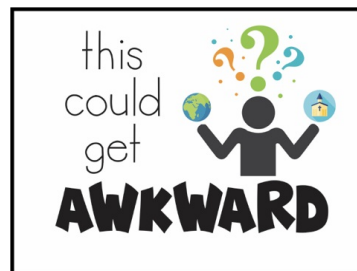
Church Directory

You can now download our online church directory onto your phone! It is a great resource for phone numbers and addresses for your church family, and you will have access to update your own profile. Search for CTRN Online Church Directory in your app store. If you do not already have a login and password, please contact Lori Cripple or the church office and we will update it for you!



Fam Jam 2019

We will be hosting Fam Jam again this year on Saturday, August 10th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. This will be a fun time filled with games and laughter. You don't have to have kids to come! Mark your calendars for this event. You won't want to miss it!



Join us for a new series, "This Could Get AWKWARD," at our Main Campus beginning July 28, 2019. We will explore ways that God speaks into our lives as we balance living faithfully in our current culture. The series will focus on pain and tragedy, sexuality, science, money, and polarization of community. Come learn and grow with us.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out...

Romans 12:2



Outward: Redefining Relationships

Join us for a new series at The Well beginning August 4th, 2019! We'll explore our different relationships and how thinking Outward can make a difference in our lives and the lives of those we're in relationship with. The Well meets on Sunday mornings at 11 am in the Fleming Auditorium at USM's Gulf Park Campus here in Long Beach.

We would love to see you there! The Well is a service of First United Methodist Church, Long Beach, Mississippi. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/thewelllb. Visit our website at TheWellLongBeach.org.



Shuckers Game

Friday night's game was suspended and considered a rain out. If you still have your ticket stub from the game, you can exchange it for another regular season home game of your choosing, For those of you who bought tickets and did not go to the game, you can still exchange your tickets as well. You can call Racheal Prosisie at the Shuckers Box Office 228-271-3473 or go to the stadium box office which opens at 10:00 a.m. on days when the team is at home to exchange your ticket.



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

All seniors are invited to the OAKS Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, July 24th at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Our guest speaker will be Susan Harvill, who will provide us with information regarding the issue of human trafficking. Please join us!

Please come out and support our teams!

Men's Softball Games



July 22 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 8:00 PM on Golden 1
July 29 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 30 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 30 @ 8:00 PM on Golden 1

All games are at Goldin Sports Complex on Prudie Circle in Gulfport.

Women's Softball Games



July 22 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 4

July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 3

All games are at Goldin Sports Complex on Prudie Circle in Gulfport.

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.

[Online Giving](#)

Weekly Updates and Events



PC & Dee Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Randal Guthrie, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Lois Jones, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat

Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Dawn McGinn, Shorty Haulk, Wayne Eason, Martha Hart, Jo Holyfield, Tina Botte, Cathy Yates, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Wanda Stevens, Rick Bullock, Blakely Hammons, John French, Wanda Lee Corley, Chuck Cruthirds, Mindy & George Barker, Hank Viehmann, Alana Rutledge, Pam Serrato, Sharon Pierce, Micki McDonough, Betty O'Brien, Giovanni Fontecchio, Dave Blazick, Don Kerkove, Caitlin Johnson Irwin, John Lever, Renkert & Sharon Meyer, Anne & Mike Ladner, Spears/Wilson Family, Linda Baker, Charlie Gibson, Brooke Williams Ball, Callahan James Ball, Sawyer Family, Linda Robison, and Patricia Badeaux



Donations were given in memory of Floss Roberts by Jim & Becky Collins, Bob & Carolyn Rhoades, Katherine Randall, Doug & Joyce St. John, Robert & Mary Anne Simpson, Good News Sunday school class, and the UMW Polly Mincher Circle.

Donations were given in memory of Joyce McCauley by Doug & Joyce St. John, Robert & Mary Anne Simpson, and the Good News Sunday school class.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Sam McCauley and family at the death of his wife, Joyce McCauley.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Wayne Roberts and family at the death of his wife, Floss Roberts.



If you would like to send a note or card to Cathy Yates her new address is :
2120 Enterprise Dr. Apt 229
Biloxi, Ms. 39531



Thank you to our church family for all the cards and prayers during this difficult time.
Bill and Penny Denmark

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 21st

- 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 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Christian Life Center (CLC)

Wednesday, July 24th

- 11:45 a.m. OAKS Luncheon in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, July 25th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Sunday, July 28th

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

2:00 p.m. Seashore Mission Food Prep in the CLC kitchen

Monday, July 29th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

10:30 a.m. Serve Seashore Mission Lunch depart CLC

Wednesday, July 31st

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, August 1st

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Sunday, August 4th

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, August 5th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Tuesday, August 6th

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

Wednesday, August 7th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, August 8th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Saturday, August 10th

11:15 a.m. Feed My Sheep meet at 19th street Gulfport Park

Youth Starts Back on August 4th

All students from 7th-12th grade are invited! Come enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

July 21st

"Joseph: Power of Forgiveness"
Genesis 50:15-21

July 28th

"Human Sexuality"
1 Corinthians 6:13-20

August 4th

"Why Does God Allow Bad Things?"
John 9:1-7

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

July 21st

Color Blast VBS Recap

July 28th

"What You Intended for Evil, God Intended for Good"
Genesis 50:14-21

August 4th

Rev. Dr. Larry Hilliard

Note From Jon

Apollo 11. I am literally geeking out this week with all the documentaries on the space program, especially the Apollo program. I was 4 years old when Apollo 11 was launched on July 16, 1969. One of the most vivid memories I have is of my parents borrowing a small black and white TV from neighbors (we didn't have a TV) so we could watch Armstrong and Aldrin walk on the moon. I remember them placing the TV on the coffee table in our living room and I sat on the floor watching and marveling at that sight. To think when I looked up at the moon that there were men who traveled three days to get there and were walking on the moon made an impact on me.

I became fascinated with astronomy and I remember spending many summer nights in our backyard looking up at the starry night. I learned that those stars that I was seeing were so far away that the light they emitted left thousands of years ago on a journey through our galaxy. I learned that there were other galaxies even further away whose light had to travel millions of years to reach us. I remember thinking how far those distances are and how small I felt in comparison.

The writer of the Psalms had a similar feeling for in Psalm 8 we find these words:
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Compared to the grandeur of the moon and the stars we can perceive of ourselves as pretty small and insignificant. But the Psalm continues with these words:

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands...

God tells us through this Psalm not to compare our significance to things we think are greater than us, but to remember that all we see is the handiwork of our creator including ourselves and that God has a high view of us and a purpose for us in creation.

I love to think about the discoveries of our solar system that has happened in the last 50 years and how wondrous is this creation. I thank God that you and I have a special place in God's world as we remember our place in creation and discover our role in serving our awesome God.

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.

