



The Messenger

August 8, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Our prayer warriors that pray faithfully each week for the needs in our church and community.



VBS Wrap Up Session

If you were a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and would like to participate in our VBS wrap up session and start planning for next summer, we will be meeting in the Christian Life Center at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18th. If you can't make the meeting but have some feedback, email Lori Cripple at

lcripple@hotmail.com



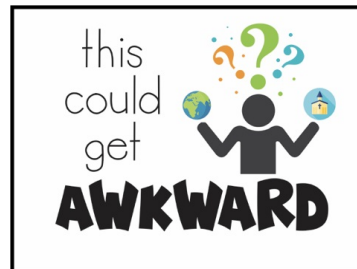
Church Directory

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. 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! 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.

Pathways of Hope

Pathways of Hope seeks to offer persons who are facing challenges in day-to-day living a sense of hope and a path that can lead to restoration and wholeness. Each session is intended to equip and encourage individuals toward understanding each challenge.

Workshops will include:

September 8th: Understanding Addiction for Individuals with Addiction or their family members.

September 15th: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness

September 22nd: Financial Freedom for Individuals and Families

Each session will begin at 6:00 pm in the Christian Life Center with a meal provided. Please RSVP to the church at 228-863-9619 or fumclb@cablone.net. Childcare available also by RSVP.



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, Sherry Alley, and Patricia Badeaux



Donations were given in memory of Floss Roberts by Claudia Cuevas, Lewis & Dixie Alexander, Bill & Penny Denmark, Trudy Newland, Jim & Diane Miller, Kay Braswell, Lynette Havens, Rusty & Trish Badeaux, Jerry & Marilyn Leone, Mary Menasco, John Blake, Betsy Bullard, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, Larry & Beth Lewis, and Rodger Meinzinger.

Donations were given in memory of Joyce McCauley by Claudia Cuevas, Lewis & Dixie Alexander, Bill & Penny Denmark, Trudy Newland, Jim & Diane Miller, Kay Braswell, Andy Crouch, Wayne Roberts Family, Jerry & Marilyn Leone, Mary Menasco, John Blake, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, Betsy Bullard, and Larry & Beth Lewis.

A donation was given in memory of Norma Napier by Order of the Eastern Star #306.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Joyce Griffith and family at the death of her husband, Donald Griffith.



We would like to welcome Howard Lock into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 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, August 12th

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

Tuesday, August 13th

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

Wednesday, August 14th

- 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 in Youth Hall

Thursday, August 15th

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

Sunday, August 18th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
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- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. VBS Follow-up Meeting in the CLC

Monday, August 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th

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

Wednesday, August 21st

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, August 22nd

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

August 11th
"Science and the Bible"
Genesis 1:1-10, 26-27, 31

August 18th
"God and Pain"
John 9:1-7

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

August 11th
"Outward: Children"
Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 11:18-19, Psalm 78:14, Ephesians 6:1-4

August 18th
"Outward: Spouse"
Ephesians 5:21-33



Note From Jon

Evil. This is what I thought when I heard the tragic news of the mass shooting murder in El Paso and then later in the day in Dayton. The loss of life by senseless murder left me shocked and feeling sad and helpless - helpless, because there are a mixture of elements that leads to this scale of evil that are beyond my powers to fix.

The shooting in El Paso seemed to stem from racism against persons of Hispanic origin, among other

reasons, and while our governmental leaders are speaking out against racism I believe we need to address it as well. When it comes to people who are different than we, our baptismal vows speak to this when we are asked to put our whole trust in the Grace of Jesus Christ and to serve Him in union with the church that "Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races." We are also asked to accept the freedom and power that God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Following Jesus Christ inherently means that we adopt God's way of seeing all people as made in God's image. The same God who sought a king, spoke over the boy David that He doesn't see as humans see. We look on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart. It was the same God who showed Peter the vision of a great sheet being lowered from heaven full of unclean animals. The vision encouraged Peter to eat, but he refused because Peter had never eaten anything unclean. But the Lord told him that what God calls clean, Peter had no right to call unclean. It was right then that gentiles arrived at Peter's door seeking to hear the gospel which causes Peter to realize that God shows no partiality (Acts 10).

This truth is also born out in the words of the Apostle Paul who writes, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.

We may not be able to "fix" racism in our communities but we are capable of offering the world an alternative to racism and hatred while pointing to the God who loves us, claims us, and saves us. We have an opportunity also to live this truth out and be faithful to the ancient witness of Christian people. Their culture observed them and exclaimed, "See how they love one another." May our culture be able to say the same thing about us.

Love in the name of Jesus 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.