



The Messenger

August 22, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of our Youth and Children's volunteers who create great learning environments.



Chancel Choir Cantata Kick-off Party

Calling all Singers! Anyone interested in singing in the Cantata, please come join us Wednesday, August 28th in the Christian Life Center at 6:00 p.m., for a potluck dinner and cantata kick-off.

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:

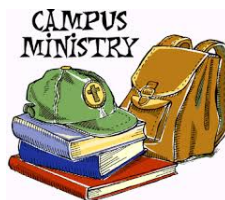
September 8th: Understanding Addiction for Individuals with

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@cableone.net.
Childcare available also by RSVP.



College Ministry

We believe it is important to maintain connections with our youth after they head off to college. If you have a college student (or are one!), we would love to have an address in order to send happies and words of encouragement throughout the year. If you would like to serve on the college ministry team by keeping in touch with our college students, please let Lori Cripple know at (228)324-3622 or by email at lcripple@hotmail.com.



Save The Date

Mark you calendars for the Fall Rummage/Bake Sale on October 5th. Start gathering all of your unwanted treasures.



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

All seniors are invited to the OAKS Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, August 28th at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Our guest speaker will be Linda Chambers, who will provide us with information regarding The Pathways of Hope series we will be having here at the church. Please join us!



Kiwanis Club of Long Beach
1st Annual Pancake Breakfast
September 21st at Grace Lutheran Church
7:00 am - Noon
\$5.00 All-U-Can Eat
Carry Outs Available
Walk-Ins Welcome
Proceeds to fund our Youth Programs



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!

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 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, Peggy Rowell, Lil Jobe, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in honor of Dianna Miller, 2019 Teacher of the Year by the Louisiana, Mississippi, W. Tennessee Kiwanis Foundation.

Donations were given in memory of Floss Roberts by Mary Sessions and Joan Holyfield.

Donations were given in memory of Dee Havens by Doug & Joyce St. John and Frederick Hoff.

A donation was given in memory of Anna Berry by Joan Holyfield.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to P. C. Havens and family at the death of his wife, Dee Havens on August 10, 2019.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 25th

- 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 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, August 27th

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

Wednesday, August 28th

11:45 a.m. OAKS Luncheon in the CLC

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

6:00 p.m. Cantata Kick-off Potluck in the CLC

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

Thursday, August 29th

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

Sunday, September 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)

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

Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day**Office Closed**

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

Tuesday, September 3rd

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

Wednesday, September 4th

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, September 5th

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

August 25th
"Jesus and Money"
Matthew 6:24-34

September 1st
Grace Bennett

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

August 25th
"Outward: Spouse"
Ephesians 5:21-33

September 1st
"Outward: Employer"
1 Corinthians 10:31
Colossians 3:23



Note From Jon

Dorm life. It was this past Monday that we helped our daughter Lauren move into her dorm in Starkville. I've seen a number of you on Facebook tell the story of moving your kids into dorms, so I know I'm not the only one. We moved her things in, took her out to lunch, and then we left.

It's good to see her grow and flourish, but it sure is hard to watch it happen. To realize that she is no longer the little girl who held your hand, let you carry her on your shoulders, and tucked into bed at night with a story and prayers (pardon me while I tear up). But a person growing and becoming who they are meant to be is central to who we are as human beings. So, even as I grieve a little bit, I know it's all part of growing and becoming who she is meant to be.

The reality is that all of us are growing and becoming who we are meant to be in Christ Jesus. As His disciples, we too were born into a new life, nurtured in the faith that began a trajectory of growing in loving God and our neighbors.

It's in the letter to the Ephesians that it says, "But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." Ephesians 4:15-16.

We are made to grow and become more and more in the image of Christ - to be just like Him. It's hard to do this yourself. We need people around us who love us

enough to speak truth to us, to encourage us, to forgive us and who want us to grow as we were meant to do. You and I were meant for growing up in Christ Jesus. I want to invite you to listen along with me to the Spirit and the scripture for the ways that God is inviting us to grow into who we are meant to be.

Love in Christ 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.