

Messenger

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Disaffiliation Vote Results



Wednesday night, January 11, we had our Called Church Conference to vote on whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Dr. Stephen Cook, our District Superintendent, presided over the vote.

There were 168 members of the church present; 147 voted to disaffiliate and 21 voted to remain in the UMC. **The vote to disaffiliate passed by 87.5%.**

The next step is for the Mississippi Annual Conference to vote on all disaffiliating churches on June 28 in Tupelo. And it requires a **simple majority (51%)** vote from the Annual Conference to finalize each church's disaffiliation.

Then, the church trustees will meet with the conference trustees at the district office around June 30th to sign the Disaffiliation Agreement and make the Disaffiliation Payment of \$266,467. The church would begin operations as something other than United Methodist on **July 1, 2023.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 16. Claire Burnham
- 17. Bro. Lauren Porter
- 18. Joy Boyd
- 19. Sherrill Ann Chaney

January Anniversaries

- 18. Mr. & Mrs. Irma Newell Hart



If you would like to apply for Scholarships for the spring semester, please come by the church office for an application.



Last Sunday, January 8, 2023, we received three full members into our congregation.

Angela and Jimmy Hudson transferred their membership from Holly Bluff Baptist Church.

Timothy Byrd comes to us from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

RELIEF FUND FOR MATT & HANNAH

If you would like to donate money to help **Matt & Hannah Matrick**, the church has set up a Relief Fund to assist them as they rebuild their home. Please make the check out to FUMC and in the "for" line put "Matrick Fund."

Their house burned on Wednesday, December 28, and was a total loss. So, any help or donations you may provide would be greatly appreciated. It's in moments like these that we most need the Body of Christ.



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we will continue the series, *Who Jesus is*. The lesson on Sunday, "What Really Matters," comes from the Book of John and is the story of Jesus healing a man who couldn't walk. No one would help him, but Jesus did. This lesson is a reminder of what really matters - helping others, caring for others, being a loving neighbor.

W.O.W. Wednesday Children's Ministry

W.O.W. Wednesday did not meet last week due to the church conference meeting. We will begin back with our Bible Study on Wednesday Night, January 18th. We will begin the year with a 4-week series called *Biblical Crossing*. These lessons will keep the children's attention, help them grow in their faith, and encourage them to share the Good News. Children will find out what it takes to tend to their "faith island" by connecting with Jesus in daily life.



Youth Sunday School

This Sunday's lesson, "Approaching God Confidently," discusses the issue of fairness and justice. It is a reminder that when we do wrong, Jesus is there to take care of our guilt and waits to help us. Jesus relates to our humanity and waits for us.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group will begin this Sunday Night at 6:00. We will continue by wrapping up with a few more testimonies and begin a new Bible Study series. Hope everyone had a great Christmas Break and is ready to start of 2023 in the right direction.

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/David Parker
Scripture	Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon	“Baptism of the Holy Spirit”
Flowers	Julie & De Paul

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY

15. 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	John 1:43-51
16. Looking to the LORD	Micah 7:1-7
17. The yoke of discipline	Jeremiah 27:1-13
18. From generation to generation	Luke 1:46b-55
19. God changed his mind	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
20. God alone is my rock	Psalms 62:5-12
21. Time has grown short	1 Corinthians 7:29-31